

CHURCH NEWS

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The church in Richardson

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*always the eyes of Jehovah your God are upon it,
from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year
(Deut. 11:12)*

Announcements

- Baptism** – Brother De-Hong Zeng and sister Tao-Ying Tian were baptized on 12/17. Sister Bonnie Pan was baptized 12/21. Total 12 baptism in 2017, 6 brothers and 6 sisters.
- Children Service Monthly Fellowship** – This month’s fellowship is today at 12:15pm in Children Opening room.
- Winter training** - Live training is 12/25 to 12/30 in Anaheim, video is 12/26 to 1/7. Three open video sessions are: LD 12/31 (immediately after morning Lord’s Table meeting), Monday 1/1 9am and LD 1/7 1pm (no PSRP).
- God Ordained Way/Small Groups perfecting (Saturdays 1/20 and 1/27)** – All the saints are encouraged to participate in these blending and perfecting time. Try to work out child care and other arrangement necessary in each family or small group so everyone has an opportunity to join.
- Video training** - The schedule is as follows:
 - Tu 12/26 7:30pm Session #1
 - Th 12/28 7:30pm #2
 - Sa 12/30 9:00am #3, 12:00pm #4
 - LD 12/31 9:30am #5-Open (immediately after the Lord’s Table meeting)
 - Mon 1/1 9:00am #6-Open, 12:00pm #7
 - Tu 1/2 7:30pm #8
 - Th 1/4 7:30pm #9
 - Sa 1/6 9:00am #10, 12:00pm #11
 - LD 1/7 1:00pm #12-Open (No PSRP)
- Cleaning** - Chinese-speaking District

Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *THE RECOVERY OF THE CHURCH, Week 9 - The Status of the Church—the Counterpart of Christ*
- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God - Chapter 7 The Function of the Inward and the Hidden Parts*

Questions:

1. What is the function of the heart and how do we deal with it? (Hint: EG, pages 67-68, paragraph 2—”Thus, there are...” and page 68, paragraphs 1 and 2—”These four steps”)
2. What is the purpose and function of the spirit? (Hint: EG, pages 71-72, paragraph 4—“What is the purpose and function...”)
3. What is the function of the soul and how do we deal with it? (Hint: EG, pages 73-74, paragraphs 1- 4—“Next, we must deal...”)

• Scripture Reading

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	1 Kgs. 1:1-53	2:1-3:28	4:1-6:38	7:1-51	8:1-66	9:1-10:29	11:1-43
NT	Acts 7:2-8:3	8:4-40	9:1-43	10:1-43	10:44-11:30	12:1-13:4	13:5-52

Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for close to 4,000 homes in Richardson who received free Recovery Version Bible cards and ministry booklets on 10/28 and 11/18. May the Lord grant them seeking hearts to read the booklets and to have desire for further fellowship.
2. Please continue to remember our YP, YP service and service coordination in your prayers.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our children service and the coordination among the serving ones.
4. Please pray the brooding Spirit would operate in all the recent Bible recipients in Europe to read His Word and that they would desire to have further fellowship.

Attendance LastWeek

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Lord’s Day (E)	Lord’s Day (C)	Total
#	12		11		11		11	29	74		14	9	16			122

Lord, keep my heart always true to You

1 Lord, keep my heart always true to You,
Never backsliding, always viewing You,
A heart that is pure that sees only You,
A heart that loves You and treasures only You.

Chorus Your love constrains me to give my all to You.
Lord, I can't help it; my heart is drawn to You.
Oh what a privilege! I give myself to You!
I love You, Lord, dearest Lord.
I love You! I just love You!

2 Lord, keep my love burning brightly for You,
A love never dwindling always hot for You,
A love, shining brighter all the way for You,
A love, so fresh like the day I first touched You.

3 Lord, take my life, I present it to You!
If I had a thousand, I'd pour all on You!
Nothing withholding, my all is for You.
My life and my future, dear Lord, is all for You.

Brief Background of the Hymn

Proverb 4:23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, For from it are the issues of life.

1 Thess. 3:13 So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

"As human beings, we have life, and this life acts through our heart. Using the illustration of electricity and a switch, we may say that the heart is the switch of our inner being, of our human life. As the flow of electricity depends on the switch, so our daily living is dependent on what our heart switches on and off. Our heart is the switch of our human life, of our daily life, of our being.

...two characteristics of a renewed heart—turning to the Lord and being pure—are the basic matters in the Bible with respect to the heart. If we turn to God and seek purity, we shall have the proper way to “switch on” our heart toward God. By turning our heart to Him and by being pure in our motive toward Him, the switch of our heart will be turned on and the divine electricity will flow within us. Otherwise, the switch of the heart will be turned off, and God will be cut off in a practical way from our daily living. Then evil things will come out of our heart. ”

For our heart to be established blameless in holiness includes much more than simply for our heart to turn to the Lord and to be pure toward the Lord. This is to have our turned and pure heart separated unto the Lord, occupied by the Lord, and saturated with the Lord. Such a heart not only has turned to the Lord but it also has a pure motive. It is separated unto Him, fully occupied by Him, and thoroughly saturated with Him. It is here in such a state that our heart will be established. Once our heart has been established, it will be set, and it will be no longer movable or changeable. Furthermore, when our heart is in such a condition, it will become blameless." *Life-Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Ch. 21*