

### Announcements

1. **YP Conference** -- The 2018 Spring YP Conference will be held in the coming weekend. Right now, we have 9 young people and 4 serving ones going. Please pray for our young people and pray for the conference. May the Lord bless this conference richly!
2. **Outing** -- We are going to have a day trip blending for the whole church on April 7. The location is Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Oklahoma, about two-hour driving distance. We are planning to leave here at 8:30am, arriving at around 11am. We plan to leave the Recreation Area at around 4pm.
3. **Summer Training Registration** -- The live-training for 2018 Summer Training will be held from July 2-7 at Anaheim, CA. It has started to accept registration. The deadline is April 29. The registration fee for the training is \$200. Including the outline fee of \$5, the total cost is \$205.
4. **HWMR** -- Please pick up the Holy Word for Morning Revival (*Crystallization-Study of Leviticus, vol.2*) from the Bookroom after the meeting.
5. **Cleaning** --Chinese-speaking District

### Nourishment

- **Holy Word for Morning Revival:** *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus, vol.1, Week 7 - The Reality of the Sin Offering, the Bronze Serpent, and the Destruction of the Devil*

- **Ministry book reading:** *The Economy of God* - Chapter 20 The Tripartite Man and the Church

Questions:

1. Explain how man is like a little garden of Eden. (Hint: pp. 173-174—"Satan came into our body...")
2. What is the difference between the independent mind in Romans 7 and the dependent mind in Romans 8? (Hint: pp. 174-175—"The mind in Romans 7..." and "We must all be impressed...")
3. What experiences do we need to realize a proper church life? (Hint: pp. 177—"Once we rely upon..." and p. 179-180—"After the body..." & "First of all...")

- **Scripture Reading**

	L.D.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
OT	Psm. 116:1-	119:33-120	119:121-	125:1-	133:1-138:8	139:1-144:15	145:1-150:6
NT	Eph. 2:20-3:8	3:9-19	3:20-4:3	4:4-16	4:17-32	5:1-21	5:22-33

### Regular Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting	Place
Lord's Day	09:30AM	Lord's Table and Prophesying	meeting hall
	04:00PM	PSRP	meeting hall (by language)
Wednesday	07:30PM	Prayer and Service	meeting hall
Thursday	10:00AM	Chinese Speaking Sisters	meeting hall
Saturday	06:30PM	Young People	Homes or meeting hall

### Prayer Burden

1. Please pray for the increase in Richardson through the distribution of the ministry materials.
2. Please pray for the practice of God-ordained Way through the small groups in the church in Richardson in 2018.
3. Pray for the Lord to strengthen our next generation, including children, Young people, college students and young working saints. Please also pray for the related services and coordination.

### Attendance Last Week

Group	E1	E2	E3	E4	C1	C2	C3	C4	Total	Wed. Prayer (E)	Wed. Prayer (C)	Young People	LD Children	Joint Lord's Table	Total
#	14	12	9	11	18	11	14	14	103	18	13	8	NA	50	50

## Hymn 279 Through the Cross, O Lord, I pray

1 First the blood, and then the ointment,  
Cleansing, then anointing comes;  
If we pass not thru Golgotha,  
Ne'er to Pentecost we'll come.  
If the blood has never cleansed us,  
Ne'er the Spirit's pow'r we'll know,  
If for Christ we'd truly witness,  
Self-life to the Cross must go.

**Chorus** Through the Cross, O Lord, I pray,  
Put my soul-life all away;  
Make me any price to pay,  
Full anointing to receive.

2 Christ, the Rock, must first be smitten,  
That the living water flow;  
Without death the Spirit's fulness  
Ne'er could dwell in man below.  
If with Christ we die completely,  
Willing thus our all to lose,  
He will clothe us with His power  
And to win the world will use.

3 First the altar, then the fire,  
If no loss, there'll be no gain;  
If our all has not been offered,  
To the throne we'll ne'er attain.  
If to sacrifice we're willing,  
All forsaking, God t'obey,  
He to us will be committed  
And thru us His pow'r display.

4 First we must prepare the vessels  
That the Oil they may contain;  
Dig the valley full of ditches  
That they may be filled with Rain.  
First we must go thru the Jordan  
Ere anointed from above;  
First in death we must be baptized,  
Then experience the Dove.

5 When we see the ripened harvest  
Of the golden countryside,  
We may know that many seeds have  
Fallen to the earth and died.  
Ere the fruit of life may blossom,  
We must surely suffer death;  
If with Christ we've not been buried,  
We'll not feel the Spirit's breath.

6 Since it must be thus, I pray, Lord,  
Help me go the narrow way;  
Deal with pride and make me willing  
Thus to suffer, Thee t'obey.  
I for greater power pray not,  
Deeper death is what I need;  
All the meaning of the Cross, Lord,  
Work in me-for this I plead.

### Brief Background of the Hymn

In this hymn, Brother Nee mentioned many examples in the Bible to show a basic principle of God's Work: "if no death, no life". If we do not pass thru Golgotha, we will never come to Pentecost; first we must be baptized in death, then we can experience the Dove. This had been Brother Nee's experience and testimony and one of the burdens of his ministry.

"Through his fellowship with Margaret Barber, Watchman Nee realized from the very beginning that to be a Christian is altogether a matter of life. Miss Barber herself was an excellent example of this principle. She cared for nothing but life. As a seed of life, she was sown into Watchman Nee. From her he learned to live by Christ as his life. To live by Christ as life, one must see the subjective aspects of Christ's death. Watchman Nee received the revelation that he had been crucified with Christ, that it was no longer he that lived, but Christ that lived in him. He also saw that to experience the death of Christ in a subjective way, he needed to bear the cross. He was crucified with Christ, but he had to remain in Christ's crucifixion. ... From the very beginning of his ministry, God arranged situations in which he could deny his self by bearing the cross and living by Christ as life.

Watchman Nee lived an overcoming life, worked by such a life, and ministered such a life to the saints and to the churches. One of the burdens of his ministry was to hold a number of overcomer conferences. The goal of the messages given in these conferences was to sound the call for overcomers. His intention was to help the saints to become overcomers in this age for the recovery of the Lord's testimony by living an overcoming life, which is the living of a crucified and resurrected life." (*From "Watchman Nee—A Seer of the Divine Revelation in the Present Age", Ch. 10*)