

Weekly Announcements for the churches in McKinney, Plano & Richardson

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• **The Holy Word for Morning Revival**

THE CHURCH AS THE TEMPLE OF GOD — THE GOAL OF GOD’S ETERNAL ECONOMY
 Message Six Becoming Divine and Mystical Persons Living in the Divine and Mystical Realm
 for the Building of the Divine and Mystical Temple of God

• **Bible One-Year Reading Schedule:**

	Lord’s Day	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
O.T. One-year reading schedule	Neh. 6: 15~ 8: 18	9: 1~ 10: 39	11: 1~ 12: 47	13: 1~ 31	Esth.1: 1~ 3: 15	4: 1~ 7: 10	8: 1~ 10: 3
N.T. One-year reading schedule	1Cor. 6: 17~ 7: 24	7: 25~ 8: 13	9: 1~ 27	10: 1~ 13	10: 14~ 11: 6	11: 7~ 26	11: 27~ 12: 11

• **Announcements**

- The YP workers’ monthly fellowship meeting for February will be held today (2/7) 12:45pm at fellowship room due to the International Chinese-Speaking Conference.
- The 2016 International Chinese-Speaking Conference will be held 2/12-14 in Anaheim, CA. Register is required regardless of whether hospitality is needed or not.
- There will be a blending meeting and love feast for Chinese-speaking saints in DFW area in the Irving meeting hall (3600 Esther Rd, Irving, TX) on 2/20 (Saturday), 3:30pm - 9:00pm.
- There will be a gospel meeting for Plano District 4 on 2/26 (Friday) at 7:00pm.
- The Richardson sisters' meeting for February is postponed to 2/27 due to the International Chinese-Speaking Conference.
- The 2016 Spring College Conference will be held 3/4-3/6 at Latham Springs Baptist Encampment.
- Saints from the Richardson English-speaking District are scheduled to clean up the Plano meeting hall after lunch today.

• **Regular Meetings**

Date	Time	Meeting	Place
Lord's Day	04:00PM	McKinney English Speaking PSRP	McKinney meeting hall
	04:00PM	Chinese Speaking PSRP Preview	Plano meeting hall
Wednesday	10:00AM	Chinese Speaking Sisters	Plano meeting hall
	11:30AM	McKinney Sisters' Prayer Meeting	McKinney meeting hall
	07:30PM	Prayer and Service (McKinney)	McKinney meeting hall
	07:30PM	Prayer and Service	Plano meeting hall
	07:30PM	Prayer and Service (Richardson)	Plano meeting hall
Thursday	10:00AM	English Speaking Sisters	Plano meeting hall
	10:00AM	Chinese Speaking Sisters (Richardson)	Sister Shu-Fen Liao's house
Saturday	09:30AM	English Speaking PSRP	Plano meeting hall
	06:30PM	Young People	Plano meeting hall

• **Upcoming Events**

Date	Meeting	Location
04/08 — 04/10	2016 Spring International Elders and Responsible Ones Training	Anaheim, CA
05/27 — 05/30	2016 Memorial Day Conference	Washington, D.C.
07/04 — 07/09	2016 Summer Training	Anaheim, CA

• **Offerings Received for Richardson Meeting Hall (RMH):**

	Estimated Cost	Received as of 1/31/2016
Richardson Meeting Hall	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,690,669.04

• **Prayer**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the UTD and CC campus work and RSG with the new students at UTD. • Pray for saints to enter into and enjoy of the word of God and to function at the Lord’s Day meeting. • Pray for the need of the YP serving saints. • Pray for more saints (particularly working saints) to be released to attend the prayer meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for saints to be formed into prayer, Bible study, and gospel vital groups. • Pray for the specific needs for individual, group or district saints. • Pray that the Lord would supply the saints and the full-timers to carry out the overwhelming task of following-up the Recovery Version recipients through phone calls, seminars, and personal visits. • Pray for financial needs of building Richardson meeting hall. |
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• **Home Meeting and Lord’s Day Attendance Record of Last Week**

Group	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	3	9	10	Senior	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	K1	Total	UTD	Wed. Prayer	LD Children	Lord’s Day									
Richardson	11	17	15					8			20		21					252	0	36		112									
Plano	14	9	6	13	20	6	10		15	9		24		12		9	74			49	213										
McKinney	FE1			ME1	A13	ME2				MS1	A13	AE1							17		61										
LD Dist.	P1	35	P2	27	P3	42	P4	89	ME	61	RC	56	RE	46	NB		Pray Dist.	P1	14	P2	7	P3	19	P4	34	ME	17	RC	22	RE	14

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW YEAR (continue)

THE CHANGING OF DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS DEPENDING ON LIGHT-BEARERS

There are two very important principles concerning days, months, and years. The first principle involves their relationship to light-bearers, and the second principle involves their relationship to death and resurrection. In regard to the first principle, days, months, and years are related to light-bearers, that is, to the sun and the moon. A day consists of the time that it takes for the earth to revolve on its own axis, whereas a year consists of the time that it takes for the earth to revolve around the sun. Every twenty-four hours the earth revolves on its axis, and during this time there is one appearing of the sun. Furthermore, every three hundred sixty-five days the earth revolves around the sun in the solar system. A day involves a small revolution, but a year involves a great revolution. Both the changing of a day and the changing of a year are in relation to the sun. The changing of a month is related to the revolution of the moon around the earth. Both the sun and the moon are light-bearers. Every changing of days, months, and years is related to light-bearers. Because there are light-bearers, there are days, months, and years.

Every change in our spiritual experience involves light, whether it is a great change like a new year, a lesser change like a month, or a small change like a day. Whenever we encounter light, there is a change. When we met God, who is light (1 John 1:5), there was a change. When we met Christ, who is God and who is light (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46), there was a change. God in Christ is our light-bearer. Without the sun, there are no days or years, and without the moon, there are no months. Likewise, if a person does not encounter God in Christ, there will be no spiritual change, either great or small. Every change in our spiritual condition depends upon meeting God.

In order to have a new spiritual year, we need to specifically seek God's face and meet Him. We should bring our condition, past and present, to Him and place it before Him in the light of His face in order to receive His shining. He is facing us, waiting for us, and open to us. We should not think that we are the ones who are seeking God; actually, He is seeking us and waiting for us. Rather than being closed, we should open ourselves to Him. We should not treat our days in a loose manner. When we approach a new calendar year, we should come to God and open ourselves to His light concerning not only the state of our earthly affairs but also the condition of our spiritual life. We need to spend some time in the presence of God, presenting our past and present condition to Him and allowing Him to shine on us. As the Spirit, He will come to us, and with His Spirit there will be light shining on the items that we place before Him. When we encounter God in Christ as the Spirit coming to us as light, we will have a new beginning. When we encounter light, we will also encounter God as the light-bearer. These encounters bring in changes that are like the changes associated with days, months, and years. If we want to have changes, from small changes to great changes, we must meet God.

THE PRINCIPLE OF DAYS, MONTHS, AND YEARS BEING DEATH AND RESURRECTION

I know of some brothers and sisters who have always fasted and prayed through the night at the end of a year, especially on New Year's Eve. They go before God, bringing their life and work and their spiritual condition from the previous year to Him, praying about item after item in order to receive God's enlightenment. When they encounter His shining concerning their shortages, failures, weaknesses, and mistakes, they confess them before God and receive His forgiveness and cleansing. With the exposure of their defects and deficiency, they also pray to be supplied and filled with God. Through this, they receive fresh grace, fresh enlightenment, fresh power, and fresh promises from God. Thus, they have a new beginning before God. Their past is terminated, and there is a new beginning for their future. This illustrates the second principle related to days, months, and years, which is the principle of death and resurrection. The ending of a day and the beginning of a new day illustrate death and resurrection. Likewise, the ending of a month and a year and the beginning of a new month and a new year illustrate death and resurrection. The ending and the beginning of days, months, and years signify death and resurrection.

The course of our spiritual journey involves a continuing experience of death and resurrection. An ending and a beginning always are followed by another ending and another beginning. These endings and beginnings correspond to Paul's word in Philippians 3:13, which says, "Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before." Forgetting the things which are behind refers to an ending, and stretching forward to the things which are before refers to a new beginning.

On the first day of a new year we should realize that the previous year is behind us and that a new year, a new beginning, is before us. The former things have passed away, and all things should be new. In the light of the Lord, our former weaknesses, failures, and mistakes will come to an end, and we need not bring them with us. With a new year, we can have a new beginning, a good beginning, starting in resurrection. The meaning of the changing of days, months, and years is related to encountering God as light and to experiencing death and resurrection. We need to meet God, and we need an ending and a new beginning. We should not remain in our old experiences, whether good or bad, because both the good and the bad have been terminated so that we can begin anew. (to be continued)