

## Meeting Schedule

### Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

### Tuesday

7:30 pm – Prayer Meetings

- Districts 1 & 2
- Spanish-speaking in the homes

### Friday

6:30 pm – English-speaking  
College Meetings

7:00 pm – Chinese-speaking  
Student Meetings

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Saturday

8:00 pm – Young People's  
Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning

#### Revival

Crystallization-Study on  
Deuteronomy –  
Week 10

### Ministry Publication Reading

Life-Study of  
Deuteronomy:  
Messages 19 & 20

### Scripture Reading

Matt. 18:18

## Announcements

### ❖ 2020 Memorial Day Conference

- All the messages of the 2020 Memorial Day Conference will be streamed beginning at the following time in each locality's time zone.
- Message 1: Friday, May 22; 7:00 pm
- Message 2: Saturday, May 23; 10:00 am
- Message 3: Saturday, May 23; 7:00 pm
- Message 4: Lord's Day, May 24; 10:00 am
- Message 5: Lord's Day, May 24; 7:00 pm
- Message 6: Monday, May 25; 10:00 am

### ❖ Fellowship Concerning the Church Meetings

- All meetings: meet remotely via videoconference or phone and not in person.
- Monthly corporate meetings/love feasts are cancelled until further notice.
- Please refer to the church's website for links to the Fellowship/Announcement letters, the Prayer Burdens for the current week, and any other important guidelines at: <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

### ❖ Monthly Brothers' Meeting

- Saturday, May 2
- 8:30 am via Zoom

### ❖ Offerings

- All offerings are to be carried out electronically. Cash will not be collected and do not send checks to the meeting hall nor to any of the brothers.
- Zelle: If your bank is enrolled with Zelle, you can send money directly between your bank account to the church's bank account. The email address is [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org).
- Zelle App: If your bank does not offer Zelle or is not enrolled with Zelle, because the church's account is enrolled with Zelle, you can still send money to the church's bank by using Zelle app.
- If you choose to, you can designate your offering on the provided "memo" field.

Persevere in Prayer

❖ Sign Up for the Extended 24 HR/30 Days Global Prayer  
Beginning April 1 at <https://unceasinglypray.org/>

❖ Please refer to the church website for full detailed items of  
the prayer burdens: <http://www.churchinphoenix.org>

## Riches from the Ministry

In verse 18 [Matt. 18] the Lord says, "Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven." Who is the "you" here? It is the church because verse 17 mentions the church, and verse 18 is a continuation of verse 17. Whatever the church binds on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever the church looses on earth will be loosed in heaven. This is a very important principle: today God works through the church. God cannot do anything at will; He has to do everything through the church. Without going through the church, God cannot do anything. Brothers and sisters, this is a very sober principle. God cannot do anything by Himself today. There is a free will besides His will. If this will does not cooperate with Him, He cannot do anything. The amount of power that the church has expresses the amount of power that God has because His power is expressed through the church. God has placed Himself in the church. The height and extent that the church reaches is the height and extent that God's power reaches. If the power of the church is small and restricted, God cannot express the height or extensiveness of His power. The water department's reservoir may be great, but if you have only a small tap in your house, a great amount of water will not flow out. If you want more water in your house, you have to install a larger pipe. Today the capacity of the church determines the degree to which God's power is expressed. This can be seen from God's expression in Christ; the capacity of Christ is the degree of the manifestation of God. Today God is expressed in the church; the capacity of the church determines the degree of the expression of God and also the amount of knowledge one can have about God.

God wants to do many things on earth today. But He must have the church stand on His side before He can accomplish these things through the church. God cannot do what He wants to do by Himself; He has to do it with the cooperation of the church. The church is the means through which God expresses Himself...God truly wants to work in heaven, but He has to wait for the earth to move before He can work. There are many things that God wants to bind in heaven, and there are many things that God wants to loose in heaven. God wants to see many people, objects, and things contrary to Him bound, and He wants to see many spiritual, valuable, beneficial, and holy things that are of Him loosed. The question is whether or not there are men on earth to bind what God wants to bind and loose what God wants to loose. He wants the earth to control heaven. God wants the church to control heaven.

...We cannot increase God's power, but we can hinder His power. Man cannot increase God's power, but he can block His power. We cannot ask God to do what He does not want to do, but we can limit what He wants to do. We cannot ask God to do something that He is not willing to do, yet we can stop Him from doing something He wants to do. Brothers and sisters, have you seen this? There is a power in the church which puts God's power under its control. It can allow God to do what He wants to do, and it can stop God from doing what He wants to do. Our eyes have to be opened to see the future. One day God will expand the church to become the New Jerusalem. God's glory will be manifested from the church without any hindrance. Today He wants the church to first loose on earth before He looses in heaven. He wants the church to first bind on earth before He binds in heaven. Heaven will not take the initiative to work; it follows the earth's work. God will not take the initiative to work; He follows the church's work. Brothers and sisters, since this is the case, how great is the responsibility of the church.

The church is God's chosen vessel. God has placed His will in this vessel so that it will declare God's will on earth. When the earth wants something, heaven also wants it. When the church wants something, God also wants it. Hence, if God's demand is rejected in the church, God will not be able to accomplish what He wants to accomplish in heaven.

What then is the prayer ministry of the church? It is God telling the church what He wants to do and the church praying on earth what God wants to do. This prayer is not asking God to accomplish what we want Him to do, but asking God to accomplish what He Himself wants to do. Brothers and sisters, the church's responsibility is to declare God's will on earth. On earth the church declares for God, "This is what I want." If the church fails in this matter, it will not be of much use in God's hand. Even if everything else is good, it will not be of much use if it fails in this matter. The greatest use of the church lies in the fact that it stands for God's will to be done on earth.