

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 (7:00 pm)

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 12

Ministry Publication Reading

Life-Study of
Deuteronomy:
Messages 23 & 24

Scripture Reading

Eph. 6:18

Announcements

❖ 2020 Memorial Day Conference

- Memorial Day Conference messages will be streamed at the following times in our time zone.
Message 1: Friday, May 22; 7pm
Messages 2&3: Saturday, May 23; 10am & 7pm
Messages 4&5: Lord's Day, May 24; 10am & 7pm
Message 6: Monday, May 25; 10am

❖ Bro. Minoru Chen will speak, via Zoom, to the Mountain States churches related to his burden on Building Up Intercessory Prayer in the Lord's Recovery

- Lord's Day, May 10 @ 7pm

❖ 2020 European Young Peoples' and Parents' and Children's' Conference – conducted via Zoom

- Registration opens May 4; <https://ypconference.eu/>
- YP Conference:
Part 1: Saturday, May 16
Part 2: Saturday, June 20
Part 3: Friday, July 31 – Monday, August 3
Part 4: Saturday, August 29
- Parents and Children's Conference:
Parents Conference: June 5-7
Family Conference: June 26-28

❖ The Holy Word for Morning Revival: Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive, Extensive Christ available for sale on Lord's Day, 5/3, at Two Locations

- District 1 at Michael & Helen Rhodes' front door from 9am-5pm.
- District 2 at Ellen Arnolds' front porch from 9am-5pm.
- Cost: \$6.00; cash (exact change) or check payable to: The church in Phoenix

❖ 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 to the church's bank account. The email address is offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Persevere in Prayer

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

Riches from the Ministry

“By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints” (Eph. 6:18). We should pay particular attention to the phrase “watching unto this” in this verse. What does “this” refer to? By reading the context we know that it refers to prayer and petition. The apostle said that it is not enough to pray at every time by means of all prayer and petition; we also must be watchful in the matter of prayer and petition. On the one hand we have to pray, and on the other hand, we have to be watchful. What does it mean to be watchful? Being watchful is to be awake and to survey and keep surveillance by keeping one’s eyes open. Being watchful is to be on the alert for any danger or emergency. Being watchful in prayer and petition is to have the spiritual insight to discern the stratagems of Satan and to expose his aim and the method of his work.

Brothers and sisters, we must fight for the time to pray, and we must secure a time to pray. If we wait until we have time to pray, we will never have the opportunity to pray. We must set aside a time to pray. Andrew Murray said, “Those who do not have a set time to pray do not pray.” Hence, we must be watchful and secure the time to pray. We must also guard this time with prayer so that the devil will not usurp it by his deception.

Not only must we be watchful in guarding the time of prayer, but we also must be watchful while we pray, in order that we may pray and have things to pray about. Satan will harass us not only through all kinds of things and outward circumstances that force us to have no time to pray, but even after we actually kneel down to pray, he will also use all kinds of deception to frustrate us from prayer. Our minds may be very clear and our thoughts uncluttered before we pray, but as soon as we kneel down to pray, our thoughts become confused. We begin to remember things that we do not need to remember, and we begin to think of things that we do not need to think about ahead of time. Many unnecessary thoughts suddenly come dashing in. Before we pray, none of these things come to us. But as soon as we pray, they come to distract us... We may feel very strong before we pray, but as soon as we kneel down to pray, we feel tired and unable to sustain ourselves even though there is no lack of sleep. The tiredness does not come when we do not pray, but as soon as we pray we feel tired and want to sleep... None of the above conditions were with us before we began to pray. Only after we kneel down to pray do they suddenly come upon us. If we do not realize that this is Satan’s deception to destroy our prayer, we will want to stop praying and stand up soon after we kneel down. Therefore, in order to pray, to pray thoroughly and release our burden through prayer, we have to be watchful in our prayer. We have to be watchful to withstand the situations that would stop us from praying. This requires us to fight the battle. Before we pray, we must pray that God will enable us to pray. While we pray, we have to ask God to keep us undistracted in prayer and deliver us from all the deception of the enemy that stops us from praying. We have to speak to all the distracting thoughts and voices as well as all the weakness and sickness and declare that all these inexplicable happenings are lies and deceptions of Satan and that we oppose them. We have to open our mouth and chase them away. We should not give them any ground; we should be watchful to withstand the wiles of Satan through prayer. Then not only will we be able to pray, we will be able to pray thoroughly.

Not only do we have to be watchful before we pray and while we pray, we also have to be watchful after we pray. We must be watchful to examine all the changes that happen after we pray. We must realize that all serious prayers and prayers with burden are made not only “by means of all prayer” but also “at every time.” It is not once but many times. And it is not once by means of all prayer but at every time by means of all prayer. Therefore, we have to take note of any new development, changes, or movement after every prayer.

Ephesians 6 is a chapter on spiritual warfare. The most important thing in this chapter is the prayer mentioned at the end. Among God’s children, prayer is the one thing that is most easily attacked. This is why we must be watchful to fight for a time to pray, to guard prayer, to stop prayers that are not prayer, and to be on guard against Satan’s strategy to cut off our prayer. We must remember that prayer is a service, an excellent service. We have to watch and pray, and we must practice conscientiously, so that Satan will not have the opportunity to destroy our prayer.