

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 25, 2023

The church in Phoenix

## Meeting Schedule

### Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table Meeting

11:00 am – Prophesying Meeting

### Tuesday

7:30 pm – English-speaking prayer meeting at meeting hall

7:30 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

### Thursday

7:00 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Friday

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

### Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & Maintenance at the Hall

7:30 pm – Young People's Meeting

7:30 pm – Small Group Meetings

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

*Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming* – Week 1

### Riches from the Ministry

*A God Who Hides Himself* - Chapter 1

## Announcements

### ❖ 2023 July Semiannual Video Training Schedule

- Subject: *An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing.*
- Video Training Dates:
  - Message 1 Wednesday, July 5; 6:55 pm
  - Message 2 Friday, July 7; 6:55 pm
  - Message 3 Saturday, July 8; 9:55 am
  - Message 4 Saturday, July 8; 12:55 pm
  - Lord's Table Meeting, Lord's Day, July 9; 9:30 am
  - Message 5 Lord's Day, July 9; 10:00 am
  - Message 6 Lord's Day, July 9; 12:55 pm
  - Message 7 Wednesday, July 12; 6:55 pm
  - Message 8 Friday, July 14; 6:55 pm
  - Message 9 Saturday, July 15; 9:55 am
  - Message 10 Saturday, July 15; 12:55 pm
  - Lord's Table Meeting, Lord's Day, July 16; 9:30 am
  - Message 11 Lord's Day, July 16; 10:00 am
  - Message 12 Lord's Day, July 16; 12:55 pm

### ❖ Hospitality & Love Feast Request for 40 Saints Visiting from the Church in Taipei, Taiwan

- Date: Saturday, July 1
- Place:
  - CIP will offer hospitality for 20 saints (1<sup>st</sup> group) and prepare a love feast at ~ 6:00 pm. The 20 saints will join the Lord's Table meeting on July 2.
  - CIT will offer hospitality for 20 saints (2<sup>nd</sup> group) and prepare a love feast for them at ~ 7:00 pm. The 20 saints will join the Lord's Table meeting on July 2.
- The 40 saints will leave for Anaheim after the Lord's table meeting.

### ❖ 30 Days of Prayer for The North America College Training

- We welcome and greatly need the petitions of all of the saints regarding the upcoming North America College Training, July 16-22. To this end, we have attached a list of thirty items which can be prayed over by the saints in the churches.

### ❖ Offerings

- Please send your offerings through Zelle to the church's bank account using the following email address: [offerings@churchinphoenix.org](mailto:offerings@churchinphoenix.org)

## Riches from the Ministry

Have you ever noticed this statement in the Bible — “a God who hides Himself”?...scarcely any of God's children have realized that His Word contains such an expression, nor do they really know God as a God who hides Himself. They know Him as the almighty One, as the righteous One, as One full of grace and compassion, but as the One who hides Himself, He is unknown to them.

Note how Isaiah expresses this thought: “Surely You are a God who hides Himself, / O God of Israel” (Isa. 45:15). This statement of his is most emphatic. He is not talking empty words, the fruit of his own imagination; his utterance is based on an accumulation of facts. He has looked at those facts, he has studied those facts, and then he has come to his conclusion: “You are a God who hides Himself, / O God.” What he has seen of God's doings, what he has observed happen to Israel under the hand of God, what he has beheld of the experiences of God's people — all these observations have forced the prophet to acknowledge that God is a God who hides Himself.

Our personalities are diametrically opposed to God's personality. He likes concealment, we like display; He does not crave outward manifestations, we cannot be content without them. This divine disposition constitutes a great trial and test to us.

“Elijah was a man of like feeling with us” (James 5:17), and he did not stand this test. On Mount Carmel God was obviously with him, but when God withheld His manifest presence, Elijah could not bear it. He became depressed and crept into a cave. When God asked him, “What are you doing here?” he answered, “I have been very jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword; and I alone am left, and they seek to take my life” (1 Kings 19:9-10). God knew Elijah's difficulty; He knew Elijah wanted Him to be a God who would manifest Himself; he had not realized that God is a God who hides Himself...Elijah said to Him, “I alone am left” (v. 14), but the Lord very gently answered, “There are seven thousand persons who have not bowed down to Baal. Elijah, I hide Myself; you did not know that I had preserved those seven thousand souls” (cf. v. 18). Elijah had reckoned only with what he could see, but God is a God who hides Himself. He was not in the wind nor in the earthquake nor in the fire; He was in the gentle, quiet voice [vv.11-12]. He had preserved for Himself seven thousand persons who had not bowed the knee to Baal, but so hidden was His activity that not even the prophet Elijah knew anything about it.

I long that God's children might realize the hidden nature of His working. Do not think that only mighty influences, great visions, and tremendous revelations are of Him. God's surest work is done in the secret of our beings. Often it is just a slight whisper or a slight influence — so slight we can scarcely distinguish it from our own impressions. This is God's mightiest mode of activity...The more we serve the Lord and the more we abide in Him, the more we realize that God is a very quiet God, so quiet that His presence is often undetected. His most intimate way of guiding us is so natural that we scarcely perceive He is guiding us at all, yet somehow we have been led; something has happened. It is often by this quiet, inward activity of God that we receive our greatest guidances.

Brothers and sisters, I long that we might all realize that, since the resurrection of our Lord, the chief discipline for His followers has come along the line of knowing Him as a God who hides Himself. He is in the midst of men yet does not show Himself to men; He dwells within yet withholds the consciousness of His indwelling. He is truly in you, and is truly working in you, and working wonderful things, tremendous things. But His disposition is not the disposition of the one we spoke of who loved to make a display. He is a God who hides Himself.

Peter had some experience by the time he wrote his first Epistle, and he could say, “Whom having not seen, you love” (1:8). That is a marvelous thing. Where would you find a man who could love a fellow man he had never seen? But Peter says that, though you have never seen the Lord, you love Him; and he goes on to say, “Into whom though not seeing Him at present, yet believing, you exult with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory” (v. 8). Faith and love are in an unseen One.

...Sometimes when you are out on the street or in your room, thoughts such as these come to you: “What is the purpose of my life? What is the Lord getting out of it?” And it does not dawn upon you that that is the Lord at work within you. Let me tell you: those faint registrations in the depths of your being, those slight suggestions that you thought were wholly your own because they were so natural — those were the Lord's doing. The God who hides Himself is at work within your life, but He has hidden Himself so effectively that you have been quite unconscious of His activity. And He is working outwardly as well as inwardly — in your home, in your business, in all your circumstances.

...[T]he God who hides Himself is at work within your life, and He is working mightily. Your responsibility is to cooperate with Him by responding to His voice within — that “gentle, quiet voice,”...To that voice, registered in the deepest depths of your being, you must say Amen, for there, secretly and ceaselessly, the God who hides Himself is working. (Lee, *A God Who Hides Himself*, Chapter 1)

Prayer items

June 17

Let's pray for safe travel - This summer close to 2,900 college students and serving ones will gather in Champaign, Illinois for the 2023 North America College Training. They'll come from campuses and towns across the United States and from 39 countries around the globe. Please pray for their safe travel, including all flights, shuttle rides, and cross-country drives, and that the Lord will keep their going out and their coming in (Psalm 121:7-8).

June 18

Let's pray for hospitality - Many students traveling to the NACT, especially those coming from great distances, choose to extend their trips prior to or following the training in Champaign. This creates a marvelous opportunity for blending with churches, especially through the practical provision of hospitality. Pray for multiplied grace to all the local saints for hosting students before and after the college training on their way to and from the NACT (Romans 12:13).

June 19

Let's pray for each one's health - The North America College Training schedule is rigorous, starting at 6:30am every morning and ending at 11:00pm every night. Please pray for the speaking brothers to be healthy as they prepare in the Lord, for the serving ones to be in good health as they coordinate and labor together, and that each attendee would be able to fully participate and would remain healthy for the entire time with no spread of sickness (1 Thes 5:23).

June 20

Let's pray for on-time arrival - The first day of the North America College Training is July 16th. As everyone is arriving, please pray that the weather would be clear around the country so that all the planes would arrive on time. Many will be traveling by car or shuttle bus from the airports to Champaign, and all need to arrive safely and on time. Pray that not one attendee would be delayed in their coming to the training (Matthew 8:26-27).

June 21

Let's pray for the weather - The NACT is being held on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. There will be many opportunities for blending and fellowship as the trainees walk between the various locations. Please pray that the weather during the college training would be conducive to fellowship, convenient for getting from place to place, and allow for outdoor recreational activities (Mark 1:35).

June 22

Let's pray for the practical services - A gathering as large as the NACT requires a smooth coordination of various practical services including ushering, registration, and audio-visual. Please pray that there would be no interruption to the ministry of the word and that each service would be carried out in a smooth and harmonious way (Romans 15:5-6).

June 23

Let's pray for safety and security - There will be many brothers serving as ushers for the entire week, as well as a number of privately hired security officers to make sure the training is secure and distraction-free. We need to pray for the safety and security of all of the trainees for the entire duration of the college training (Deut 32:10b).

June 24

Let's pray for the facilities - Please pray for the smooth and seamless service of the university staff in areas like food preparation, dorm management, and climate control.

June 25

Let's pray for the hearts - Pray that the heart of each trainee would be prepared for the training. May each one's heart be the good earth to hear and understand the word and bear fruit (Matt 13:32).

June 26

Let's pray for the oneness and one accord - The 950 coming to serve in the training represent 320 churches throughout the globe! Pray that each serving one would enjoy the anointing of the Spirit and the supply of grace to be kept in absolute oneness and the one accord so that there would be a way for the Lord to command His blessing (Psa 133:1-3).

June 27

Let's pray for the speaking brothers - There will be many brothers, including some senior co-workers who will be ministering the Word during this week. Please pray for the rich anointing and outpoured Spirit of power upon each of the brothers (Acts 2:4).

June 28

Let's pray for the blending among all the students - Each trainee will be placed in a small group and cohort and this is a unique opportunity for students from all different cultures, nationalities, and backgrounds to be brought together to enjoy the Lord and His rich speaking and experience blending for the building up of His Body. (Col 3:10-11).

June 29

Let's pray for the high school graduates - There are 341 incoming freshmen registered to attend the college training. Pray that they would genuinely and personally touch the Lord and consecrate their college years to the Lord. (Psa 110:3)

June 30

Let's pray for the small groups - An integral part of the college training is the time in the small groups each day. Each small group is comprised of 6-8 students, 2 serving ones, and 1-2 FTTA trainees. Pray that each small group would be full of mutuality, overflowing and shepherding. (1 Cor. 14:26)

July 1

Pray that the students would allow the word of God to dwell in them richly, being constituted with the word through memorizing many verses, redeeming the time. (Col. 3:16)

July 2

Pray that the Spirit would be fully released and flow in all of the singing in every session, and although the singing will mostly take place all together, the trainees would all touch the Lord personally as well as corporately through the release of their spirit. (Eph. 5:18-19)

July 3

A high percentage of students are going to be attending their first college training and not all are clear concerning the uniqueness of this ministry. Pray that all the trainees would be open to the truth ministered to them and would take in this healthy teaching of the ministry, receiving the love of the truth (2 Thess. 2: 10).

July 4

Pray that each trainee would be open to and respond to the Lord's personal speaking during their time in the training. Pray that every trainee would experience dealing with the Lord, issuing in a memorial in their hidden life with the Lord. (Rev. 2:29)

July 5

Pray that the students would use the morning time to deepen their hidden walk with the Lord, even continually confessing their sins to maintain freshness throughout the training. (1 John 1:9)

July 6

Pray that each trainee would experience touching the Lord and opening to Him to be brought on in their knowledge and experience. May the Lord use all the speaking to bring out much fellowship, both in the groups and in 1-on-1 shepherding with older serving ones, so that they would experience the light of life in their daily walk. (Phil. 3:12-14)

July 7

Pray that the Lord Jesus would appear to each one, His appearing would give them a vision, and they would enjoy the Spirit daily, increasing day by day. (Acts 26:19)

July 8

Pray that the students would use this week to be soaked and saturated with the holy Word, memorizing verses and picking up the habit of being in the Word daily, even building up a lifelong habit to be safeguarded against the decline. (Matt. 4:4)

July 9

The students would consecrate their lives and futures to the Lord absolutely for His purpose and glory. (Rom. 12:1)

July 10

The students would practice the things that they have seen and heard at the college training beginning immediately after they return home. (1 Tim. 4:15)

July 11

The Lord would call many students to give their futures to the Lord and vow to attend FTA to be made useful to Him. (Psa. 110:3)

July 12

Pray that all the students and the serving ones with their families would have the Lord's covering against any attacks from the evil one and no portion of the training, including the return time would give any ground for his attacks. (Matt. 6:13)

July 13

Pray that Satan would have no ground in the atmosphere on campus or in the beings of all those attending the college training. (Matt. 12:29)

July 14

Pray that the enemy would have no way to prevent these young ones from seeing a heavenly vision and any questions any might have would be covered in the fellowship with older ones so that all doubts and concerns in matters of the truth would be cast aside. (Acts 26:18)

July 15

Pray for the students to be free from all anxiety in their personal situations, as well as all of Satan's attacks and distractions, and they would be able to lie down in green pastures and rest in His presence. (Psa. 23:1- 2)

July 16

Pray that every student would be reminded of their consecration to Him during this week and would keep this consecration fresh by opening to the Lord everything in their life and future so that they would live a Christian life in the divine romance for His goal, to have His bride so that He could come back. (Lev. 6:12-13)