

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

FEB. 18, 2024

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

7:00 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

Continue in the Ministry  
and the Word

### Holy Word for Morning Revival

*Living and Serving according to God's Economy concerning the Church – Week 2*

### Life-Study of Matthew

Message 5  
Matt Chapter One and 1:23

## Announcements

### ❖ 2023 Contribution Statement

- Saints who need a 2023 Contribution Letter from
- The Church in Phoenix can request it from Won Huang via email at: [wzhcpa@outlook.com](mailto:wzhcpa@outlook.com).

### ❖ 2024 Mountain States Blending Conference with brother Ron

- Date: March 8-10, 2024
- Place: Church in Phoenix Meeting Hall
- Hospitality sign-up dateline 2/11  
<http://tinyurl.com/2024MTNSBlendingConference>
- Children's Service sign-up

### ❖ Spring 2024 Young People's Conference

- High School Brothers' Conference
  - Cost:\$115/person \* Location: Oak Glen
  - Date: Mar 8-10 \* Registration Due: **Feb 25,2024**
- High School Sisters' Conference
  - Cost:\$115/person, Location: Oak Glen
  - Date: Mar 15-17, Registration Due: Mar 3,2024
- Junior High School Brothers' Conference
  - Cost:\$115/person Location: Oak Glen
  - Date: Mar 29-31,Registration Due: Mar 17,2024
- Junior High School Sisters' Conference
  - Cost:\$115/person Location: Oak Glen
  - Date: April 5-7, Registration Due: Mar 31,2024

### ❖ HWMR: Living and Serving According to God's Economy Concerning the Church

- Cost: \$8.00

### ❖ 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference

- Dates: May 24-27
- Location: Hyatt Regency Bellevue; 900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004
- Rate: Special Group Rate of \$139.00/night single and double, \$164.00/night triple, & \$189/night quadruple occupancy
- Reservations: 1-800-233-1234 and request the Living Stream Ministry group rate or to make online reservations go to:  
<http://www.hyatt.com/enUS/group-booking/BELLE/G-MDBC>

### ❖ 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).

Dear brothers and sisters,

We will continue this week's truth pursuit with Message 5 of the *Life-study of Matthew*, entitled The King's Antecedents and Status (5) His Birth. This life-study shows the mysteries and marvels of the birth of Christ, and His presence to us as Emmanuel in Matthew chapter one.

Here is an excerpt from this message followed by key verses for pray-reading and questions for your study:

Now we must clearly differentiate two points: Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and He was born of a virgin. His source was the Holy Spirit, and His element was divine. Through the virgin Mary as a means, He put on flesh and blood, the human nature, taking "the likeness of the flesh," "the likeness of men" (Phil. 2:7). However, He did not have the sinful nature of the fallen flesh. He knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21), and He had no sin (Heb. 4:15). He had flesh, but it was the "likeness of the flesh of sin." In appearance He was made in the form of a fallen man, but in actuality there was no fallen nature within Him. His birth was exactly the same in principle. Apparently, He was the son of Joseph; actually, He was the son of Mary.

We must realize that Jesus is nothing less than God Himself mingled with fallen humanity, taking the form of humanity, but without man's sinful nature. This was the birth of Christ.

Matthew 1 not only gives us the origin of this King; it also gives us the presence of this King. This King's name is Jesus. Whenever we call on His name, we have the sense that He is ruling within us by saving us. He is setting up the kingdom of the heavens within us.

(Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 5).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Isaiah 7:14, John 1:1, 14, Matthew 1:23

Questions:

1. According to the message, how can we say the birth of Christ was a great fulfillment of the prophecies in the Old Testament and why is this truth important?
2. Why was the Lord Jesus viewed by God as being in the form of a serpent when He was on the cross (John 3:15)?
3. What does the name Jesus mean and how does this name relate to us in our experience? Also, what name is the Hebrew equivalent and the Greek translation of Jesus? And what is the spiritual significance of this name?
4. In Matthew 1:23 we have another wonderful name--Emmanuel. Jesus was the name given by God, and Emmanuel was the name called by man. Emmanuel means "God with us." He is also Jehovah God, who was born in the flesh to be the King to inherit the throne of David (1:20; Luke 1:27, 32-33). Please try to connect these two points and explain how we can experience this Emmanuel as the King in our daily life?