

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

The church in Phoenix

Meeting Schedule

Lord's Day

10:00 am – Lord's Table

11:00 am – Prophesying meeting

Tuesday

7:00 pm – Spanish-speaking prayer meeting at home

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

Thursday

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Spanish/English)

Friday

7:00 pm – Small group meetings (Spanish)

7:30 pm – Small group meetings

Saturday

9:30 am – Cleaning & maintenance at the hall/corporate morning revival

7:30 pm – Young people's meeting

7:00 pm – Small group meeting (Burmese)

Continue in the Ministry and the Word

Holy Word for Morning Revival

Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1) – Week 7

Life-Study of Matthew

Message 41
Matt. 13:44-46

Announcements

❖ International Thanksgiving Blending Conference

- **Subject: Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God**
- Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta GA
- Thursday Nov. 28 – Lord's Day Dec. 1

Local Webcast of Thanksgiving Conference

- Phoenix meeting hall
- 1st meeting: Friday, Nov. 2910:00 AM
- 2nd meeting: Friday, Nov. 2901:30 PM
- 3rd meeting: Saturday, Nov. 3010:00 AM
- 4th meeting: Saturday, Nov. 30.....01:30 PM
- **Lord's Table: Lord's Day, Dec. 109:30 AM**
- 5th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec. 110:30 AM
- 6th meeting: Lord's Day, Dec. 101:30 PM

❖ 2024 December Semiannual Training

- **Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)**
- Live - Mon, Dec. 23, 2024; 4:00 pm to Sat, Dec. 28, 2024; 9:30pm
- Video – Wed, Dec. 25, 2024; to Lord's Day, Jan. 5, 2025.

Message 1: 12/25/24, Wed, 10:00 AM
Message 2: 12/25/24, Wed, 01:30 PM
Message 3: 12/27/24, Fri, 07:00 PM
Message 4: 12/28/24, Sat, 10:00 AM
Message 5: 12/28/24, Sat, 01:30 PM
Message 6: 12/29/24, LD, 10:30 AM

Message 07: 01/01/25, Wed, 10:00 AM
Message 08: 01/01/25, Wed, 01:30 PM
Message 09: 01/03/25, Fri, 07:00 PM
Message 10: 01/04/25, Sat, 10:00 AM
Message 11: 01/04/25, Sat, 01:30 PM
Message 12: 01/05/25, LD, 10:30 AM

- Registration Fee: Video training is \$130.00
- Please send your registration fee via Zelle to **offerings@churchinphoenix.org** and indicate on the memo line "2024 December Training" and the name(s) of registrant(s)
- Registration form: <https://forms.gle/pvSawekUbSzrdBq67>



❖ Mountain States Blending Conference

- Phoenix meeting hall
- Friday, Feb. 21 – Lord's Day, Feb. 23

❖ Offerings

Please send your offerings through Zelle to the following email address: offerings@churchinphoenix.org.

Life-Study of Matthew – Study Guide

Dear brothers and sisters,

This week, we will continue our truth pursuit with Message 41 of the Life-study of Matthew, titled The Treasure and the Pearl. This Life-study focuses on Matthew 13:44-46 and highlights the treasure and the pearl, with an emphasis on their applications in our lives.

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

Before we became Christians, we were sand. But we have been regenerated. This means that something living has entered into us. As more life juice is secreted over us, we become precious and begin to live under a mysterious control. This is the experience of the pearl and the treasure.

The local church in the Lord's recovery is a pearl. But in the eyes of the Lord, this church must also be a treasure hidden from the world. Neither the worldly people nor those in Christianity know what we are doing. But deep within we know that we are living a pearl life and a life under an invisible control. We are the pearl and the treasure.

Although we are not proud, we realize that we in the Lord's recovery are different. I am a sinful human being, worse in my nature than you are. But I can testify, and the Lord can also testify for me, that there are many things that I simply cannot do because I have a constricting life within me. Day by day this life says "no" to certain things I want to do. This is the kingdom life mentioned in Romans 14:17. Because we are in the kingdom and under the reigning, we cannot do many of the things that other Christians are free to do. This is the treasure which is precious, valuable, and lovely in the eyes of the Lord. On the cross He sacrificed everything to buy both the pearl and the field in which the treasure is hidden. His buying the field and the pearl reveals that He is for the kingdom and the church. That we are in the Lord's recovery is not the result of our doing. We are here because the Lord has brought us together to be His living testimony. I have no doubt that, in the eyes of the Lord, the treasure and the pearl are here in the recovery. (Witness Lee, *Life-study of Matthews*, Living Stream Ministry, Anaheim, CA, msg. 41).

Key Verses for pray-reading: Matt. 13:44-46.

Questions/Study Points:

1. Why is it so important to understand the historical facts before properly interpreting the parables in Matthew 13? Based on this perspective, what do we observe in Matthew 13 overall?
2. Explain the spiritual progression from the wheat to the treasure and pearl mentioned in Matthew 13:44-46? What is the significance of the treasure and pearl, and what do they represent for us? Additionally, how can this become practical in our daily living?
3. Please pray-read Matthew 13 and 16. Can you see that the treasure represents the kingdom and the pearl represents the church? The building of the New Jerusalem is primarily composed of pearl gates and precious stones. How does this truth relate to us and the church life today?