

Week of January 6, 2019
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WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP of the church in Houston

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Lord's day, 10 a.m. meeting locations are listed below. Please use the contact number listed for each to find more gatherings during the week near you.

Southwest (SW, C1, NW, SpL, CL)
6357 Windswept, Houston, TX 77057
(713) 781-1682

South (Pearland/Manvel)
Dr. James Red Duke Elementary
2900 County Road 59, Manvel, TX 77578
(713) 806-4052

Southeast (League City/Clear Lake)
South Belt- Ellington Chamber of Commerce
10500 Scarsdale Blvd, Houston, TX 77089
(972) 741-1159

North (Woodlands/Spring)
Kids 'R' Kids Learning Academy of the Woodlands
320 Valley Wood Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380
(713) 416-6649

Central (C2, C3)
UH Main Campus, Student Center South
Space City Room, #214
4455 University Drive, Houston, TX 77204
(713) 201-6282

West (Katy)
Best Kids Academy
21915 Royal Montreal Drive, Katy, TX 77450
(956) 624-3168

JANUARY 7-12

Holy Word for Morning Revival

*Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-Inclusive Christ
as the Development of the Kingdom of God*

Week 9

Evening Constitution

Bible Reading Schedule: **Week 54**

Truth Pursuit

The Economy of God, Chapter 12

CONFERENCES

2019 International Chinese-speaking Conference

February 15-17, 2019
Anaheim, CA

Please contact the service office brothers in your district for more details.

South Texas Conference

February 23-24, 2019
Harlingen, TX

The deadline for registration is February 3, 2019. Please contact the service office brothers in your district.

2019 International Conference of the churches in Puerto Rico

March 2-3, 2019
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Hospitality and ground transportation will be offered for visiting saints from abroad. Please contact the service office brothers in your district.

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Lord's Day, 1/6:

10:00am, Corporate Lord's Table and training messages 11 & 12
testing

Wednesday, 1/9:

10:00am, Truth pursuit at Topstone
12:00pm, Bible study at Topstone
07:30pm, Prayer of the church in the districts

Lord's Day, 1/13:

10:00am, Lord's Table and prophesying

Gospelize, Truthize, Churchize America Pearland & The Woodlands – 1/27/19-2/7/19

We have been afforded another opportunity to enjoy entering in to further become '...a minister according to the stewardship of God, which was given to me for you...' (Col. 1:25) for His propagation in 2019 in the Pearland and The Woodlands areas. The following links would be helpful to read:

- [What is the GTCA burden?](#)
- [How can we prepare?](#)
- [How can we participate?](#)

SUGGESTED PRAYER BURDENS

To pray in spirit to express the moving of Christ within us:

John 15:7 If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

While the Lord is moving, acting, motivating, and energizing within us, what shall we do? Should we keep our mouths closed? No, we shall certainly feel impelled to utter something. We shall surely express what we feel within. This is spiritual prayer, prayer in the spirit. The spiritual prayer expresses the moving of Christ within us. Christ in, through, and as the Word is moving, acting, motivating, and energizing within us. When this happens, we cannot be silent....We become the mouthpiece for the Lord to utter what is within us at that very moment. Then, whatever we ask, it is not only we who are praying but also He who is praying in our praying....

from Witness Lee, Life-Study of John, pp. 413-416., published by Living Stream Ministry

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE – DECEMBER 30

Corporate meeting total	283
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MINISTRY EXCERPTS

RECOVERING THE CHURCH LIFE AS THE ISSUE OF THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST

Today the Lord is recovering the church life. We all have to realize what the church life is. The church life is the issue of the enjoyment of Christ. We cannot have a proper church life merely by teaching or gifts. In the past four or five centuries all kinds of teachings have been recovered, applied, and tested. The result has been division after division. All divisions come from different teachings. Whenever there is a great teacher, the result may be a division.

Today's Christianity has been divided mainly by two things—teachings and gifts. Today people pay attention to the charismatic things, the gifts, but many of those who emphasize the gifts are the most divisive. The charismatic groups have been divided again and again into division after division. I was in the charismatic movement for a period of time, and I received power and gifts. The real power, however, is life. Gifts and life can be compared to a thunderstorm and small flowers. A powerful thunderstorm can blow through a city, but eventually it goes away. Flowers and grass, however, continue to live and grow day by day. The church life does not need thunderstorm power; it needs life power.

The Lord's intention today is to have the recovery of the church life. The church life is a life in which day by day all the members feed on Jesus. Christ came as food to be taken in by His people. We all have to eat Jesus. Whoever takes Christ as food is a part of His Body. All the members of the Body of Christ should be the eaters of Jesus. We can be a part of Jesus only by eating Jesus. Because we eat Jesus, we become Jesus. We are members of Jesus by eating Jesus.

In 1966 the Lord gave us pray-reading. By pray-reading, many hundreds of saints have been brought into oneness. The more we pray-read, the more we are brought into oneness. If a few brothers come together only to recite and study John 1:1, after a short time they will fight. If they do not fight, they will at least be unhappy with each other. However, if these same brothers come together and pray-read, there will a different result. If I say, "Hallelujah, in the beginning!", you say, "Amen!", and two brothers say, "Was the Word!" after only ten minutes we will shout, "Oh, the sweetness! Oh, the oneness! Oh, the Spirit!"

From the beginning to the end, the Bible is a matter of eating. There is the tree of life in Genesis 2, the manna in the wilderness, and the produce of the good land. Then of the four Gospels, the Gospel of John especially reveals eating. The Lord tells us that He is the bread of life for us to eat. Eventually, in the last chapter of Revelation, there is no power, knowledge, or gifts. There is only a throne, from which a river flows, and on either side of the river is the tree of life (22:1-2). "Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city" (v. 14). The eating of the tree of life is for eternity.

We need power, but this is not something for the normal daily life of the church. The church is God's cultivated land (1 Cor. 3:9). The church is a harvest, a crop. Because the church is a crop, Paul says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth" (v. 6). This planting, watering, and growing are all things related to life. Never forget that the church is a cultivated land, a harvest, and that all the members of the church need the growth in life. We can grow only by eating. There is no other way to grow.

Enjoying the Riches of Christ for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ, Chapter 5, by Witness Lee

LETTERS TO HOUSTON

Dear ones,

I'm writing this to you as a graduate of the Full-time Training in Anaheim! In one sense it's an admirable accomplishment. On the other hand, it's the finishing of one of many stages in my life to come, and definitely isn't the end of my pursuit of the Lord. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of me throughout these two years.

I very much am looking forward to being in Boston for the one-year extension training. I leave Anaheim on Wednesday the 2nd and fly out of Houston to Boston on the 19th of January. I look forward to catching up with many of you!

As can be expected, it's quite difficult to summarize 2 years of many varied experiences. But I can say this: Training works, and it's truly a privilege untold to be in this Training. "O never speak of sacrifice!"

I'm glad to say this will not be the end to my emails; I plan to continue in sending weekly emails from Boston, and will send a few post-FTT emails to keep y'all up to date with where my life is heading. I look forward to continuing in this journey with y'all. :)

As usual, please keep me updated as to how things are going with you, and how I could pray for you as well. My going on is for all of you.

Ryan Armstrong

SAINTS FROM HOUSTON IN THE FULL-TIME TRAINING

Adolfo Fernandez—3 rd term	Ryan Armstrong— FTTA-XB
Sabrina Yan—4 th term	Susannah Brusco—FTTA-XB
Mark Fan—4 th term	Marvin Igwe—FTTA-XB
Ruth Long—4 th term	Ty Wilson—FTTA-XB
Austin Hu—4 th term	Austin Zhang—FTTA-XB

IN THE BOOK ROOM

(updated 1/5/19)

- Numbers Recovery Version (with footnotes)
- Life-Study of Numbers
- The Economy of God
- Holy Word for Morning Revival – Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended and All-Inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God

PROPAGATION HELP

There is an instructional video for using the Stoicheo app (Android and iOS) available at [Stoicheo Help](#) for simple record-keeping of neighborhood door-to-door hangers and gospel tract distribution. Please contact your district service office for the required Locality Code.

WAYS TO GIVE

To view some of the ways to give, please go to www.churchinhouston.org/offerings/.