

Week of April 14, 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

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

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

Central (C2, C3)
YMCA Tellepsen Downtown
808 Pease St, Houston, TX 77002
(713) 201-6282

Southeast (League City/Clear Lake)
South Belt- Ellington Chamber of Commerce
10500 Scarsdale Blvd, Houston, TX 77089
(972) 741-1159
West (Katy)
Best Kids Academy
21915 Royal Montreal Drive, Katy, TX 77450
(956) 624-3168

APRIL 15-20

Holy Word for Morning Revival
Crystallization-study of Numbers, vol. 2
Week 10

Evening Constitution
Bible Reading Schedule: **Week 68**
Available at: <https://www.recoveryversion.bible/reading-schedules.html>

Truth Pursuit
Further Talks on the Church Life, Chapter 2

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS

Lord's Day, 4/14:

10:00am, Lord's Table and prophesying

Wednesday, 4/17:

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

Lord's Day, 4/21:

10:00am, Lord's Table and prophesying

IN THE BOOK ROOM

(updated 2/17/19)

- Holy Word for Morning Revival: Crystallization-study of Numbers (2)
- The Ministry of the Word: Numbers Training
- The Economy of God
- Further Talks on the Church Life

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.

CONFERENCES

YP Conferences

April 19-21, 2019

Registration is available on the church website under Events. The deadline for the YP to register is April 7.

7th & 8th graders will be in Oklahoma City, OK (cost is \$60), 9th & 10th graders will be in Arlington, TX (\$60), and 11th & 12th graders will be at Camp Cullen in Trinity, TX (\$105).

Blending Conference in Ohio

April 19-21, 2019

Cleveland, Ohio

Percy Quinn Conference

April 19-21, 2019

Mississippi/Louisiana

Gospel to All the Nations Conference

May 3-5, 2019

New York City, NY

To register and receive detailed information, please go to <http://onewman.retreatpages.org/>. Registration will be available until April 15th.

International Memorial Day Conference

May 24-27, 2019

Seattle, Washington

Conference details, including lodging and childcare information, can be received by e-mail by sending a request to conferenceinfo@churchinhouston.org. To sign up for the conference, click the "Memorial Day Conference Sign Up" link under Events by going to the church website, or [click here](#).

Summer 2019 Semi-annual Training

Anaheim, CA

Live training: July 1-6

Video training: July 4-14

Registration is available on the church website under Events and [here](#). The registration deadline for both the live & video trainings is April 28.

WAYS TO GIVE

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

MINISTRY EXCERPTS

THOSE WHO ARE IN GOD'S HAND HAVING MANY WOUNDS

No one who is a good vessel in God's hand can be whole; rather, he must be full of scars and wounds. A certain sister may have believed in the Lord for over a decade, yet because her life has been easy and smooth, she has no wounds at all. She got married to a husband who is considerate, she gave birth to a son who is obedient, and she found a job that is easy and smooth. Everyone says that she is very fortunate; actually, it is not so. Many times the work that God carries out in someone who is truly in His hand is the work of breaking, smiting, and splitting. Jesus the Nazarene, the One who was the most acceptable to God, also experienced many sufferings while He was on the earth. He was called "a man of sorrows" (Isa. 53:3), and He was full of bruises and wounds. Hence, a person who is in God's hand, if he is highly regarded or esteemed by God, will have many wounds as the result of God's work in him. What kind of work is this? This is the work of breaking. If God favors us, His hand will work in us in many ways, and we will thus have many scars and wounds. These scars and wounds will become outlets for the flow of living water.

In the eighteenth century John Wesley was a famous evangelist in England, who was a useful servant of God and was powerful in the preaching of the gospel. However, his wife was a suffering to him. One day when he was preaching, many in the audience were touched. Suddenly his wife ran in and shouted, "What are you doing here? Can I not take care of your food?" History tells us that at the time of her death, she still had not been saved or changed. If you had asked John Wesley why God had not changed his wife, he might have told you, "If God had changed my wife, I would have lost my power." The power of a Christian lies not in prosperity but in adversity, not in favorable circumstances but in unfavorable circumstances, in situations from which he cannot escape.

THERE BEING THE OUTLET OF LIFE ONLY WHEN THERE IS THE BREAKING OF THE CROSS

In 2 Corinthians 12 Paul told us that he had a thorn in his flesh, and concerning this he entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from him. Yet, instead of answering his prayer, the Lord allowed the thorn to remain in his body. The Lord's purpose was that Paul might experience His sufficient grace (v. 9) and realize that he needed to be broken. What the Lord meant was that if Paul did not have this thorn in him, which caused him to feel wounded and sorrowful, Christ would have no way to flow out of him. Perhaps we are afraid of suffering, but please bear in mind that the cross is the outlet for the Lord's life. All those who have received the grace of the Lord can tell Him, "O Lord, if I am not broken, You will have no way to come out. For You to come out from me, I have to receive Your breaking." The cross is the outlet for the Lord's life. He who has the breaking of the cross has the outlet of life, and he who has wounds has the outflow of the Lord's life.

In Malaysia all the rubber tree farmers know that the only way the latex can flow out from a rubber tree is if it is cut open. Not only so, they know that the bigger the cut, the more the outflow. This is a very appropriate portrait of us, describing how we Christians first must be broken and cut open, and then the element of Christ, the life of Christ, can flow out from the cut. Hence, many times the more we are in darkness, in affliction, in hardship, and in a place where there is no sunlight, the more Christ's life will flow out through us.

Therefore, we see that the problem that God's life in us faces is not the world, sins, or human relationships but our natural man. Of course, the world, sins, and human relationships are hindering factors, but they are very minor hindrances; they are like garments that can be taken off. Inside a Christian, however, is a more subjective problem—our self, our natural life. This problem needs breaking. Many times there is no need for us to be broken in order to get rid of sins, the world, and human ties, but to get rid of our self, our naturalness, and our disposition, we need the breaking of the cross.

The Crucified Christ, Chapter 1, by Witness Lee

SUGGESTED PRAYER BURDENS

That we would choose with God's elect to enjoy Christ:

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you and turn away from following after you. For wherever you go, I 'will go, and wherever you dwell, I will dwell; and your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

Footnote 1 Ruth chose the goal of participating with God's elect in the enjoyment of Christ, and she even became an important ancestor of Christ, one who helped bring forth Christ into mankind. This was more than just a resolution on the part of the Moabite widow; it was a goal, a choosing. Ruth chose God and His kingdom for the carrying out of God's economy concerning Christ.

SAINTS FROM HOUSTON IN THE FULL-TIME TRAINING

Rachel Wang—1 st term	Ryan Armstrong—FTTA-XB
Adolfo Fernandez—3 rd term	Susannah Bruso—FTTA-XB
Sebrina Yan—4 th term	Marvin Igwe—FTTA-XB
Mark Fan—4 th term	Ty Wilson—FTTA-XB
Ruth Long—4 th term	Austin Zhang—FTTA-XB
Austin Hu—4 th term	

