Excerpt from Ministry Reading (The LS of Deuteronomy chapter 11): MEETING IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, IN OUR SPIRIT, AND WITH THE CROSS

Some may wonder why we emphasize the local church since the place for the worship of God is our spirit. For convenience and practicality, we meet in the different cities where we live. Apparently we are divided by geography, for we meet in separate cities all over the world. Actually we remain in the oneness and are not divided, for wherever we may be, we meet in the Lord's name, in the spirit, and with the cross. Therefore, no matter where we may be, we all meet in the same place.

Many Christians are divided by their preferences. Even though they may live in the same city, they will not meet together because they want to have their own preference. In the Lord's recovery, we care not for our preference but for the Lord's presence. In Matthew 18:20 the Lord Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst." Wherever we may be, in Anaheim or Taipei, in London or Tokyo, we should be gathered into the Lord's name, and we should meet in our spirit and with the cross. If we all do this, we all will meet in the same place, although we meet in different localities. This one place is the ground of the unique oneness.

In the Lord's recovery, we have one name and one Spirit. We all meet in the name of Jesus Christ, and we all meet in the mingled spirit—in the regenerated human spirit indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We gather together in this spirit, not in our concept, desire, preference, or choice. Furthermore, in our meeting we should not leave the cross, which is typified by the altar in front of the tabernacle. At the entrance of the church there is the cross, and in order to meet as the church we must experience the cross. The flesh, the self, and the natural man cannot be in the church; they must be crucified. Therefore, we meet in the name of the Lord Jesus, in the mingled spirit, and with the cross. This is the place where we meet, and here we have the oneness which we endeavor to keep in the unique name of the Lord.

Annoucement:

- 1 District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 2/11 is scheduled at district pray meeting locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
- 2 Corporate book pursuit this week: Life Study of Derteronomy (Chapter 11~12).
- 3 There is a Gospel to All the Nations Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on the weekend of April 17-19, 2020. The burden of the conference is the gospel to all the nations (Matt. 24:14) with a view of reaching African Americans, as well as others of African origin, for the Lord's testimony. For more information regarding registration and conference details and deadlines, please go to www.gospeltoallthenations.com All inquiries regarding this conference can be addressed to: churchinatlanta@gmail.com
- 4 The receipts of the 2019 offering are ready according to your designated ID number. They are placed on the offering box for saints to pick up.
- 5 There will be a one-day Sisters Blending Conference on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 9:00am to 5:30pm in Hall 1 of the church in NYC located at 87-60 Chevy Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432. Registration will be handled online. The deadline for registration is February 17.
- 6. The spring college retreat will be held on the weekend of Feb. 21-23 at Ivoryton, CT. The cost is \$100 and the deadline for registration is February 16th. Please contact Br. Shepherd for details.
- 7. Service schedule:

	2/9	2/16
Food	Dist. C	P2, P10
Cleaning	P1, P8	Dist. C

Prayer Burdens:

1. 2020 Piscataway Church Wide Burdens and Common Practices-

Pray for the corporate goal of this year. May the Lord gain our full cooperation with Him in all the daily practices and bless our church life in 2020.

2. Wuhan Coronavirus -

- A. Pray for the Lord's protection so that the epidemic does not spread further.
- B. Pray that the Lord will remember the saints and local churches in Hubei Province, protect them from the virus, and strengthen their faith in this difficult time.
- C. Pray that the Lord will preserve the church life here in Piscataway from the interruption of the epidemic.

3. Sister Blending Conference & Spring College Retreat Registration

Please pray for the Lord to release more local saints to sign up and attend the coming conferences.

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (1/31,2/1): 98 Lord's Table (2/2): 108

Prayer Meeting (2/4): 27

Church Event Report (1/25 Godman Family Blending)

Overview:

On Jan. 25th, we had a wonderful "Godman Family Blending" at the meeting hall of the church in Piscataway. The blending kicked off with a series of fun games prepared by the sisters and followed by a very fun "dumpling competition. However the highlight of the dumpling competition was undoubtedly the duel between brother Sen and sister Hongmei. While we were cheering for then, sister Yan absolutely stole the show by "quietly" finishing the race and beating sister Hongmei by 3 dumplings. After the fun activities, all the saints sat together and enjoyed a delicious love feast and got to know each other even more.

After all the fun activities and great food, brother Caleb led us into the joyful hymn singing with "Jesus Loves Little Children" and "He's Still Working on me". The parents and children were singing together, enjoying the Spirit flowing freely among us. After singing, we heard several testimonies from the saints concerning their Godman living in the family of God. From the sharing, we truly see that the Godman living is not just in the meetings. The Godman living is in our daily life. The Godman living is between husbands and wives living in the spirit pursuing the Lord. The Godman living is in our shepherding of the saints and at the same time being shepherded. The Godman living is opening our home to the college saints for a simple meal and getting to know them. The Godman Living is having our children grow up in the church life with one another and enjoying one another's presence. The Godman Living is truly just these little things that happen everyday in our life, while we are in our spirit and allowing the mingling of the Holy Spirit within us.











- 1 & 2 Dumpling Competition
- 3 Fun activity during dinner
- 4 Everyone singing children songs
- **5 Corporate consecretion**

Attending Saint's testimony 1:

After partaking of the family blending time with the saints, one of the biggest highlight of the event was the dinner time. For the first time in many, I got to meet saints from the other districts. Even though we all meet at the same location, I feel like we are very shy or afraid to talk to others out of our comfort zone. However, I was happy to take the opportunity to blend with the other saints. At the end of the meeting, not only was I able to connect with some, but also be able to set up small meetings with other saints from the other districts such as Basking Ridge, where I will be having dinner with my dear sister Reifen and sister Daphney to blend more. I think this family blending time allowed me to see the body. Even though we may be different, we are all one. In the one new man, there is no culture, no race, just one man, that is Christ. Therefore, I thank the Lord for partaking of this time. Praise the Lord for the Body of Christ! May the one new man become real to us!

Attending Saint's testimony 2:

We felt the Lord did something marvelous among us in bringing us together to be blended. We learned how to wrap dumplings from older sisters and got to meet new saints over dinner. In particular, listening to the testimonies of how a young brother started living the house-to-house church life, a young sister newly touching the Lord and speaking the one new man in her class presentation, and a young couple's mutually shepherding of each other encouraged us very much. As we face the entrance of our tent to the altar within the tabernacle, we hope to live our family life for the church life and have the church life in our home.