

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – July 1, 2018

Announcements

- Today is the last day to register for the video training, but a late fee applies. You can sign up with the bookroom.
- Registration is still open for the college training in Olympia (July 13-19) and the late fee has been waived. Please register at: <https://collegetraining.org/2018/>
- We are in week 5 of the morning revival on “Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him In and For the Church Life”.
- Online registration for the Bellevue Summer School of Truth: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Churchinbellevue1/2018SummerSchoolOfTruth>
- Help is needed during the summer school of truth (meals, transportation, activities, hospitality, etc.). Please contact Atsuo or Tim Liaw if you can help.
- We will read messages 52-54 in the Life-Study of Leviticus.
- For the open meetings, please arrive on time as the doors will be locked at the start of the meeting. If you know you will arrive late, please contact one of the following brothers before the meeting starts: Willie Wise - (206) 734-0612; Andy Wu - (206) 617-7767; Michael Lu - (206) 696-2543; or Daniel Lim - (206) 919-4849

Burdens for Prayer

- Germany
- Summer activities for the young people
- Dormant saints
- Meeting hall modifications (parking)
- Church property

This Week: July 2 – July 8

Morning Revival: *Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him In and For the Church Life, Week 5*

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Korean Saints
Upstairs – Kirkland

Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Tuesday		No Corporate prayer meeting
Saturday		No Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

July	
2-7	Summer Training in Anaheim
3-11	Webcast training in Bellevue
13-19	College training
23-27	Bible Camp
27-29	Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training in Franklin Park, NJ
August	
9-12	Camp Canby
13-19	Bellevue Summer School of Truth

Ministry Reading Portion
LIFE-STUDY OF LEVITICUS
MESSAGE FIFTY-TWO
THE FESTIVALS (1)

Scripture Reading: Lev. 23:1-14

In this message we come to a wonderful matter in the book of Leviticus—the festivals.

According to the sequence of this book, by the end of chapter twenty-two we have been brought from our uncleanness to the priesthood with its enjoyment. The next item is the festivals, which are for rest and enjoyment, both of which are types of Christ as our rest and enjoyment. This indicates that in Leviticus, a book of God’s priesthood for God’s service in the fellowship of God, our service results, issues, in Christ as the rest and enjoyment we have with God and with one another. In other words, the issue of this service is the festivals.

These festivals did not take place occasionally at certain times. On the contrary, they were appointed by God, ordained by Him. God ordained the festivals that His people might rest with Him and be joyful with Him, that they might enjoy all that He has provided for His redeemed people. They were to enjoy all these things with God and with one another.

**I. THE SEASONS APPOINTED BY JEHOVAH AS
HOLY CONVOCATIONS**

Leviticus 23:2 says, “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, The

appointed seasons of Jehovah which you shall proclaim as holy convocations—My appointed seasons are these.” The word “convocation” denotes something larger and more serious than a meeting. A convocation is a special assembly called for a special and particular purpose. The seasons appointed by Jehovah as holy convocations signify the gathering of God’s redeemed people to have a festival with God for His joy and enjoyment that the redeemed may participate in it with Him and with one another. A festival, therefore, was for nothing except rest and enjoyment. This rest and enjoyment were not individual but corporate.

A. The Weekly Season—the Sabbath

“Six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there shall be a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; you shall not do any work; it is a sabbath to Jehovah wherever you dwell” (v. 3). The weekly season—the sabbath—signifies rest for God’s redeemed people to enjoy with God and with one another. Every seven days there was to be a day for rest and enjoyment. On that day there was to be an assembly, a holy convocation. This indicates that on the sabbath God’s redeemed people were to gather together. If they did not come together, they would have been able to enjoy rest with God, but they could not have enjoyed rest with God and with one another in a corporate way.

1. Being the Principal Denotation of All the Annual Seasons (Feasts) for God’s Redeemed People to Rest with God and with One Another

The principal denotation of all the annual seasons (feasts) is for God’s people to enjoy rest with God and with one another. The weekly rest is thus the denotation of each of the seven annual seasons. Every annual feast, like the weekly rest, was a rest.

2. A Solemn Rest

The weekly sabbath was a solemn rest. It was not something light or common but something quite holy, sacred, and important for God’s enjoyment and His people’s enjoyment. This solemn rest signifies a genuine and thorough rest of God and with God for God’s redeemed people to enjoy with Him and with one another.

2018 Summer Training Webcast

Tuesday, July 3 rd	Msg. 1	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 4 th	Msg. 2	9:00 am
	Msg. 3	10:30 am
Thursday, July 5 th	Msg. 4	7:00 pm
Friday, July 6 th	Msg. 5	7:00 pm (open meeting)
Saturday, July 7 th	Msg. 6	9:00 am
	Msg. 7	10:30 am
Lord's Day, July 8 th	Msg. 8	10:30 am (open meeting)
	Msg. 9	6:00 pm (open meeting)
Monday, July 9 th	Msg. 10	7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 10 th	Msg. 11	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 11 th	Msg. 12	7:00 pm

Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes

Lord's day, July 1 st	Luke 19:28-48
Monday, July 2 nd	Luke 20:1-19
Tuesday, July 3 rd	Luke 20:20-38
Wednesday, July 4 th	Luke 20:39 – 21:4
Thursday, July 5 th	Luke 21:5-27
Friday, July 6 th	Luke 21:28-38
Saturday, July 7 th	Luke 22:1-20