

The Church in Orlando Weekly Announcements

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MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS

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Lord's Day: 10am, Lord's Day Meeting

Tuesday: 7:30-8:30pm, Chinese-Speaking Prayer Meeting

Wednesday: 7:30-8:30pm, Prayer meetings

Thursday: 7:30pm, College / Young Working Saints' Meeting (Contact Pablo Vasquez and Samuel Chiang)

Friday: 7:30pm, Small Group Meeting (hosted on Simpsons' Zoom ID)

Saturday: 5-6pm, Jr High / High School Meeting (Contact Carlos Heredia) |
7:30pm, Chinese-Speaking Meeting

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Revival: Week 10 of *Crystallization Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, Vol. 2*

New church mailing address: The Church in Orlando, P. O. Box 677373, Orlando, FL 32867

Any offerings designated for the campus team in Orlando should have "full time account" on the check memo. Please contact Brother David for any questions or concerns.

Any donations designated to the Church in Orlando cannot be designated to a specific individual, even if that individual serves full-time. However, the church can pass on cash donations designated to any individual.

Virtual Southeast College Conference (10/31)

Session 1: 10:30am – 12pm

Session 2: 1:30pm – 3pm

Register for free at <http://bit.ly/secsreconnect>

Thanksgiving Conference (11/26-29)

More info: <https://tinyurl.com/2020TGC>

December Semiannual Video Training (12/21-26)

Registration deadline: 12/7

Donation: \$125

Please contact brothers Ed Simpson, Bill Whitman, and David Chou to register.

PRAYER BURDENS

Pray for the Lord's will to be done, for the health of all the saints, for the hearts of those around us to be opened. For daily prayer points, visit <https://beseeking.org/>.

* Children's meetings

Ever since the pandemic started, the children's meetings have been paused and have not yet restarted. Resources (e.g. lessons, songs) are available from localities such as the Church in NYC; please pray for the meetings to be restarted and for parents to pick up the burden to serve.

* GTCA

- Pray for the migration of saints to Orlando and other GTCA-designated cities for the Lord's move
- Pray for a player coach for the campus team and for the Lord to take care of all of the full-timers' needs, both practical and spiritual

* A new property for the Church in Orlando

- The meeting hall is currently on the market for sale. Please pray for the proper buyer and for a suitable facility near UCF.

* Junior high / high school students

- Pray for the Lord's leading for meeting times to be established with consistent attendance
- Encouraging the parents to take the lead to serve the junior high and high school students
- Encouraging the students to be built up with one another and to love the Lord more each day, despite the current world situation
- The coordination and perfecting of the serving saints

* College students

- Pray for the weekly Thursday night meetings, so that students can properly allocate time to meet and enjoy Christ together
- Pray for *the strengthening of our own students* to bear remaining fruit
- Pray for the saints shepherding the students and fostering their growth

The Church in Orlando Coronavirus Guidelines (updated 10/4/20)

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Local Lord's Day Meetings Start at 10am. If Zoom is not working, the host should use other alternatives, include Google Meet and Blue Jeans (apps available on app stores and on desktop).

Local groups (by language):

1. English: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83681432178>
(Hosted by Ed and Jan Simpson | Meeting ID 836 8143 2178)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9628489154>
(Hosted by Bill Whitman | Meeting ID 962 848 9154)
2. Spanish (Español): <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9145150306>
(Hosted by Hector and Jeannette DeJesus | Meeting ID: 914 515 0306 | Password: 872381)
3. Chinese (中文): <https://erau.zoom.us/j/9217048176>
(Hosted by Dan Su | Meeting ID: 921 704 8176)
4. College Students / Young Working Adults: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9663450394>
(Hosted by Pablo Vasquez | Meeting ID: 966 345 0394)
(Thursday night small group)
5. Jr High / High School (Hosted by Carlos Heredia; please contact him directly for meeting ID)

The following adjustments will be made to our meetings, effective 3/22/2020. Further announcements and updates will be made through WhatsApp.

1. We will be using Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) for video and audio teleconferencing for all of our meetings. The platform is free to use and is available on PC, Mac and Chrome OS computers as well as iOS and Android phones and tablets. For phones and tablets, search for the Zoom app on your App Store.
 - a. We recommend that the designated host of each small group or prayer meeting sign up for a "Pro" account, which costs \$14.99/month, for as long as the account is needed. *Only one account is needed per group.* The Basic (free) account is limited to 40 minutes per call.
 - b. Users can join the conference by clicking on a link to a conference-unique web page provided by the host. From there, they will be taken directly into the conference.
 - c. *Effective 4/4/2020, all Zoom meetings will require the host to accept the attendees to join.*
 - d. If provided, you can also join a conference by phone by calling into the conference number and then entering the conference ID provided by the host. If you wish to join by video as well, make sure you have the Zoom app downloaded.
2. Each small group and prayer meeting coordinator should sign up for a Zoom Pro account.

3. Prayer meetings will be held remotely every Wednesday starting at 7:30pm (unless otherwise noted by your regular prayer meeting group). **The English-speaking prayer meeting will be held via conference call. Dial in: 347-514-7130 | PIN: 5904133**
4. The Church in Atlanta has provided a suggested general format for Lord's Day meetings:
https://www.churchinatlanta.org/lords_day/

For questions or help on downloading or using Zoom, please contact any of the following:

- English: Bill Whitman (321-698-6192), Jeremy Taylor (407-409-6869)
- Spanish: Linnette Rivera (787-538-5841)
- Chinese: Dan Su (732-986-7038)
- College / Young Adults: Pablo Vasquez (305-336-5940)
- Jr High / High School: Carlos Heredia (321-419-6489)

Virtual Etiquette:

1. Please sit in an area with as little background noise as possible.
2. A good practice is to mute your microphone while others are speaking and unmute when you are about to speak.
3. Take care of each other's eyes.
 - a. Make sure that there is nothing behind you or upon you that could grieve the Holy Spirit or conscience of the saints.
 - b. Be properly and fully clothed.
 - c. Make sure that anyone who passes behind you is aware that they are on camera.

In closing, please bear in mind that this time is difficult for all of us, and that the situation surrounding the coronavirus is changing rapidly. But this is also a time for us to look to the Lord to supply us and lead us. We pray that the church life would not be disrupted, but that the saints would use any means available to continue steadfastly in fellowship and prayer (Acts 2:42). We also pray that the saints would not be alarmed or anxious, but exercise caution in these times and cast their anxieties onto the Lord (1 Peter 5:7). In the meantime, we will do our best to keep all the saints informed as soon as possible.

- The responsible brothers in the Church in Orlando