



# The Church in 皮斯卡特维 *Piscataway* 召会周讯 Weekly News

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**Excerpt from Ministry Reading (The LS of Deuteronomy chapter 2):**

## **REVIEW OF THE PAST & VIEW OF THE FUTURE**

### **WITH A REVIEW OF THE PAST, DEUTERONOMY POINTS OUT GOD'S LEADING AND MAN'S FAILURE**

With a review of the past, on the one hand, this book points out God's leading that man may know the heart and the hand of God, so that man may trust in God and fear God. God's heart is loving and His hand is righteous. On the other hand, this book points out man's failure that man may know himself, so that man may condemn himself, humble himself, and have no more trust in himself. The intention of this book is not to point out man's history but to point out man's past errors that man may be adjusted.

### **WITH A VIEW OF THE FUTURE, DEUTERONOMY EXPECTS THAT MAN MAY KNOW THE LOVE AND GOVERNMENT OF GOD AND ALSO KNOW HIS REAL CONDITION**

With a view of the future, this book expects that, on the one hand, man may know the love and government of God and that, on the other hand, man may know his real condition, so that he will not trust himself. Hence, the intention of the book of Deuteronomy is that we would know God and also know ourselves. We need to know God. In particular, we need to know that God is loving and that He is righteous in dealing with us. We also need to know that we ourselves are a failure. If we know this, we will no longer trust ourselves but put our trust in God, the One who is faithful.

What is revealed in Deuteronomy is what is revealed in the Bible as a whole. The entire Bible shows us that God is loving, righteous, and faithful. The Bible also exposes how unfaithful we are; it shows us how defeated we have been in the past and how much failure we will have in the future. But in spite of all this unfaithfulness, defeat, and failure, God will still enable His chosen people to enter into the rich Christ to possess Him, enjoy Him, experience Him, and even to live Him.

## **Prayer Burdens:**

### **1. 2019 Review and 2020 Outlook -**

- A. All saints will go before God seek His face and meet Him, settling the accounts related to our spiritual condition so that we all have a proper spiritual conclusion to the past year and a proper beginning of a new spiritual year.
- B. Consecrate ourselves anew to the Lord for our daily Christian walk in 2020 so that He may strengthen us to have a healthy spiritual living, enjoying the unsearchable richness of Christ every day by praying, reading the Word, pursuing the truth of the ministry, building up with companions, preaching gospel, and shepherding according to God.
- C. Seek in a corporate way to receive the Lord's leading in every aspect of the church life (e.g. church, district, small group, serving group, etc.), making specific goals for the new year, and expecting His blessing.

### **2. Senior Coworkers' Health -**

Please pray for the health of all the senior coworkers. May they be guarded from any illness and may nothing frustrate the release of the ministry of life to the Body.

### **3. GTCA -**

Please pray for the upcoming gospel trips to the GTCA cities this month. May the Lord gain the genuine seekers for His testimony in these key cities in the USA. (Visit [gtca.us/2020](http://gtca.us/2020) for more info)

## **Announcement:**

- 1 We are having the 1st Corporate prayer meeting this year on the coming Tuesday 1/7, this corporate pray meeting resumes to begin from 8:00 PM at Piscataway meeting hall. We encourage the saints to attend.
- 2 District Lord's Day meeting location rotates from the coming Lord's Day 1/12. District A moves to Agape Hall, district B moves to Fellowship Hall, district C moves to Grace Hall.
- 3 From this week, we are entering into the pursue of the Life Study of Deuteronomy, this week our schedule is to cover messages 1 and 2.
- 4 2020 International Chinese-speaking Spring conference is scheduled for 2/14-16 at Anaheim, CA. We hope at least 200 saints from NJ and NY can attend this conference. There will be translation service into English, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese. Children service will be provided from K-6 grade. For hospitality, you may register at [www.2020icsc.org](http://www.2020icsc.org).
- 5 Service schedule:

	1/5	1/12
Food	P1, P8	Dist. C
Cleaning	P7, HP	P1, P8

## **Meeting Attendance:**

Small Groups (12/24~28): 59  
Lord's Table (12/29): 100  
Prayer Meeting (1/1): 21

# KEEPING A SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR BEFORE GOD

At the end of the year some saints not only enter into a new calendar year but also into a new spiritual beginning. At the end of the year and at the beginning of a new year, they go before God to review and settle their condition before God from the passing year. Just as a businessman settles his account at the end of the year, we should review our spiritual account before God. If we balance only our outward account but not our inward account, we will enter into a new calendar year but not into a new spiritual year.

I hope that from this year forward every saint will have a proper spiritual conclusion to a passing year and a proper beginning of a new spiritual year. Not only should we have a conclusion related to outward matters, such as our career, our education, and our domestic affairs, but even more, we should have a conclusion in regard to spiritual matters. At the end of a year we need to go before God and settle the accounts related to our spiritual condition. We need to consider before the Lord how we have spent our time and the things in which we failed and in which we overcame. We need to consider the areas in which we responded to the Lord's demands and in which we rejected the Lord's will. We need to bring our spiritual condition before the Lord in order to settle accounts and have a proper clearance so that we can have a new beginning....

In order to have a new spiritual year, we need to specifically seek God's face and meet Him. We should bring our condition, past and present, to Him and place it before Him in the light of His face in order to receive His shining. He is facing us, waiting for us, and open to us. We should not think that we are the ones who are seeking God; actually, He is seeking us and waiting for us. Rather than being closed, we should open ourselves to Him. We should not treat our days in a loose manner. When we approach a new calendar year, we should come to God and open ourselves to His light concerning not only the state of our earthly affairs but also the condition of our spiritual life. We need to spend some time in the presence of God, presenting our past and present condition to Him and allowing Him to shine on us. As the Spirit, He will come to us, and with His Spirit there will be light shining on the items that we place before Him. When we encounter God in Christ as the Spirit coming to us as light, we will have a new beginning. When we encounter light, we will also encounter God as the light-bearer. These encounters bring in changes that are like the changes associated with days, months, and years. If we want to have changes, from small changes to great changes, we must meet God. (Excerpt from God's Need and God's Goal, Chapter 4)

## Church in Piscataway 2016 to 2019 Year End Statistics

Year	Lord's Day Attendance	Small Group Attendance	Prayer Meeting Attendance	# of Baptism	# of Districts	# of Small Groups
2016	135	149	39	46	3	15
2017	136	160	42	40	3	15
2018	138	170	41	37	3	16
2019	142	est.160	39	34	4	15

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## Testimony (RU Students' Corporate Morning Revival)

This past semester every Wednesday we had a corporate morning revival at Nichols apartment starting at 8am. On average, we had about a dozen students joining. The time was spent enjoying the Lord through singing, calling on the Lord, prayreading, and reading short portions from the ministry. Like Mary, we wanted to seize the opportunity to love the Lord and give Him our best, especially at the start of the day. May the Lord continue to strengthen all the saints to corporately love and pursue Him!