

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 2, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Follow-up to gospel trips
- ☉ BfA military distribution
- ☉ Irvine

For additional details regarding the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 39 & 40

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	265-266	1018
Tuesday	267-268	1019
Wednesday	269-270	1020
Thursday	271-272	1021
Friday	273-274	1022
Saturday	275-276	1023

Morning Revival

Crystallization Study of Genesis,
Vol. 3, Week 13

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Gospel Trips—Follow-up and Shepherding

- ☉ Pray for the follow-up and shepherding of all those contacted and those who received Bibles and literature during the recent gospel trips in the 13 countries in Europe and 19 cities in the U.S.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord would supply much grace to all the saints in their labor to feed and shepherd those who were contacted during these gospel trips.
- ☉ Pray that this labor would issue in the raising up and spread of the Lord's testimony in these 13 countries in Europe and 19 cities in the US.

National: BfA Military Burden

In January of this year, Bibles for America contacted military installations that previously received BfA military packets to see if they would like to order more. In three weeks, chaplains and family readiness groups ordered 2,076 military packets, 238 copies of the New Testament Recovery Version, 505 books, and 245 copies of the Gospel of John in Spanish.

Additionally, BfA found out that the Army Chief of Chaplains is proposing to limit the organizations from which the Army can receive Bibles.

- ☉ Please pray that the BfA materials would reach the spiritually hungry service members.
- ☉ Please pray that a door would remain open to Bibles for America in all branches of the US Military.

Local: Irvine

- ☉ Pray for an increase in the experience of Christ in the daily life of the saints by their spending time with the Lord in the Word and by the exercise of their spirit throughout the day that the gospel life and shepherding life of the saints will increase and that the meetings of the church will be uplifted to be a real expression of the Christ experienced and enjoyed in the saints' daily life.

INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

We would like to announce the 2014 International Chinese-speaking Conference to be held **Friday, February 14 through Lord's Day, February 16, 2014**. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

- 1st meeting: Friday, February 14, 7:30 pm
- 2nd meeting: Saturday, February 15, 9:00 am
- 3rd meeting: Saturday, February 15, 11:00 am
- 4th meeting: Saturday, February 15, 7:30 pm
- 5th meeting: Lord's Day, February 16, 9:00 am (Lord's table, message, and special fellowship)

On Saturday afternoon there will be two special fellowship sessions held at the MCC: one for the Chinese students saved within the last three years, and one for the Chinese-speaking working saints up to the age of 50, who will be attending the conference. For those who plan to attend these sessions, please register online at www.icsc2014.org. The deadline for registration is **January 31, 2014**.

All the meetings will be held at the Living Stream Ministry Conference Center, 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, California and will be open to the public. There will be translation into English, Korean, Spanish, and

Portuguese. Those who need translation should bring their own FM radio, headset, and extra batteries.

Please pray that the Lord will take more crucial steps in the advancement of His purpose during this gathering.

Sincerely,

Living Stream Ministry

Childcare: Care for children from kindergarten through 6th grade during the conference meetings will only be provided for the children of out-of-town guests. Saints from nearby churches are asked not to bring their children to the LSM campus. Due to space limitations, child care for nearby churches should be arranged at their own locality.

Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, Feb. 14 - Lord's Day, Feb. 16,
International Chinese-speaking Con-
ference, Anaheim, CA

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

2ND ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

4TH ☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ings by districts

6TH ☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3

7TH ☉ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

8TH ☉ 6:00pm YP and college
Saturday student blending meeting

9TH ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

MINISTRY PORTION

TO LIVE CHRIST

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He did not live by His human life. Although, as a man, He was a perfect and complete individual person with a life of His own, He lived by the life of the Father, not by His human life. Since the Father's life is divine and eternal, the Lord Jesus lived by the divine life. He and the Father had one life and one living. The Son lived by the Father's life because the Son's intention was to express the Father. Since the Son is the image, the expression, of the Father, and since He lived by the Father, the Son expresses the Father in a full way. The Son lives, but it is the Father who is expressed.

In John 6:57 the Lord Jesus said clearly that the living Father sent Him and that He lived because of the Father. The Father sent the Son, and the Son lived on earth through, because of, or by, the Father. I prefer to say simply that the Son lived the Father, for the Father was the Son's life.

The Bible reveals that the Son is a seed who is to be reproduced in the believers. According to John 12:24, the one grain of wheat needs to fall into the earth and die in order to produce many grains in resurrection. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He lived the Father's life. Now, after His resurrection, He has become our life. He wants us to live His life, not our own natural life. As individuals, we all have our own life. But in His economy, God does not intend that we live our natural life; He intends that we live Christ. As Christ lived the Father, so we should live Christ.

CULTURE VERSUS CHRIST

We have pointed out that Christ is versus our culture. Our self-made and self-imposed culture, as well as the culture we have inherited, may be excellent, but as long as it is not Christ Himself, it is a hindrance to our experience of Christ, to our enjoyment of Christ, and to our living by Christ. In order to see this clearly, we need a heavenly vision. If we try to drop our culture without seeing that Christ is our life and our everything, we shall succeed only in exchanging one kind of culture for another. To be uncultured is also to have a culture. Those who are cultured have a culture, and those who are uncultured also have a culture, although of a very different kind. If we realize this, we shall see that it is of no avail simply to decide to drop our culture. Apart from Christ, whatever we are and whatever we

do is related to culture in some way. Every human being has culture. The culture may be developed or undeveloped, high or low, but it is nonetheless a culture. At the time the book of Colossians was written, the Greeks had their culture and the Jews had theirs. Throughout the thousands of years of history, every race and nationality has had its particular kind of culture. The crucial point here is that every kind of culture is versus Christ and that Christ is versus every kind of culture. Any culture, no matter what kind of culture it is, is versus Christ. Apart from Him, every human product and development is part of culture.

GOD'S INTENTION IN HIS ECONOMY

We should not try in ourselves to do anything about the culture within us. What is of vital importance is that we see the vision of God's economy. God's economy is to work the living, all-inclusive Person of Christ into us. According to the revelation in the book of Colossians, Christ is the portion of the saints, the firstborn of all creation, the image of the invisible God, the Head of the Body, the firstborn from among the dead, the One in whom all the fullness is pleased to dwell, the mystery of God's economy, the mystery of God, the reality of all positive things, and the constituent of the new man. Christ is everything: He is life, light, power, might, strength, righteousness, holiness, kindness, and every other divine attribute and human virtue. Because Christ is everything to us, He is all-inclusive. God's intention in His economy is to work this all-inclusive One into us. As the all-inclusive One, Christ has the highest attainments. He has ascended to the heavens and has been exalted to the highest place in the universe. He is now sitting at the right hand of God. Christ has been enthroned, and He has become the Lord and Head over all. Furthermore, He has obtained everything, for all things have become His. This Person with all He has attained and obtained is the very One that God desires to work into our being. Do you truly believe that such an all-inclusive living Person has been wrought into you? I doubt that very many Christians, including those in the Lord's recovery, actually believe this.

—*Life Study of Colossians*, Message 39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ YP and College Student Blending

On Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 6:00pm, the college students and young people will have a special blending time. The college students have split up into four different groups in four different homes and are excited to host the junior high brothers, the junior high sisters, the high school brothers, and the high school sisters. We would encourage all the

young people to attend this special blending opportunity. We also would like to ask all the parents and saints to pray for this time. Details will go out via email to all the students and young people this week. May the Lord bless this next generation and may they be built up and built together here in Irvine.