

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

March 2, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Kiev, Ukraine
- ⊗ Contact with Saudi students
- ⊗ Irvine

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 47 & 48

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	313-314	1042
Tuesday	315-316	1043
Wednesday	317-318	1044
Thursday	319-320	1045
Friday	321-322	1046
Saturday	323-324	1047

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis, Vol. 3, Week 17

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Present situation in Kiev, Ukraine

- ⊗ Pray to bind Satan's plan and strategy for Ukraine and for the people of this country.
- ⊗ Pray to bind the lawlessness and lawless men and the authority of darkness behind them.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord's recovery would become prevailing in Ukraine, that the Lord would gain the proper and useful men for His testimony and that all things would work for the building up of His Body.

National: Contact with Saudi Students at the University of Illinois

The Lord has placed some Saudi Arabian students in our hands here in Champaign. We have had several informal times with them to develop a human relationship. This past weekend we met a brother in Columbus who is part Algerian and who lived in Saudi Arabia for 10 years. He has a burden for Saudis. He will be coming to Champaign with some of the Columbus saints on March 11 to 12 during a spring break trip. During this time we will try to hook him up with some of these Saudi students. Please pray for this time:

For us:

- ⊗ That all of us, from Champaign and Columbus, would have one mind and one

opinion in our time together with the Saudis.

- ⊗ That the self would be bound, and whatever has been loosed in the heavens would be loosed on the earth.
- ⊗ That we would be sensitive to the Lord's leading and speaking.

For the Saudi students:

- ⊗ For the Lord's sweeping between now and then, that they would be open, soft, responsive, and unveiled.
- ⊗ That any resisting high thing from Islam or the Saudi culture would be overthrown.
- ⊗ That the right ones would be there.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that we would enter more fully into a life of living in Christ as our good land by exercising our spirit in our daily life to experience and enjoy Christ that the church life would be enriched and built up in Irvine as God's house and God's kingdom.

REPORT FROM KIEV, UKRAINE

Dear Saints,

We would like to thank you for all your prayers for the saints and the churches and the situation in Ukraine, especially in Kiev. Thus far, despite the political protests and the violence that have taken place mainly in Kiev, all the saints are safe. We are having a good coordination among all the churches to consider what to do in a worst case scenario. The construction of the hall in Kiev is continuing, as it is located in a section of the city away from the violence. However, the conflict has made driving around Kiev very difficult. We had expected to begin the construction of the roof very soon. Whether or not we can continue remains to be seen.

Several points from the recent ministry, which we believe is God's up-to-date speaking to us, helped us very much in our prayer. We were especially helped by the outline points under I.C. in Message 5 of the Crystallization-study of Genesis. These points say that in order to deal with His fallen creature Satan and

recover the earth for His kingdom, God created man and gave man authority to rule over, subdue, and conquer the rebellious earth. Based on this revelation, we are praying to bind Satan's plan and strategy for Ukraine and for the people of this country. We declare to Satan that we are MEN living in this country, and we are MEN who agree with God's will, God's rule, and God's kingdom for this country. We bind lawlessness and lawless men and the authority of darkness behind them. We pray, as Brother Lee did for the U.S., that the Lord's recovery would become prevailing in Ukraine, that the Lord would gain the proper and useful men for His testimony, and that all things would work for the building up of His Body. We would ask you to join us in praying for the present situation in Ukraine.

The co-workers in Ukraine

Upcoming Events

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
Blog: members.churchinirvine.org
Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

2 ND Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
4 TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
6 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
7 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
8 TH Saturday	☉ 6:00pm Young people's meeting
9 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–1:00pm Church-wide Blending meeting at Hall 1 followed by love feast

LETTER FROM FTTA—XB (BOSTON EXTENSION) TRAINEE

Dearest saints,

It's been a whole season since the last time I wrote you (I apologize)! A lot has changed here in Boston on the weather front, but I can see that Irvine has mostly remained the same. Here in Boston, there has almost been a snow-storm every week, and although snow is fun to play in and to throw, it is not fun that fun to shovel. Every time it has snowed, the dear trainee brothers have been helping to shovel out the parking lot and sidewalks around 1299, and every time the same hymn comes to me:

Hymns 911 (chorus)

O how blessed is the priest's life,
Christ to him is all in all:
All his clothing, food, and dwelling,
And his portion therewithal.

This has really been my experience. Although sometimes the outward circumstances and environment may be challenging, within, there is a sense that we have the most blessed life.

What a privilege to be a priest! We can serve the saints and serve the Lord, and as we continue to serve, He is becoming more and more to us.

Anyways, this update was brief, but I hope you all are doing well. May the Lord continue to gain us more and more until we can really say that He is our everything.

Still running,

Allen

MINISTRY PORTION

THE RECEIVING OF CHRIST

In 2:6 Paul says, "As therefore you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him." Walking in Christ is based on receiving Christ. Walking in Him comes out of receiving Him.

Many Christians think that to receive Christ is simply to believe in Him. Receiving Christ, however, is not as simple as this. In order to understand what is the proper, genuine, and adequate receiving of Christ, we need to know the Christ whom we are to receive. According to our concept and according to traditional doctrine, Christ is rather simple. Many believers only realize that Christ, the Son of God, is the Savior who loved us and died for us. If we believe in Christ, we are saved. However, the receiving of Christ in a book such as Colossians involves a great deal more than this. We have pointed out that Colossians affords us an extensive revelation of the all-inclusive Christ. This Christ is more vast than the whole universe. According to Ephesians 3, Christ is the breadth, length, height, and depth. The Christ whom we have received is immeasurable. He is universally vast.

Although we have received Christ, our receiving of Him goes beyond an initial receiving of Him once for all. On the contrary, we shall continue to receive Him eternally. Receiving Christ can be compared to breathing. Just as breathing is a continual process, so our receiving of Christ should take place continually. Regrettably, however, a great many Christians have had only the initial receiving of Christ. They do not receive Him continuously. Many believers can tell you that at a certain time in the past they received Christ. But they have not continued to receive Him. If we do not receive Christ continually, we shall not enjoy the full benefit of the Christ we have received initially. Many Christians have not continued to receive Christ. Hence, we must realize that our receiving of Him must be consistent and continual.

—*Life Study of Colossians*, Message 48

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Church-wide Blending & Business Meeting next Lord's Day, March 9 at Hall 1

The church in Irvine would like to announce a gathering for its quarterly church-wide blending meeting as well as its annual business meeting on Lord's Day, March 9, at Hall 1 with the following schedule:

9:30-10:30a: Corporate Lord's Table
10:30-11:45a: Special Fellowship
11:45-12:00n: Business Meeting
12:00-1:00p: Love Feast

Parking: Please carpool as much as possible. Parking in the parking lot should be reserved

for those cars with 3 or more occupants, the elderly, and those with children. Trainees and college students should park at Venado Middle School on Deerfield Ave. This is 10 minute walk across Deerfield Community Park from Hall 1.

Love Feast: There will be a love feast for all saints immediately after the Lord's Day meeting.

NOTE: We will be switching to Daylights Saving Time this Lord's Day, which means *we lose an hour*. Please set your clocks one hour earlier so that you can come to the meeting on time.