

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

May 4, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ Conference in Rome, Italy
- ⊗ Lord's move in Albania
- ⊗ College work in Irvine
- ⊗ Sixth grade baptisms

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 65

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	421-422	7
Tuesday	423-424	8
Wednesday	425-426	9
Thursday	427-428	10
Friday	429-430	11
Saturday	431-432	12

## Morning Revival

Mending Ministry of John, Week 2

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International:** Conference in Rome, Italy—  
May 10-11

- ⊗ Please pray for the gathering and blending of the saints from different localities and countries.
- ⊗ Pray for the release and impact of the Lord's up-to-date word.
- ⊗ Pray for the advance of the Lord's move in Italy and all of Europe.

**The Lord's Move in Albania** (see report below)

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord will increase the blending in Albania and will burden some to migrate there.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord will strengthen the saints in Tirana to bear His testimony and will gain a lampstand in that city.
- ⊗ Pray for the release of the ministry in Albanian, especially the Rhema sets of free books.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord will spread His recovery throughout the Albanian-speaking world.

**Local:** College Work in Irvine

- ⊗ Continue to pray for the shepherding of the students being contacted on the college campuses that they would be brought further into the enjoyment of Christ as the rich pasture and become those who flock together with the one flock in the small group gatherings and in all the gatherings of the church.

**Sixth Grade Baptisms—May 11**

- ⊗ Pray that all the sixth graders who have believed and received the Lord will take the step of being baptized and in their baptism will touch the reality of being transferred out of Adam and into Christ.

## REPORT FROM TIRANA, ALBANIA

In November 2012 a young couple migrated with their two small children from Los Angeles to Tirana, Albania. In September 2013 they started an English preschool near the center of the city. Because they run their own business, they are able to sponsor their staff with working visas. Their hope is that the Lord will use their business for His work.

As soon as they arrived in Tirana, they began to meet on Lord's Days. From another couple's labor in the 1990s, one family who was gained at that time remained in Tirana. During the last 10 years, this family actively sought out fellowship and blending by going to the Poland young people's conference and visiting the saints in Greece. The two families who are now in Tirana meet regularly on

Lord's Day and are joined by family members, friends, and neighbors. The number in the meetings is about 10. In the meetings they enjoy hymns, fellowship, and reading the ministry, currently *The All Inclusive Christ*. The saints also meet weekly on Wednesday evenings.

Through the extensive labor in translating the ministry into Albanian over the past two decades, there is a rich supply of the ministry that the saints can enjoy in Albanian. Please pray for the raising up of a lampstand in Tirana and the spreading of the Lord's testimony throughout the Albanian-speaking world.

## LETTER FROM MELODY WANG

God's will is Christ. Practically, what does this mean?

Saints, your confusing situation is God's will. Your difficult roommate is God's will. Your troublesome daughter is God's will. Even your at-the-moment-very-pleasant life is God's will. *God's will is God's arrangement under God's sovereignty.*

Our soul was destined to be filled with Christ. This is God's will for us. Brothers and

sisters, if we see God's will, we won't be miserable people, overtaken by the burden of our need to deny our soul-life. God's desire is that Christ would be our joy. Hebrews 12:2 says, "Jesus...who for the JOY set before Him endured the cross." Our Lord Jesus didn't go to the cross in a complaining way, crying about the burdens that He had to bear. He went to the cross for *the joy set before Him.*

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## Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, May 23 - Monday, May 26, International Memorial Day Conference, Philadelphia, PA

## Church-related Websites

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

## This Week

4 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
6 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
7 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
8 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
9 <sup>TH</sup> Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
10 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday	☉ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting
11 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Church-wide Lord's Table meeting, special fellowship and 6th grade baptisms at Hall 1

## LETTER FROM MELODY WANG (CONT'D)

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When you deny yourself, you are one with Christ and you are full of joy! To go the way of denying the self is to go the way of taking Christ as your rest and enjoyment. Saints,

take Him as your rest! Enjoy Him.  
 Grace be with your spirit,  
 Melody

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH TEACHERS' TRAINING

The 2014 Summer School of Truth will be held at Hall 1 in Irvine this year from July 14 - July 26. You can register at IrvineYP.com.

We are very burdened to equip and perfect our next generation in the basic truths. For this, we will conduct a one day Teachers' Training in Fullerton for the practice of the summer school of the truth with three sessions. It will be a time for us to be refreshed in our vision and burden, review our current practice, and learn from one another. This time is for all parents, serving ones, college students, working saints, and any others who

would be burdened to participate. Lunch will be provided.

**WHO:** All parents, serving ones, college students, working saints, and any others who would be burdened to participate

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 10, 2014, 9:00AM-3:00PM

**WHERE:** Meeting hall of the church in Fullerton, 1330 N. Placentia Ave., Fullerton, 92831

A reminder email will be sent out this week to the parents. For any questions, please contact Isaac Acosta: [isaac.acosta@gmail.com](mailto:isaac.acosta@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ☉ YP Parents Meeting—May 10

We will have another Parents Meeting with YP serving ones on Saturday, May 10 during the YP meeting dinner at Hall 1, from 6:00PM-7:30PM. You can come drop your kids off as usual, but just stay and eat with us. We will have some fellowship and prayer with you all for our precious young people and aim to be blended more into one in our care and shepherding of them. May the Lord bless this next generation.

### ☉ Church-wide Lord's Day Gathering at Hall 1—May 11

The leading brothers in the church in Irvine would like to call **a church-wide gathering at Hall 1 on Lord's Day, May 11** for some special fellowship that will affect the church's pursuit and the Lord's move on the earth. In addition, the sixth grade baptisms will be held that morning, so we have an opportunity to witness the Lord adding a number of our precious children into the one Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13) and to welcome them into the church! The Lord's Table will commence at the usual time of **9:30am**, followed by the special fellowship and baptism.

**Parking:** As with all church-wide gatherings at Hall 1, parking will be in short supply. The parking lot is reserved for those cars containing 3 or more saints or for those with children and elderly saints. All others should park behind the meeting hall in the neighborhood streets of the Deerfield community. College students and FTTA trainees are encouraged to park at Venado Middle School on Deerfield Ave (which is a 10 minute walk across Deerfield Park behind the meeting hall).

**Children:** Children's service will be coordinated by districts or clusters of districts as with all church-wide gatherings.

**No love feast:** While we will be feasting on the Lord together, we will not have a corporate love feast. However, the saints are encouraged to make private arrangements for purposes of blending and fellowship.

### ☉ Sixth Grade Baptisms—May 11

Baptisms of the sixth graders will be held during the Lord's day morning church-wide meeting. Please pray for the following 6th graders' baptisms:

Jonathan Chen	Arthur Liu
Joy Chen	Chloe MacVicar
Xandra Edwards	Lisa Shi
Matthias Kwan	Emma Wang
Catherine Li	Elijah Wen
Daniela Lin	

### ☉ Summer Bible Camp—July 28-August 2

This year's Summer Bible Camp will take place from 7/28-8/2/14. We need many to serve as well as many to pray for the SBC. We need much participation to carry out this special week and encourage all parents and burdened saints to join our coordination times at Hall 1. We will be meeting the following times:

May 11 from 2:30-3:30pm  
 June 1 from 3:30-4:30pm  
 June 22 from 2:30-3:30pm  
 July 13 from 3:30-4:30pm  
 July 27 from 3:30-4:30pm

### ☉ One-Day Retreat for Young Families and Working Saints—June 7

To all young families and working saints from roughly the age of 23 to early 40s: **please save the date for a one-day retreat on Saturday, June 7, 2014.** Location, schedule, and cost TBD. Full children's service will be provided. Please be on the lookout for more information in the near future.