

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

September 7, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ☼ The Gospel in Irvine

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 27 & 28

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	625-626	109
Tuesday	627-628	110
Wednesday	629-630	111
Thursday	631-632	112
Friday	633-634	113
Saturday	635-636	114

## Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis, Volume 6, Week 31

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**Local:** The Gospel Going Forth on the Campuses of the Young People and at Irvine Valley College

- ☼ Pray that the church here will enter further into a Christ-experiencing and Christ-enjoying life that will issue in the furtherance of the gospel on the campuses of the young people and at IVC.
- ☼ Pray that a daily life worthy of the gospel would be built up among all the saints

and that the coordination among the students, families and serving ones would be strengthened to bring forth Christ on these campuses.

- ☼ Pray for the brooding Spirit to work in the hearts of the young people on these campuses that they would be prepared to receive the Lord and be delivered out of the world and into God's eternal purpose.

## INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE

The 2015 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from Saturday, February 21, 2015 through Lord's Day, February 22, 2015. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Meeting 1: Sat., Feb 21, 10:00 am

Meeting 2: Sat., Feb 21, 12:30 pm

Meeting 3: Sat., Feb 21, 2:30 pm

Meeting 4: Lord's Day, Feb 22, 9:00 am

Meeting 5: Lord's Day, Feb 22, 11:00 am

Officially provided tickets would be required for admission to the meetings. There will be translation into English and other languages as needed. **All saints who plan to attend the conference should complete their registration by November 30, 2014.** This is a firm deadline, and late registration will not be accepted.

**Registration:** All attendants of the conference should complete their registration by November 30, 2014 according to the following guidelines:

- ☼ All saints attending the conference should be registered corporately by churches, regions, or countries. Application by individuals will not be accepted. Please contact brother Jay Cheng if you have any questions. Email: jay\_gusa@yahoo.com, Phone: (949) 247-9903.

- ☼ Hospitality during the conference and church visitation arrangements will be available to believers only. Gospel candidates invited to the conference should make their own arrangements for lodging.

- ☼ Hospitality arrangements will be made during the conference for February 20 through February 23 (four days and three nights). Church visitation trips will be arranged in two periods: Period One—February 17 through February 20 (four days and three nights); Period Two—February 23 through February 26 (four days and three nights). Those who arrive early or depart late should make their own arrangements for transportation from and to the airport, and for lodging beyond the periods mentioned above.

- ☼ Church visitation trips will be arranged by the church in Taipei. Those who are registered for church visitation will be assigned to visit churches in Taiwan in various groups.

- ☼ Each overseas registrant of the conference should submit a donation of \$100.00 USD (which will cover hospitality during the conference). This donation is not refundable.

- ☼ Each registrant for a church visitation trip should submit a donation of \$150.00 USD, which is not refundable.

## LETTERS FROM TRAINEES

*Continuing from last week, below are two more letters from trainees currently in the FTTA for the encouragement of the saints.*

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from the FTTA! I have just finished my first two weeks of the training, and I think I am assimilating pretty well. I've even learned to appreciate things that I didn't think I would appreciate in the training.

First, I actually appreciate that we are required to clean every morning before we leave the house, and more thoroughly once a week. Coming back to a clean house is actually very refreshing. And we have certainly had a lot of fellowship regarding the matter of having a proper appearance in both attire and living. The rules are very strict, and the stand-

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## Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, Sept. 19 - Lord's Day, Sept. 21, Irvine Fall Retreat, Big Bear

## Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

## This Week

7 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12pm Corporate Lord's Table at Hall 1 followed by Session 3 of the Local Perfecting Conference
9 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
10 <sup>TH</sup> Wednesday	☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
11 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
12 <sup>TH</sup> Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
13 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday	☉ 6:00pm Special fellowship for HS seniors and YP blending meeting in Anaheim (meet at Irvine hall 1)
14 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

## LETTERS FROM TRAINEES (CONT'D)

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ards are very high here; however as members of the Body of Christ, we need to properly represent God on this earth.

Second, I have learned to appreciate that a secret to being happy in the training is just learning to say, "Amen, Lord!" Brother Lee shared in a video training that "regulation comes from revelation, and revelation brings us into obedience." In Acts 15:37-39, we see that persisting in our own opinions can be detrimental to the Body of Christ. In these verses, Barnabas wanted to bring his cousin Mark along for the gospel. But Paul, who was the leading one at that time, had the sense that Mark should not go with them because of his previous actions. Barnabas disagreed and "there was a sharp contention." Oh Lord! Do save us from our own opinions, no matter how dear they are to us!

I definitely have my own opinions about things; however I have realized and truly acknowledge the sincerity and experience of the elders and co-workers who oversee the training. I believe that much fellowship and prayer has gone into pretty much every detail of the training, even the instructions on how to clean the shower! During a fellowship about how to care for the training and related facilities, it was shared that it is very important to follow the instructions on how to clean the showers. The instructions dictate that when using one of the all-purpose cleaners, we should spray it onto a rag instead of directly onto the surface. It seems like a small matter, but it specifically says to spray on a rag because there have been incidents in which spraying directly onto the surfaces has caused the showers to be too slippery, and sisters have slipped. One was even sent to the hospital as a result.

There are a lot of other things I have experienced and would like to share, but my e-mail is already really very long, and so I think I should restrict myself. Lord, keep me enjoying Your rich dispensing that I may continue to have fresh, new experiences of You!

Before I close this e-mail though I suppose it would be good to give an update of my service. I am on the YP team and my locality is Anaheim! This was surprising to me since there were already 2 other trainees from Irvine assigned to Anaheim YP before I was assigned, but Praise the Lord for His divine arrangements! Lord, You do know what we need!

As a member to the other members of the one Body, Phillis Chang

Praise the Lord Saints!

I apologize for my late update here in the training. It has taken me a while to get used to the schedule here in the training and find the time to send out an email, but by the Lord's mercy, He is growing in me so He can be the One to adjust to the schedule and not me. I am loving my time here in the training because it has really begun to make me appreciate the

Word and the ministry more than I ever could have imagined.

I live with eight other brothers in a house near the old training center, and through them, I am learning to exercise my spirit in practical things such as cleaning up the house or gathering together early in the morning just to call on the Lord.

I have been assigned to the Cerritos campus team, which is made up of 12 members including me. This campus has no full-time team, therefore we play the role of the full-timers and the trainees on the campus. I thank the Lord for His arrangement because it has forced me to open up to unbelievers in preaching the gospel, something that I have always needed practice with.

In my classes I have been learning and beginning to appreciate so many things, such as we participate in God's Economy simply by turning and exercising our spirit! I am taking nine classes each week ranging from "The Full Ministry of Christ" to "Children, Young People, and the Campus." They may overload us with many readings, but it is forcing me to turn to my spirit, as in my self I cannot be constituted with all the truths that are buried in the ministry.

If there is one thing I can leave you with, in my time in the training, I am appreciating right now the importance of getting into the Word and prayer. In the context of the Word, it is extremely crucial for all of us to get into it in an exercised way because through the Word, we are dividing ourselves from our soul by getting into our spirit. By getting into our spirit in the Word, we sanctify ourselves in the truth, are constituted with it in our being, and receive God as life in our being. This replaces many things in our natural self which are not useful to the Lord and begins to transform us. In the context of prayer, I am finally beginning to understand and appreciate the fact that nothing of the Lord's work here on earth can be done without our prayer. Whenever we go preach the gospel on the campus, we always pray on the way to the campus, while on the campus, and on the way back home. This is because only through our prayers can the Lord's hand move on the earth and get things accomplished. Also, this forces us to get into our spirits, so whenever we are anywhere, we are always in our spirit and never in ourselves. Praise the Lord for the work He is doing in us!

Learning to live by the Lord, Orlando Ramirez