

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 6, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

Please refer to the suggested directions for prayer.

Weekly Truth Pursuit

The *Life-Study of Ephesians* will be suspended temporarily. Please substitute your reading with the following portions of ministry which are available online at www.ministrybooks.org:

"Prayer and Abiding in the Lord" and "Prayer and the Lord's Word," from *Lessons on Prayer*, chaps. 11-12, by Witness Lee.

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1504-1505	700
Tuesday	1506-1507	701
Wednesday	1508-1509	702
Thursday	1510-1511	703
Friday	1512-1513	704
Saturday	1514-1515	705

Morning Revival

Prayer and the Lord's Move
(Thanksgiving Conference 2012),
Week 2

Word of the Week

Petition

SUGGESTED DIRECTIONS FOR PRAYER

The following points are offered as suggested directions for the prayer of the saints and the churches. These are not meant to be received as a formality or a legality that would limit our prayer in any way. No list of prayer burdens can replace our living contact with the resurrected and ascended Christ, who intercedes on the throne and in our spirit and who alone can supply us with the genuine burden and utterance for our prayer (Rom. 8:26, 34; Heb. 7:25).

Day 6 – Lord's Day, Jan. 6

The vitalization of the saints and the churches in the Lord's recovery through the exercise and practice of all the aspects of the God-ordained way to become the living testimony of Jesus in all the localities for an anti-testimony to the degradation around us.

Day 7 – Monday, Jan. 7

The building up of the local churches for the building up of the organic Body of Christ through the growth in life of all the saints unto maturity to consummate the New Jerusalem as the eternal, corporate expression of the processed and consummated Triune God.

Day 8 – Tuesday, Jan. 8

The continuation of the ministry of prayer in all the churches for the intercession concerning the world situation and the Lord's move in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Australasia, and Israel, for the consummation of this age.

The following points are offered as suggested directions for the prayer of the saints and the churches specifically related to the Lord's move in North America:

Day 9 – Wednesday, Jan. 9

The intensified preaching of the high gospel, the propagation of the word of the ministry, and the establishment of new local churches, for the increase and spread of the Lord's testimony.

Day 10 – Thursday, Jan. 10

The people who are predestinated by God: (1) sinners to be saved and seeking believers to come to the full knowledge of the truth, (2) proper and useful ones to be gained for the recovery, and (3) a demographically proportionate number of local people to be added to the recovery.

Day 11 – Friday, Jan. 11

All ages of saints in the churches to function according to their capacity, especially in the raising up of the next generation—the children, young people, and college-age saints—for the Lord's testimony according to His economy.

Day 12 – Saturday, Jan. 12

The growing ranks of young working saints (ages 20-40) in the churches, both the job-dropping and the job-keeping saints, including the graduates of the full-time training, to be strong in the spirit to overcome in order to live Christ for the church and to be normal functioning members in the service of the Body to bear the primary burden in the practical church life.

MINISTRY EXCERPT FROM THE LIFE-STUDY OF DANIEL

The Destiny Apportioned by God

The seventy weeks are the destiny apportioned by God for His people and for His holy city ([Daniel 9:]24a).

The Purpose

The purpose of the seventy weeks is to close the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make propitiation for iniquity, to bring in the righteousness of the ages, to seal up vision and prophet, and to anoint the holy of holies (v. 24b). Today in the old creation under human government, transgression, sins, and iniquity are prevailing. When Christ comes to crush human government, at the time appointed, the transgression will be closed, sins will be ended, and iniquity will be propitiated.

Then the righteousness of the ages will be brought in. The expression of the ages is a Hebrew idiom which means "eternity" or "eternal." Hence, the righteousness of the ages is an eternal righteousness. The coming kingdom age will be an age of divine righteousness, and in the new heaven and new earth, there will be eternal righteousness (2 Pet. 3:13).

Daniel 9:24b also speaks of the sealing up of vision and prophet. The vision and prophet will be sealed because everything will be fulfilled. There will, therefore, be no need of visions or prophets. In the kingdom age, there will be kings and priests but no prophets.

The last aspect of the purpose of the seventy weeks is to anoint the holy of holies. At the time of Daniel's prayer, the holy of holies

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Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, Feb. 15 - Lord's Day, Feb. 17, International Chinese-speaking Conference, 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

6TH Lord's Day ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

8TH Tuesday ☉ 7:30–9:00pm Church-wide corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1

10TH Thursday ☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2

11TH Friday ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes

12TH Saturday ☉ 7:30–8:30am Corporate prayer time at Hall 3
☉ 6:00pm Young People's meeting

13TH Lord's Day ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

MINISTRY EXCERPT FROM THE LIFE-STUDY OF DANIEL (CONT'D)

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was contaminated, defiled, and devastated. But when the apportioned time comes, the holy of holies will be properly anointed. This means that the service to God will be recovered. What a blessing!

The Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24-27 tells us of the seventy weeks. The seventy weeks are divided into three parts, with each week being seven years, not seven days, in length.

First, seven weeks of forty-nine years were apportioned from the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the completion of the rebuilding (v. 25).

Second, sixty-two weeks of four hundred thirty-four years were apportioned from the completion of the rebuilding of Jerusalem to the cutting off of the Messiah (vv. 25-26). "Messiah will be cut off and will have nothing" (v. 26). This refers to the crucifixion of Christ. The cutting off of Messiah—the crucifixion of Christ—was the termination of the old creation with the human government in the old creation and the germination through the resurrection of Christ of God's new creation with God's eternal kingdom as the divine administration in God's new creation. Thus, the cross of Christ is the centrality and universality of God's work.

This word concerning Messiah's being cut off is not bad news but good news. Through His death on the cross, Christ terminated the old creation. Then in His resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b) to germinate those whom God has chosen and make them a new creation. If we see this, we will realize that the word in Daniel 9:26 about the death of Christ is good news.

Whereas the first part of verse 26 speaks of the death of Christ, the remainder of this verse speaks of another matter. "The people of the prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary" (v. 26b). This reveals that the prince of the Roman Empire, Titus, would come with his army to destroy the city and the sanctuary—the temple. The Lord Jesus also prophesied concerning this destruction in Matthew 24:2. This destruction took place in A.D. 70. As Daniel 9:26c goes on to say, the end of it would be with a flood, and even to the end there would be war. The desolations have been determined.

Finally, in verse 27 we have the one week of seven years. This week will be for Antichrist to make a firm covenant with the people of Israel.

Between the sixty-ninth week and the last week, there is a gap which has already lasted for nearly two thousand years. In this gap the church is being secretly and mysteriously built by Christ in His resurrection to be the Body of Christ and bride of Christ. Also, in this gap Israel has been suffering, having lost their fathers' homeland and having been scattered. Nevertheless, God has not forgotten His people Israel but continues to grant them some degree of mercy. Eventually, the last week of seven years will come.

Life-Study of Daniel—Message 14

WORD OF THE WEEK: "PETITION"

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

In [Philippians] 4:6 and 7 Paul says, "In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." Paul certainly composed these verses in a very thoughtful way. In verse 6 he speaks of prayer, petition, and thanksgiving. Prayer is general and includes the essence of worship and fellowship; petition is special and is related to particular needs. According to Christian experience, to pray is to have fellow-

ship, communion, with the Lord and to worship Him. Daily we need to have a time to contact the Lord, to have fellowship with Him, and to worship Him. During the course of our fellowship, we may have particular requests. Thus, we not only pray in a general way, but make petitions to the Lord in a particular way. We offer our petitions to the One with whom we are having fellowship. Petition, therefore, is a special request made during the course of our prayer. (*Life-study of Philippians*, Message 62)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ **Wedding Reception for Chris and Krizia Baldon**

Chris and Krizia Baldon were married in Long Beach on December 1, 2012. There will be an open house reception for them at the

home of Rich and Judy Yardley, 35 Deer Creek, Irvine, on Saturday, January 12, from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Rex or Shayla Baldon.