

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 8, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Lord's move in Greece
- ☉ Lord's move in Italy
- ☉ Districting in Irvine
- ☉ College students' winter retreat
- ☉ Saints struggling with health conditions, unemployment, loss of family, and other personal matters.

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Ministry reading: *Life-Study of Exodus, messages 164 & 165*

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	928-929	412
Tuesday	930-931	413
Wednesday	932-933	414
Thursday	934-935	415
Friday	936-937	416
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Morning Revival

The Focus of the Lord's Recovery: Week 1

Word of the Week

Join

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=2935>

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	216
Hall 2	114
Hall 3	98
TOTAL	428

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International:

The Lord's Move in Thessaloniki, Greece (*see report below*)

- ☉ Pray that the Lord will release and gather the seeking ones.
- ☉ Pray that the seeking ones will desire regular fellowship that will lead to their becoming a golden lampstand for the testimony of Jesus.

The Lord's Move in Italy

- ☉ Pray for the increase among the native Italian people.
- ☉ Pray for the translation of the hymns and the ministry publications into Italian.
- ☉ Pray for the free distribution of ministry publications by Rhema in Italy.

Irvine

- ☉ Pray that the church here will experience a genuine revival and enter further into the reality of the Body of Christ through every saint giving Christ the first place, the preeminence in every aspect of our living.
- ☉ Pray that as the church takes the way of districting there would be in every saint the highways to Zion that God's desire for a corporate habitation and expression of Himself would be realized by every saint allowing Christ to saturate and permeate us with Himself and make His home in our hearts.
- ☉ Pray for the Irvine college students' winter retreat from Jan. 13-15.

REPORT ON VISIT TO SEEKING ONES IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE

We thought we would share a little with you about our recent visit to Thessaloniki. First of all, we want to tell you that the Lord truly did more than we could ask or think. We believe that this time was really on the Lord's heart. On the evening of the 28th of December, the Lord gathered 10 Rhema readers and 15 of their contacts for the seminar. Our view for this time was to model for them how they could continue enjoying the Lord in the ministry in their homes on a regular basis. We had two sessions based on two chapters from the book *The Economy of God*. A brother opened each session with an overview of the chapter and then we broke up into three small groups. During the group time we read selected portions from each chapter and fellowshiped from what we read using two guiding questions to help us. After the second session, we asked the participants if any of them would be

interested in hosting a similar meeting in their home, or attending a meeting in someone else's home. Five people responded that they would like to have such a meeting in their home and nine said they would be interested in going to someone else's home. We also learned later that there is a group of five people in a village outside of Thessaloniki gathering every Wednesday to read the ministry. We were so thankful to the Lord for putting us in contact with them. During this whole time, we really sensed the blessing of the Lord and the supply from the Body. We will now begin to look to the Lord as to how we can take care of these seeking ones. Please pray with us for this.

Yours in Christ,

The saints in Athens, Greece

WORD OF THE WEEK: "JOIN"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Deut. 4:4: But you who joined yourselves to Jehovah your God are alive, all of you, today.

Rom. 6:5: For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Rom. 11:17: But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree.

1 Cor. 6:17: But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Thursday, Jan. 26,** International Chinese-speaking Conference, Taipei, Taiwan
- ❖ **Friday, March. 30 - Lord's Day, April. 1,** ITERO, Anaheim, CA

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
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Online Forms

Record baptisms:
baptisms.churchinirvine.org
Register for user account:
churchinirvine.org/register
Register for truth pursuit emails:
truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org
Register for services:
servicesignup.churchinirvine.org

This Week

8TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3
10TH Tuesday	❖ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings in the homes
12TH Thursday	❖ 10:00am All-language sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2
13TH Friday	❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
14TH Saturday	❖ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination (by halls) ❖ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
15TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

WORD OF THE WEEK: "JOIN" (CONT'D)

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2 Cor. 1:21: But the One who firmly attaches us with you unto Christ and has anointed us is God.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

Rom 6:5, note 1 (grown): This denotes an organic union in which growth takes place, so that one partakes of the life and characteristics of the other. In the organic union with Christ, whatever Christ passed through has become our history. His death and resurrection are now ours because we are in Him and are organically joined to Him. This is grafting (11:24). Such a grafting (1) discharges all our negative elements, (2) resurrects our God-created faculties, (3) uplifts our faculties, (4) enriches our faculties, and (5) saturates our entire being to transform us.

Rom 11:17, note 1: Grafting produces an organic union (see note 5¹ in ch. 6). It is not the exchanging of a poor life for a better life. Rather, it is the uniting of two lives as one so that they may share one mingled life and one living. Such a mingling of life takes place when two similar yet different lives pass through death (cutting) and resurrection (growth). This depicts our union with Christ.

1 Cor. 6:17, note 1 (joined): This refers to the believers' organic union with the Lord through believing into Him (John 3:15-16). This union is illustrated by that of the branches with the vine (John 15:4-5). It is a matter not only of life but in life (the divine life). Such a union with the resurrected Lord can only be in our spirit.

1 Cor. 6:17, note 2: This indicates the mingling of the Lord as the Spirit with our spirit. Our spirit has been regenerated by the Spirit of God (John 3:6), who is now in us (v. 19) and is one with our spirit (Rom. 8:16). This is the realization of the Lord,

who became the life-giving Spirit through resurrection (15:45; 2 Cor. 3:17) and who is now with our spirit (2 Tim. 4:22). This mingled spirit is often referred to in Paul's Epistles, e.g., in Rom. 8:4-6.

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

We the believers are joined to the Lord as one spirit. This is a great mystery, perhaps the most mysterious matter revealed in the Bible. Who can explain such a mystery? Can you explain how it is possible for us to be one spirit with the Lord? Although we cannot explain it, we can surely experience it. Often I pray in the morning, "Lord, thank You for another day in which to practice being one spirit with You." What a wonder that sinners such as we can be one spirit with the Lord! The more we consider this matter, the more we realize how wonderful it is.

In [1 Corinthians] 6:17 Paul plainly declares the fact that we are one spirit with the Lord. But few of us have paid adequate attention to this. We need much time to study this verse and explore it in an experiential way. We need to experiment and learn how to be one spirit with the Lord in our speaking and in all that we do. As we do various things, we need to consider whether or not we are one spirit with the Lord. (*Life-study of Corinthians*, p. 349)

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SAN MARCOS DOOR KNOCKING

The churches in San Diego county will continue door-knocking in the city of San Marcos to find the sons of peace for the Lord's testimony on the following dates in 2012: January 21, February 18, and March 17. The time, 3:00-5:00pm, will remain the same. All who are burdened to join are welcome.

Please email brother Chris Nerstad at cnestad@cox.net if you need further information.

"Oh Lord bless this time of blending and increase Your testimony through the speaking and release of Your Word! Raise up Your golden lampstand in the city of San Marcos!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Young People's Winter Getaway

The young people will be having their annual winter getaway in 2012. Please note the dates of the getaway have been changed to

February 3-5. Please sign up for the getaway at irvineyp.com.