

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 11, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ FTTA gospel trips to Europe
- ⊗ Lord's move in Czech Republic
- ⊗ New truth pursuit

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Philippians, messages 1-2

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	805-806	199
Tuesday	807-808	200
Wednesday	809-810	201
Thursday	811-812	202
Friday	813-814	203
Saturday	815-816	204

Morning Revival

Review of
*Holy Word for Morning Revival—
The Heavenly Vision, Week 6*
(2014 Memorial Day Conference)
Title: The Vision of Consecration

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: FTTA Gospel Trips to Europe (Jan 22 - Feb 5)

Approximately 80 FTTA trainees plus serving ones from the USA and the UK will visit 16 countries, including France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Belgium, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, and the UK. Please pray for:

- ⊗ the Lord's covering over all the travel and practical arrangements.
- ⊗ the blending and coordination of the trainees with the saints and full-timers in Europe.
- ⊗ the gaining of many local seekers for the Lord's testimony throughout Europe.

The Lord's Move in the Czech Republic

Beginning on January 17, six monthly seminars will be held in the Czech Republic to shepherd ministry readers and seeking ones. The saints have been praying consistently for

the increase in the Czech Republic, and they are happily involved in the preparations for the seminars. The prayer and the labor for the preparations have been very profitable for the Lord's interests.

- ⊗ Please pray for the seminars, for the follow-up and gaining of the seeking ones, and for new openings and new ways to distribute the ministry books in 2015.

Irvine: Truth Pursuit in the *Life-Study of Philippians*

- ⊗ Pray for a habit of pursuing the truth to be built up in the daily life and church life of all the saints.
- ⊗ Pray that the appetite of the saints for the heavenly food would increase by a change of diet in the lives of the saints that would cause us to be reconstituted with Christ and be delivered from everything "Egyptian" to be God's dwelling place.

MINISTRY PORTION

THE BACKGROUND AND SUBJECT OF PHILIPPIANS

Scripture Reading: Phil. 1:1-18, 27-30; 2:1-5, 12-16; 3:2-11; 4:2-3, 14-19

In the Bible there are two books which are concerned with experience rather than with doctrine. These books are Song of Songs and Philippians.

We have pointed out that four New Testament books make up the heart of the divine revelation. These books are Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians all have a similar pattern of composition. In these books Paul first presents doctrines, then experience. After setting forth a certain doctrine, Paul encourages us to walk according to that doctrine. Ephesians, for example, is written in two main parts. The first part, chapters one through three, sets forth the doctrine regarding the church, the Body of Christ. But the second section, composed of chapters four through six, is concerned with our walk according to the doctrine unfolded in the first three chapters. Since Ephesians is composed in this way, it is a book of both doctrine and experience. In principle, the same is true of Galatians and Colossians.

The book of Philippians, however, is different in this regard. It is not Paul's intention in writing this book to convey doctrine. This does not mean that there is no doctrinal ele-

ment in this book. All the New Testament writings have a doctrinal ingredient. But strictly speaking, Philippians is not concerned with doctrine; it is concerned with the experience of Christ.

In 1:20 Paul says, "Christ shall be magnified in my body," and in 1:21 he declares, "To me to live is Christ." These two statements represent the basic concept of the whole book. In this book we are charged to magnify Christ and to live Him. To magnify Christ is not only to express Him; it is to express Christ by causing Him to be enlarged. We should magnify Christ by living Him in a practical way day by day. Our daily living should be a living that lives Christ. Certain ethical teachings encourage people to live by particular virtues. The book of Philippians, however, does not charge us to live according to ethics or virtues; it charges us to live according to Christ. Christ must be everything in our daily living. He must be even such virtues as humility and kindness.

Before Paul was saved, his life was centered around the law, and he lived the law. But after he was converted to Christ and was regenerated, he began to live Christ. Christ became not only Paul's life, but also his living. Eventually, according to his experience, Paul could declare that to him to live was Christ.

—*Life Study of Philippians, Message 1*

Upcoming Events

- ⊗ Friday, 1/16 - Lord's Day, 1/18—
Irvine YP Winter Getaway
- ⊗ Friday, 1/23 - Lord's Day, 1/25—
UCI Winter Retreat

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

- 11TH** ⊗ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day Table and prophesying
 meetings by districts
- 13TH** ⊗ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
 Tuesday ing by districts
- 15TH** ⊗ 10:00–11:00am Sisters
 Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3
- 16TH** ⊗ Evening Small groups in
 Friday the homes
- 18TH** ⊗ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day Table and prophesying
 meetings by districts

This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of Philippians

Message #:	Message 1	Message 2
Title:	The Background and Subject of the Book	The Church in Philippi
Scriptures:	Phil:1-18, 27-30; 2:1-5, 12-16; 3:2-11; 4:2-3, 14-19	Phil:1-11, 19, 27; 2:1-2; 4:2, 14-18
Verses to Pray-Read:	Phil. 1:20: "...in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now <u>Christ will be magnified in my body....</u> " Phil. 1:21: " <u>For to me, to live is Christ....</u> "	Phil. 1:9: "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in full knowledge and all discernment."
Radio Msg:	1	2

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: www.lsmradio.com/audio/philippians.html

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT: DECEMBER 2014

The church was able to completely pay off church building fund, especially those who would like to make up for any remaining unfulfilled pledges made in the past. Any new offerings for the building fund will be used to "pay back" the church's general account. The building fund will remain open to receive offerings until the last Lord's Day of January (1/25/2015).

	Current Month	Year to Date
Total Revenue	\$ 335,131	\$ 1,614,592
Expense:		
General and Admin Expenses	\$ 12,109	\$ 243,983
Fulltime Support	\$ 59,602	\$ 698,278
Fellowship unto Gospel	\$ 31,903	\$ 533,440
Gifts to Needy Saints	\$ 600	\$ 2,100
Other	\$ 6,832	\$ 81,985
Total Expense	\$ 111,046	\$ 1,559,787
Net Revenue / (Expense)	\$ <u>224,085</u>	\$ <u>54,805</u>

Note 1: Total revenue does not include offerings for the Irvine Facilities Fund.

Irvine Facilities Fund

	Current Month	Since Inception
Offerings for 2009 Pledges	\$ -	\$ 1,679,199
Offerings for 2010 Pledges	\$ -	\$ 894,821
Offerings for 2011 Pledges	\$ -	\$ 896,238
Offerings for 2012 Pledges	\$ 21,768	\$ 980,641
From General Fund	\$ <u>100,000</u>	\$ <u>689,595</u>
Total Offerings		\$ 5,140,493
Loan	-	-
Total Expenses	\$ (360)	\$ (5,169,534)
Net Balance		\$ (29,040)