

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 15, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ☉ Lord's move in Turkey
- ☉ Irvine
- ☉ 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 166 & 167*

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	940-941	418
Tuesday	942-943	419
Wednesday	944-945	420
Thursday	946-947	421
Friday	948-949	422
Saturday	950-951	423

## Morning Revival

*The Focus of the Lord's Recovery, Week 2*

## Word of the Week

### *Cling*

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<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/>

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	203
Hall 2	118
Hall 3	96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>417</b>

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International:** The Lord's Move in Turkey (*see report below*)

- ☉ Pray for the translation, publication and distribution of the ministry in Turkish that it would reach the sons of peace for the raising up of the testimony of Jesus in Turkey.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord would supply more translators and that their eyes would be opened to see the divine economy and be gained by the Lord for His testimony in Turkey.

**Local:** Irvine

- ☉ Pray that in this new year the church here will brought more into the reality of being the testimony of Jesus through every saint being daily revived by living a life of

morning revival and giving the Lord the first place in every aspect of their living that we would be daily filled and saturated with the Triune God for His corporate expression.

- ☉ Pray that a life and atmosphere of prayer will be built up both individually and corporately in the church that the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit will have the liberty to move freely in the church for the testimony of the Triune God.
- ☉ Pray that as the church takes the way of districting every saint will be vitalized and brought into function to practice the God-ordained way of begetting, nourishing, perfecting and building up for the growth and increase of the Body.

## UPDATE ON THE LORD'S MOVE IN TURKEY

In the beginning of December we visited one of our Turkish translators who did the translation for *The Knowledge of Life*. She and her husband are now serving in Campus Crusade doing some gospel outreach works. She started the fellowship with us by pointing out our messages are totally from the Brethren. Actually, they are now meeting in a denomination with a Brethren background. She said that she really enjoyed translating our messages and asked us how many books we have. She was amazed when we told her that we have more than a thousand titles. One of her Christian friends who helped to do the draft told her that it is really a blessing for her even to read such messages. Her husband told us that he also enjoys the messages and even wants to use them to shepherd the new ones in his ministry.

When they asked us what our purpose for translating these books into Turkish was, we told them that we wanted to present the com-

plete revelation in the Bible from the beginning of the book of Genesis to the last chapter in the book of Revelation to all the children of God. We also gave them a NT Recovery version with footnotes and a copy of *The Experience of Life*. We expect to visit them again in January. May the Lord open their eyes to see more about His divine economy and give them a seeking heart to pursue His ministry!

All the translation drafts of the *New Believers' Series* were received in mid-December and we are in the process of proof-reading them. In this period of time we have also contacted some Christian publishers in order to know more about the situation and procedures of publishing in this country and will contact one more local Christian publisher in January. Please pray for the publication of Turkish literature.

## WORD OF THE WEEK: "CLING"

*Pray Over These Key Verses...*

**Deut. 13:4:** You shall follow Jehovah your God; and you shall fear Him, keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and hold fast to Him.

**Josh. 23:8:** But you shall cling to Jehovah your God, as you have done to this day.

**Psa. 119:31:** I cling to Your testimonies; / O Jehovah, do not put me to shame.

**S. S. 3:4:** Scarcely had I passed them / When I found him whom my soul loves; / I held him and would not let go / Until I had brought him into my mother's house / And into the chamber of her who conceived me.

**Luke 8:15:** But that which is in the good earth, these are those who in a noble and good heart hear the word and hold it fast and bear fruit with endurance.

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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  
 Blog: churchinirvine.org/Members  
 Audio: recentaudio.churchinirvine.org  
 Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org  
 Gospel: gospel.churchinirvine.org  
 Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org  
 YA: youngadults.churchinirvine.org  
 YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

## Online Forms

Record baptisms:  
[baptisms.churchinirvine.org](http://baptisms.churchinirvine.org)  
 Register for user account:  
[churchinirvine.org/register](http://churchinirvine.org/register)  
 Register for truth pursuit emails:  
[truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org](http://truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org)  
 Register for services:  
[servicesignup.churchinirvine.org](http://servicesignup.churchinirvine.org)

## This Week

15 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3
17 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	❖ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1 (by languages)
19 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	❖ 10:00am All-language sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2
20 <sup>TH</sup> Friday	❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
21 <sup>ST</sup> Saturday	❖ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination (by halls) ❖ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
22 <sup>ND</sup> Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1 and 3 (Hall 2 meets at Hall 1 for special fellowship)

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Phil. 3:12: Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

### Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

Hab 1:1, note 1, par. 1: (Habakkuk) Meaning embracing, or clinging to. The meaning of the prophet's name indicates that in order for sinners to receive God's eternal salvation (2:4), which is actually God Himself (Isa. 12:2; Luke 2:30), God became a man on the earth that He might embrace sinners and sinners might cling to Him (cf. Luke 19:1-10). See note 4<sup>1</sup> in ch. 2 and note 4<sup>1</sup> in Hosea 11.

S.S. 3:4, note 1: After finding her Beloved, she holds Him and will not let go until she brings Him into the Spirit of grace, through which she was regenerated (her mother's house and chamber), for secret fellowship. She was born in the mother's house and was conceived in the mother's chamber. The mother is grace (Gal. 4:26, 31 and note 31<sup>1</sup>), and the mother's chamber signifies love, which is of the Father and which issues in grace (Eph. 2:4-5). The Spirit brings God's love and carries God's grace to us (2 Cor. 13:14 and note 1, pars. 1 and 2); hence, He is called the Spirit of grace (Heb. 10:29). Although the lover of Christ fell into introspection, one day she woke up and realized that, though she was a sinner, she was saved by grace (Eph. 2:8). This revived her.

Phil. 3:12, note 7: At his conversion Paul was grasped, taken possession of, by Christ in order that he might grasp, take possession of, Christ. Christ gained him that he might gain Christ (v. 8).

### Read Some Helpful Ministry...

In verse 4 [Deuteronomy 13] Moses continued, "You shall follow Jehovah your God; and you shall fear Him, keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him,

and hold fast to Him." Instead of using the expression "hold fast to Him," we today may speak of laying hold on Christ. We all need to lay hold of, to hold on to, Christ (*Life-Study of Deuteronomy*, Chapter 12).

In verse 31 [Psalm 119] the psalmist said to God, "I cling to Your testimonies." We also need to cling to the word of God (*Life-Study of Psalms*, Chapter 40).

The name Habakkuk in Hebrew means "embracing" or "clinging to," signifying that we need to seek God by embracing Him or clinging to Him. For us to receive God's eternal salvation, we need to be embraced by God, and we need to cling to Him. Eternal salvation is actually God Himself. God does not save us by remaining in the heavens and stretching out His arm to reach the earth. In order to save us, God became a man on this earth and came to us. The central thought of the four Gospels is that the saving God came out of eternity into time, out of the heavens to earth, and out of divinity into humanity to be a man. In this way He could embrace man and man could cling to Him. While God was saving us, He was not in the appearance, the form, of God. Rather, He was in the form of a man named Jesus. Hosea 11:4 tells us that God draws us with the cords of a man, with the bands of love. The saving cords of love are Christ's humanity. The account of Zaccheus in Luke 19:1-10 shows us the way God saves us by coming to us. In order to be saved by God, we must be embraced by God and we must cling to Him (*Life-Study of the Minor Prophets*, Chapter 27).

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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](mailto: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](http://irvineyp.com) TODAY!