

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 22, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ International Chinese-speaking Conference
- ❖ 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 168 & 169*

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Morning Revival

The Focus of the Lord's Recovery, Week 3

Word of the Week

Delight

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=2994>

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	163
Hall 2	105
Hall 3	93
TOTAL	361

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: International Chinese-speaking Conference (Taipei, Taiwan)

- ❖ Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking to the churches in this time. Pray that through this conference the Lord will gain the response in the saints that will allow Him to further His move on this earth to gain His testimony, the corporate expression of the Triune God in all the churches.

Local: Irvine

- ❖ Pray that the church's taking the way of districting will cause a genuine revival in the church and that every saint will be renewed in their love and pursuit of the Lord to live in the divine dispensing for the corporate expression of the Triune God.

- ❖ Pray that the saints in every district will be blended together and built up together through mutual care and shepherding.

- ❖ Pray that all the saints in every district will be vitalized to be living and active in caring for the children and young people, and in going-forth to the community of Irvine to bear fruit for the enlargement of the Lord's testimony.

- ❖ Pray that a life and atmosphere of prayer will be built up both individually and corporately in the church that the Lord would have the ground and the way to advance His move in Irvine for His testimony.

FELLOWSHIP REGARDING DISTRICTING

After months of fellowship and ministering to the Lord, the church in Irvine is about to take another major step in the Lord's move—"districting." This change will affect how the church will meet on Lord's Days, its prayer meetings during the week, and certain practical aspects of the saints' day-to-day church life. We believe this step has been initiated by the Lord for the sake of the church's growth, function, care, and spread.

The composition of the districts will be unveiled to the whole church today in a separate handout that identifies the responsible brothers and the small groups in each district. This handout may not exhaustively cover every saint in the church in Irvine. Any saint who might have a question as to which district

he or she should belong (particularly those associated with no or multiple small groups) should fellowship with the district brothers immediately to determine which district would be most appropriate for them.

Most districts will formally start meeting as districts on Lord's Day, Feb. 12 (unless the responsible brothers in a district decide otherwise). However, the church will begin praying together as districts starting this Tuesday, Jan. 24. May each district lay a solid foundation of prayer so that this move would be "absolutely a move by the Spirit, in the Spirit, and with the Spirit through the coordination of the faithful and seeking members of the Body of Christ on the earth with the Head in the heavens." Acts 13:2, note 3.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "DELIGHT"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Job 27:10: Does he take delight in the Almighty? / Will he call upon God at all times?

Isa. 58:2: Yet they seek Me day by day / And take delight in knowing My ways, / Like a nation that has done righteousness / And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God. / They ask Me for righteous judgments; / They take delight in approaching God.

Isa. 58:14: Then you will have delight in Jehovah; / And I will cause you to ride upon the heights of the earth, / And I will feed you with the inheritance of Jacob your fa-

ther; / For the mouth of Jehovah has spoken.

Psa. 37:4: Delight yourself in Jehovah, / And He will give you the requests of your heart.

Psa. 40:8: I delight in doing Your will, O My God; / Indeed Your law is within My inward parts.

Psa. 119:16: I will take delight in Your statutes; / I will not forget Your word.

S. S. 2:3: As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, / So is my beloved among the sons: In his shade I delighted.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ Lord's Day, Feb. 12, Church in Irvine begins to meet in districts on Lord's Days
- ☉ 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
 Register for user account:
 churchinirvine.org/register
 Register for truth pursuit emails:
 truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org
 Register for services:
 servicesignup.churchinirvine.org

This Week

22ND ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day Table and morning meet-
 ings at Halls 1 and 3
 (Hall 2 meets at Hall 1 for
 special fellowship)

24TH ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meet-
 Tuesday ings by districts

26TH ☉ 10:00am Special fellowship
 Thursday for sisters at Hall 2

27TH ☉ Evening Small groups in
 Friday the homes

28TH ☉ 8:30am Brothers' prayer
 Saturday and coordination (by dis-
 tricts)
 ☉ 6:00pm Young People's
 meeting

29TH ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day Table and prophesying
 meetings at Halls 1, 2 & 3

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S.S. 2:3, note 1: The lover appreciates Christ as the source of rich provision (apple tree) who supplies her in a timely way. She is satisfied with her delight in resting (sitting down) under Christ as an overshadowing canopy in the day (shade—Isa. 4:5-6; 2 Cor. 12:9) and with her tasting Him as the sweet, timely supply (sweet fruit).

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

Our heart is the organ of our inclination and affection toward things; it represents us with regard to our inclination, affection, delight, and desire toward things. All our inclination, affection, delight, and desire are functions of our heart. Before we were regenerated, our heart was inclined toward sin, loved the world, and desired the things of passion; toward God, however, it was cold and hard, without inclination and without affection; toward the things of God and spiritual things, it had no delight and was void of any desire. So when God regenerates us, He renews our heart and makes our heart a new heart, with a new inclination, new affection, new delight, and new desire. Thus, once we are regenerated and saved, our heart inclines toward God, loves God, and desires God; toward the things of God, the spiritual things, and the heavenly things, it also has delight and desire. Whenever such things are mentioned, our heart is joyful, responsive, and desirous. (*The Knowledge of Life*, p. 37)

In today's Christianity much is said about serving, worshipping, and working for God. But we must see that we need to enjoy God. Some may even criticize us by saying, "These people do not go out to work for the Lord. They just talk about eating and enjoyment. This is too selfish. They are just for themselves and do not care for others. They do not have the outreach for the salvation of sinners." We need to see that we can have much service with many programs and activities without much result. The work must be the fruit of the enjoyment of God. In John 15 the Lord said, "Abide in Me and I in you"; then you will bear fruit (vv. 4-5). The work comes out of the full enjoyment of God. We must be brought back to the realization and understanding that we need God as our enjoyment. We have to know the items of God as our enjoyment and the way that we can enjoy Him. We also have to

help others to know how to enjoy God. Then we will all be filled with Him and some fruit will be produced. That will be the proper work, the proper activity. (*The Enjoyment of Christ*, Chapter 1)

It is God's commandment and desire that His people call on Him. It is the joyful way to drink from the fountain of God's salvation and the enjoyable way to delight oneself in God, that is, to enjoy Him. Hence, God's people must call upon Him daily.... It is vitally necessary for us, the believers in Christ, to participate in and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ with all He has accomplished, attained, and obtained. (*Life-Study of Acts*, Chapter 9)

Sing These Hymns...

Hymn 554

- 1 I come to His presence afresh
 Ere the night has passed into morning;
 And His face I see as it shines on me—
 The Lord within is dawning.
 And He speaks to me and reveals to me
 All His riches for me today;
 And with sweet delight I partake of Him,
 My hunger has passed away.
- 2 As Spirit He speaks thru the Word
 Till my heart in echo is singing,
 And the fount of life with His grace and
 pow'r
 Within my soul is springing.
 And He speaks to me and reveals to me
 All His riches for me today;
 And I drink of Him for my every need,
 My thirsting has passed away.
- 3 In tenderness He deals with me,
 While I stay with joy in His presence;
 And He saturates and supplies my soul
 With all His precious essence.
 And He speaks to me and reveals to me
 All His riches for me today;
 And in every way I partake of Him,
 My problems all passed away.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Children's Meeting Fellowship

There will be a meeting today, January 22, from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Hall 3 (620 Roosevelt) for all parents (with children up to 6th grade) and the saints who serve in the children's meetings. During the meeting we will fellowship how to carry out the Lord's Day morning children's work in the districts.

☉ Special Fellowship for Sisters

This Thursday, January 26, at 10am at Hall 2, there will be a special fellowship for the sisters during the usual sisters' prayer time. The burden for the fellowship is to strengthen the sisters' ministry of prayer, perhaps the most hidden yet most critical, underlying support to the church life. All sisters are encouraged to make every effort to attend this time of fellowship.