

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 3, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ Gospel Trips
- ⊗ International Chinese-speaking Conference
- ⊗ Irvine

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

Ministry reading: *Life-study of Ephesians, messages 63 & 64*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1552-1553	724
Tuesday	1554-1555	725
Wednesday	1556-1557	726
Thursday	1558-1559	727
Friday	1560-1561	728
Saturday	1562-1563	729

## Morning Revival

*Prayer and the Lord's Move*  
(Thanksgiving Conference 2012),  
Week 6

## Word of the Week

### Sing

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## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Gospel Trips

Continue to pray for the gospel trips of the trainees to Europe, South America, India, and the United States.

The 11 target cities throughout North America are: Amherst, Massachusetts; Conway, Arkansas; Grand Rapids, Michigan; Greeley, Colorado; Hamilton, Ontario; Knoxville, Tennessee; Lubbock, Texas; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Olympia, Washington; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Stillwater, Oklahoma.

- ⊗ Pray for the local saints to be burdened and supplied to labor in caring for those who have been contacted through the gospel trips in all these places.
- ⊗ Pray that many of those contacted would receive a heavenly vision of God's economy and be gained as material for God's building.

- ⊗ Pray that the burden to gospelize, truthize, and churchize this country would become the burden of saints in every locality.

### International Chinese-speaking Conference (Feb. 15-17)

- ⊗ Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking to the churches that through this conference the Lord would gain the response He needs to further His desire on the earth.
- ⊗ Pray for the newly-saved saints who will be attending and all the blending in the homes during the conference.

### Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray for the raising up of many genuine vital groups of two's and three's to pray and contact people for the Lord's increase in Irvine.

## LETTER OF THANKS

To the saints in Irvine,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and personal care for me throughout the past several years. Especially, thank you for your care for me in the FTTA. Your prayers, visitations, and care packages supplied me over the past two years and reminded me of who was back at home supporting me. In the training, I learned to be open and to allow the Lord to expose and deal with parts of my being I did not even know were there. Sometimes, just the mere thought of you was enough to bring me

through such trials and to go further in my training. Thank you.

Just for your awareness, I am now serving at Bibles for America and will move to San Diego in July in preparation for medical school at UCSD in the fall. Thank you again (and please forgive me for how late this "thank you" is). I love you all and will always have you in my heart.

Your brother,  
Fred Liu

## WORD OF THE WEEK: "SING"

*Pray Over These Key Verses...*

**Psa. 96:2:** Sing to Jehovah, bless His name; / Proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**Psa. 98:4:** Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth; / Break forth, and sing for joy, and sing psalms.

**Col. 3:16:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

*Read Some Helpful Ministry...*

If an old person such as me can sing this way, you can do even better. Sing in your daily life. Even the more, sing in the meetings. This kind of singing is surely scriptural; it comes from a walk that is according

to the Spirit. Even the more, it is an overflow of being filled with God in spirit (*Key Points on the Home Meetings*, Chapter 3).

The best way to exercise the spirit is by praying and singing. I encourage you to try it. Keep on praying and keep on singing. The more you pray and the more you sing, the more you exercise your spirit. The result will be that your spirit will be filled with the Holy Spirit. When you come to the meetings, spontaneously you will speak and sing with psalms and hymns (*Meeting to Speak the Word of God*, Chapter 3).

We must learn to sing because the more we sing, the more we get out of our mind and forget about our circumstances. The more we sing, the more we are in the spirit

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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

3 <sup>RD</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
5 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
7 <sup>TH</sup> Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2
8 <sup>TH</sup> Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
9 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday	☉ 8:00–9:00am Corporate prayer time at Hall 3 ☉ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
10 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

## WORD OF THE WEEK: "SING" (CONT'D)

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and the more our spirit is open and released. This is not my thought or opinion; this is the thought of the Holy Spirit and the thought of the apostle Paul. In Ephesians 5:18-19, Paul says that we should be filled in spirit, speaking to one another by singing. If we speak to one another by singing a psalm, hymn, or spiritual song, our spirits will be exercised and the Spirit will come out. We should not try to sing in a musical way but in a spiritual way. We should even forget about the music, the meter, and the rhyme. I am not a musician or an expert singer; I cannot sing that well. However, **whether I sing well or not, I must sing. We must learn how to praise the Lord by singing.** We need to read, study, and be able to recite some hymns. This way we can sing on the street or in the car. This matter is revealed not only in the New Testament but also in the Old Testament. When the people of Israel came together to worship God in the Old Testament, they sang as they were on their way to Zion (Psa. 133:1-3). If we sing while we are coming to the meeting in the car, the meeting will be in the heavens. **We must learn to exercise and open our spirit by singing** (*The Exercise of Our Spirit for the Release of the Spirit*, Chapter 4).

We should each have some choruses memorized so that we can sing them all the time in our spirit and with our spirit. When the young people want to exercise, they often play basketball, baseball, or football. That is the best way for them to exercise their body. However, in order to play, they need a ball. Similarly, the best way for us to exercise our spirit is to sing, but we need a "ball." We need to have some choruses in us so that we can sing them all the time. Then we must exercise to sing, not merely

from our mouth but from our spirit and in our spirit.

If we forget about sin and instead sing and praise all the time, we will be in the heavens, sin will not be able to touch us, and we will have the victory over sin. Many people are seeking to know the Lord's mind and will. However, if we would sing, the Lord's will would be clear to us in our spirit. The right way for a Christian to take is to exercise the spirit, contact God, receive the Lord, and express Him. If we have this, we will have everything, including victory over the world, sin, and the self (*The Exercise of Our Spirit for the Release of the Spirit*, Chapter 4).

The right way to exercise our spirit is to pray, but sometimes singing a hymn is even better than praying. If we try singing a hymn in the morning, our spirit will be exercised. The more we sing, the more our spirit will be released and strengthened, and the more our mind will be focused, our will subdued, and our emotions purified. Singing in the proper way will deliver us from our natural mind, emotion, and will. This is the best way to be liberated from the things of the natural life. Our singing is a test of whether or not we are in the spirit. If we are in the spirit, we will constantly be singing. Even while we are driving, we will have a song or a hymn with which to praise the Lord. Our singing and praising are a strong testimony to others that we are Christians (*The Exercise of Our Spirit for the Release of the Spirit*, Chapter 2).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ☉ International Chinese-speaking Conference—Urgent Need for Hospitality

2013 marks the 30th year of the International Chinese-speaking Conference. Chinese-speaking saints who have been saved in the past three years throughout North America have been especially invited and encouraged to attend this conference. As in previous years, Irvine, Huntington Beach, and San Juan Capistrano will provide hospitality to saints from Texas and from the Southeast. In 2010 we took care of 80 saints and in 2011, we took care of 60, but this year, we need hospitality for **more than 200 saints**. Texas will have approximately 150 saints attending, and there are already requests for 60 more from other states. Therefore, we would like to encourage the English-speaking, Korean-speaking, as well as the Chinese-speaking saints to open their homes to

receive these dear saints who are paying such a price to come.

Host families will need to provide the following from Friday, 2/15 through Lord's Day, 2/17:

1) A place to sleep (beds are not necessary for the younger saints) on Friday and Saturday night.

2) Breakfast on Saturday and Lord's Day morning; and dinner on Saturday night. Saturday lunch will be provided by the conference.

Hosts may drop off and pick-up guests at Hall 1 for transportation to Anaheim (details will be given at a later date). Each district should have a sign-up form, or you may contact Weihua Wu at Hall 1, Stephen Zhong at Hall 2, or Roger Jeng at Hall 3.