

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 10, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ Gospel Trips
- ❖ International Chinese-speaking Conference

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Ministry reading: *Life-study of Ephesians, messages 65 & 66*

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1564-1565	730
Tuesday	1566-1567	731
Wednesday	1568-1569	732
Thursday	1570-1571	733
Friday	1572-1573	734
Saturday	1574-1575	735

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Daniel & Zechariah, Week 1

Word of the Week

Praise

The full post is available here:
<http://members.churchinirvine.org/?p=4475>

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Gospel Trips

- ❖ Pray for the follow-up of those contacted through the various gospel trips to Europe, South America, India, and the U.S.

The 11 target cities where teams went in North America were: 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.
- ❖ Pray that those contacted would receive a heavenly vision of God's economy and be shepherded into the corporate experience

of Christ.

- ❖ Pray there would be a shining testimony of Jesus in all the localities where there were gospel trips.

International Chinese-Speaking Conference (Feb. 15-17)

- ❖ Pray for the release of the Lord's fresh speaking to the churches that this speaking would render the life supply to intensify the Lord's move in all the churches.
- ❖ Pray for the newly saved ones attending.
- ❖ Pray that there would be much blending of the saints in the one Body and that in all the homes there would be the genuine fellowship of life among those giving and receiving hospitality.

INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE

The schedule is as follows for the conference this weekend:

1st meeting: Friday, February 15, 7:30 pm
2nd meeting: Saturday, February 16, 9:00 am
3rd meeting: Saturday, February 16, 11:00 am
4th meeting: Saturday, February 16, 7:30 pm
5th meeting: Lord's Day, February 17, 9:00 am (Lord's table, message, and special fellowship)

All the meetings will be held at the Living Stream Ministry, Ministry Conference Center, 2431 W. La Palma Ave. Anaheim, California and will be open to the public. There will be translation into English, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Childcare: Care for children from Kindergarten through 6th grade during the conference meetings will only be provided for the children of out of town guests. Saints from nearby churches are asked not to bring your children to the LSM campus. Due to space limitations, childcare for nearby churches should be arranged in their own locality.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "PRAISE"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Psa. 119:164: Seven times a day I praise You / For Your righteous ordinances.

Psa. 146:2: I will praise Jehovah while I live; / I will sing psalms to my God while I yet have being.

Psa. 150:6: Let everything that has breath praise Jehovah. / Hallelujah!

Matt. 21:16: And they said to Him, Do you hear what these are saying? And Jesus said to them, Yes. Have you never read, "Out of the mouth of infants and sucklings You have perfected praise"?

Acts 16:25: And about midnight Paul and Silas, while praying, sang hymns of praise to

God; and the prisoners were listening to them.

Heb. 13:15: Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

David said in a psalm that he prayed to God three times a day (Psa. 55:17). Yet in another psalm, he said that he praised God seven times a day (119:164). David was inspired by the Holy Spirit when he acknowledged the importance of praising. He prayed only three times a day, but he praised seven times a day. Furthermore, he

(Continued on page 2)

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

10TH ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

12TH ☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ings by districts

14TH ☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters'
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 2

15TH ☉ 7:30pm International Chi-
Friday nese-speaking Conference
in Anaheim
☉ Evening Small groups in
the homes

16TH ☉ 9:00am International Chi-
Saturday nese-speaking Conference
in Anaheim
☉ 11:00am International Chi-
nese-speaking Conference
in Anaheim
☉ 6:00pm Young People's
meeting
☉ 7:30pm International Chi-
nese-speaking Conference
in Anaheim

17TH ☉ 9:00am International Chi-
Lord's Day nese-speaking Conference
in Anaheim
☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

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

(Continued from page 1)

appointed Levites to play psalteries and harps to exalt, thank, and praise God before the ark of His covenant (1 Chron. 16:4-6). When Solomon completed the building of Jehovah's temple, the priests carried the ark of the covenant into the Holy of Holies. When the priests came out of the Holy Place, the Levites stood beside the altar, sounded the trumpets, and sang with cymbals, psalteries, and harps. Together they sounded praises to God. At that moment, the glory of Jehovah filled His house (2 Chron. 5:12-14). Both David and Solomon touched God's heart and offered up sacrifices of praise that were pleasing to God. **Jehovah is enthroned upon the praises of Israel. We should praise the Lord all our life. We should sing praises to our God** (*Praising*, Chapter 1).

Whenever you run out of strength to pray and you find your spirit heavily oppressed, wounded, or sagging, praise Him. If you cannot pray, try to praise. We invariably think that we should pray when the burden is heavy and praise when the burden is over. But please bear in mind that there are times when the burden is so heavy that you cannot pray. That is the time for you to praise. We do not praise when there is no burden; we praise when the burden becomes too heavy. When you encounter unusual circumstances and problems and are bewildered and feel like collapsing, just remember one thing, "Why not praise?" Here is a golden opportunity. If you offer your praise at that moment, God's Spirit will operate in you, open all the doors, and break all the chains (*Praising*, Chapter 1).

Psalm 8:2 says that the Lord has established strength out of the mouths of babes and sucklings. Seemingly, strength does not

refer to something that comes out of the mouth. When the Lord quoted this verse in Matthew 21:16, He used the word praise instead of strength. Weaker ones in themselves cannot praise. To cry or weep does not require strength, but to praise requires strength. When we gossip, argue, or reason with people, that does not require strength. But without strength, we cannot praise the Lord. Some praises may come out of our mouth, but they cannot be considered as perfected praises, because they are not so full of strength. **Praises should be full of strength. Many times when the saints are praising the Lord, we can see the strength** (*Life-Study of Psalms*, Chapter 5).

The happiest persons are not always the ones who have the loudest praise. **The loudest praise comes very often from the ones who are passing through hardships. This kind of praise is most pleasing to God and is blessed by Him.** God does not want men to praise Him only when they are on the mountaintop surveying Canaan, the promised land. **God desires much more to see His people writing psalms and praising Him when they "walk through the valley of the shadow of death" (23:4). This is genuine praise** (*Messages for Building Up New Believers* (1), Chapter 17, Section 2).

To view the Word of the Week post
in its entirety, go to:
<http://members.churchinirvine.org/?p=4475>

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.