

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 12, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ Follow-up care related to Winter Gospel Trip
- ❖ GTCA 2012
- ❖ Full-Time Training
- ❖ Districting in 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 174 & 175*

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Morning Revival

The Focus of the Lord's Recovery, Week 6

Word of the Week

Draw

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=3035>

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	143
Hall 2	91
Hall 3	74
TOTAL	308

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Follow-up with contacts from Winter Gospel Trips to Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and South Africa

- ❖ Pray for the follow-up and care of all those contacted in the recent gospel trips that the word spoken in all these places will be like the rain and snow to water the earth that this word would prosper in bringing forth fruit for the Lord's testimony and spread of His kingdom on earth.

National: Gospelize, Truthize and Churchize America in 2012

Saints in 16 US cities continue laboring in the burden of preaching the gospel, spreading the truth, and raising up churches in North America. Of these cities, five were in the Western part of the US: San Marcos, CA; San Luis Obispo, CA; Bellingham, WA; and Greely, CO.

- ❖ Pray for the continued shepherding of those contacted through these trips that churches in all these 16 cities in the USA would be raised up and built up for the corporate expression of the Triune God.

Full-Time Training

- ❖ Pray for the Spring 2012 term of the full-time training in Anaheim and extension

in Boston. Pray that this term would be under the rich dispensing of the Triune God for the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Local: Irvine

- ❖ Pray that the scriptural, God-ordained way to meet and serve would be carried out in every district.
- ❖ Pray that there would be a revival and renewal of the Lord's table meeting, the weekly prayer meeting and the prophesying meeting in each district by every saint enjoying Christ daily and freshly giving themselves to build up the church.
- ❖ Pray that the spirit of the gospel would be ignited in each district and that the corporate priesthood of the gospel would be built up to contact and care for people.
- ❖ Pray for the special fellowship next Saturday morning regarding building up the church in the districts. Pray for the saints' attendance and that this time would be profitable to strengthen and advance the Lord's move in the church here.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "DRAW"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

James 4:8a: Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

Heb. 10:19: Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus. 20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh.

Heb. 10:22: Let us come forward to the Holy of Holies with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

God the Father not only is seen by the pure in heart but also draws near to those who draw near to Him. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." God can be seen, but we need to be pure in heart. Likewise, God desires to draw near to us, but we need to draw near to Him. If we do not draw near to Him, He will not draw near to us in our experience. His drawing near to us hinges on our taking

the initiative first to draw near to Him.

Whenever we draw near to God under the redeeming blood of Christ, we sense that God is near to us. He draws near to us that we may experience and enjoy Him. God shows His love and sympathy toward us by drawing near to us. When He draws near to us, He also comforts us, encourages us, and strengthens us. God the Father is near to those who draw near to Him that He may give them His love, sympathize with them, and comfort, encourage, and strengthen them. Thus, the believers experience and enjoy God as the Father in the love of God. (*Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 3, Lesson 25, p. 11*)

Today we will speak a little on the way to worship God. When we come before God, some people may come with a depressed feeling. Some may feel that they have not done well during the previous week, that they have disobeyed God's word, or that they have backslidden. As a result of these feelings, a person can be frustrated from worshipping God and drawing near to Him

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ Saturday, Feb. 18, Districting Fellowship at Hall 1
- ☉ 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

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| 12 TH
Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 14 TH
Tuesday | ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts |
| 16 TH
Thursday | ☉ 10:00am Sister's prayer meeting at Hall 2 |
| 17 TH
Friday | ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 18 TH
Saturday | ☉ 9:00am—12:00pm Districting fellowship at Hall 1 |
| 19 TH
Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |

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in a spontaneous and sweet way.

But whether or not our works are good has nothing to do with our coming to God. Please read [Hebrews 10:] 19, "Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus." This verse tells us that our coming to God is in nothing else other than the blood of the Lord Jesus. Good works, zeal, or spiritual experiences cannot qualify us to come before God or make us more worthy to draw near to Him. **Only the blood of the Lord Jesus enables us to draw near to God. If you think that the blood of the Lord Jesus is not enough for you to draw near to Him, I will tell you honestly that you will never be able to come to Him or worship Him.** (Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Vol. 19, p. 429)

Some say that we need the Lord Jesus to do everything for us and that He is our Mediator and go-between. But there is no such thing. **Verses 19 and 20 tell us that the Lord died for us in order that we could come directly to God.** Both in the Old Testament and New Testament, the blood on the altar is for the remission of sins. But at the same time, **the blood shed on the cross is also for us to draw near to God.** Some have thought that a person receives forgiveness through

the blood but that he worships and draws near to God through his works. This is why some think that when they do well that week, read the Bible, and pray all the time, they can come boldly to worship God, sing, and pray. Others think that they have not done well and therefore are not worthy to worship; they cannot sing and have no faith to pray. By doing this, they have made the blood worthless. We worship God through the blood, just as we are forgiven through the blood. (Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Vol. 19, p. 431)

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CHURCH-WIDE BLENDING MEETING ON MARCH 4

On Lord's Day, March 4, the church in Irvine will have a church-wide blending meeting at UCI in the Student Center from 9:30am-noon. During this gathering we will also hold our annual business meeting. The annual business meeting is held once a year to conduct a few formal matters of the church (such as the election of directors) as required by California law. While seemingly unrelated to spiritual affairs (the realm in which the church mostly exists and functions), the Bible nevertheless charges every person to "be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God" (Rom. 13:1). While the church holds fast to Christ as its unique Head, for it to subject itself to the state in which it is legally incorporated is actually to recognize God's authority and to respect His government over man.

Following the meeting there will be a church-catered love feast. Due to the financial situation of the church, the saints are asked to provide a small donation toward the love-feast and the parking permits, costs which are normally covered by the church. A donation for the love feast of \$5 per person can be made to the normal offering boxes. The church will also make available one paid parking permit per household in advance (see district responsible brothers). Those who have the means to do so can offer an additional \$10 to cover the cost to the church for their parking. To reduce congestion and fees, please carpool as much as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Meeting for Parents TODAY

There will be a meeting today from 4:00pm-5:00pm at Hall 3 for all parents (with children up to sixth grade) and saints who serve on children's meeting. We will use the time to continue our fellowship and coordination for the children's work in the districts.

☉ Districting Fellowship, Feb. 18

The saints are invited to a special time of fellowship on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Hall 1 from 9:00am-12pm, for more fellowship related to the districts. All those burdened for the districts are encouraged to attend to "be attuned to the same mind" (1 Cor. 1:10).