

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

March 18, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ✿ Europe
- ✿ Greece
- ✿ Austria
- ✿ Tucson Festival of Books
- ✿ High School Conferences
- ✿ 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 184 & 185*

Bible reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1048-1049	472
Tuesday	1050-1051	473
Wednesday	1052-1053	474
Thursday	1054-1055	475
Friday	1056-1057	476
Saturday	1058-1059	477

Morning Revival

The Crystallization-study of Psalms, Vol. 3, Week 17

Word of the Week

Call

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=3124>

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Raising Up of the Lord's Testimony in Major Cities in Europe

- ✿ Pray for the raising up of the Lord's testimony in these key European cities: Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Rome, Italy; Sofia, Bulgaria; Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Munich, Germany; Istanbul, Turkey; and other major cities in Europe.

The Lord's Move in Greece

- ✿ Please continue to pray that the Lord will gain more homes among the ministry readers in Athens and Thessaloniki in which regular meetings can be held to enjoy the Lord through the ministry.

The Lord's Move in Vienna, Austria

- ✿ Please continue to pray that the Lord will bless the home meeting in the house of one of the saints and will gain the new ones and their contacts for the raising up of a lampstand in this key European city.

National: Tucson Festival of Books Distribution and Follow-up

Saints in Tucson, Arizona represented Bibles for America this weekend at the Tucson Festival of Books. The festival drew more than 100,000 participants from Arizona, Texas, and as far away as Michigan. Nearly 200 copies of the New Testament Recovery Version and Basic Elements of the Christian Life were distributed, along with tracts and other ministry materials.

The Lord brought many open people to the BfA booth. Three recipients prayed to receive the Lord and several families with young children indicated that they are seeking fellowship and a place to meet. One believer, the American Indian chief of the Jicarillo Apache tribe from northern New Mexico, came to the

booth multiple times to have fellowship with the saints. Several recipients from last year's festival also stopped by to share their enjoyment, and one asked to be contacted for a home meeting.

Please pray that:

- ✿ The three who prayed to receive the Lord would remain under the shepherding care of the saints.
- ✿ The Lord would lead the saints as they get in touch with the recipients, especially the young families, who are open to be contacted.
- ✿ The Lord would nourish the out-of-state Bible and book recipients through the ministry and the Word.

Local: High School Conferences

- ✿ Pray for the two high school conferences this weekend. Pray that this time would issue in the young people being further attracted to the Lord and captured by Him that they would live uniquely unto Him for His purpose.

Irvine

- ✿ Pray for the building up of the church life in the districts by the saints' daily enjoyment of Christ as their life and everything.
- ✿ Pray that through the saints' daily enjoyment of Christ the meetings in the districts will be filled with the Word that the Spirit may flow out in praise and speaking to one another in mutuality.
- ✿ Pray that a life of shepherding and going forth to contact people with the riches of Christ will be built up in every district for the increase and spread of the Lord's testimony in Irvine.

LETTER FROM STEPHANIE CHOU

The following paragraphs are excerpted from a letter written by Stephanie Chou who is in her 1st term of the FTTA and serving on the Cerritos College team.

Dear fellow captives of Christ,

I finally have some time to share my enjoyment from the past few weeks!

Pre-training was so enjoyable. One of the main things I appreciated hearing was that we are under the one vision of the age. God only gives one vision in an age, and we are under this ONE ministry of the age, which issues out of the one vision. If we want to be those who are up-to-date with the Lord's move, we need

to find out where this vision is and be under it for the rest of our lives. The Lord is looking for a group of people, not even a large number, but those who are absolute for Him who will carry out this vision, just like Noah building the ark. There was only Noah and his sons against the whole evil and perverted generation, but because they saw the vision, they gave themselves absolutely for this vision and were saved. I just pray that the Lord would continue to make clear the vision of this age to us that we would follow this ministry absolutely!

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Upcoming Events

- ☪ Friday, Mar. 30 - Lord's Day, Apr. 1, ITERO, Anaheim, CA
- ☪ Lord's Day, Apr. 22, 4:00-6:00pm, Children's work fellowship, Hall 3
- ☪ Friday, May 25 - Lord's Day, May 28, Memorial Day Conference, Bellevue, WA

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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| 18 TH
Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 20 TH
Tuesday | ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts |
| 21 ST
Wednesday | ☪ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3 |
| 22 ND
Thursday | ☪ 10:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2 |
| 23 RD
Friday | ☪ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 24 TH
Saturday | ☪ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination (by districts)
☪ 6:00pm Young people's meeting |
| 25 TH
Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |

LETTER FROM STEPHANIE CHOU (CONT'D)

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The enjoyment level in each meeting is just so high. I know deep in my being that this is the right and best place to be. Being with so many different kinds of people with different backgrounds and different testimonies really makes me appreciate and love the Body of Christ so much. The one new man is really expressed here, where there really is no Jew, no Greek, no race, no status, no positions! Praise the Lord, Christ is all and in all! We are all here because we are constrained by the love of God!

On that note, this past ministry meeting was on "Expressing Christ by Triumphant in Him for Our Ministry," which was mainly based on 1 Corinthians 2:14-16. Brother Ron Kangas spoke such an encouraging word on us needing to be captives of Christ, those who are subdued, captured, and defeated not only in our mind and emotion (which are much easier), but especially in our will, because our will determines our person. Our will is the leading part of our soul, and is also the target of God's subduing.

I appreciated that our God is not a cruel God, but He just wants us to follow Him wherever He leads us, and He ALWAYS leads us in triumph. If we are truly those who are subdued, captured and defeated by Christ, we will be in triumph in Christ, becoming a savor of the knowledge of Him, a fragrance to those around us. Our will is so strong, like Jacob wrestling with God, in trying to preserve its life. However, God even allows us to struggle in our will

against Him for a while, because He knows when and where to touch us that we would be subdued. Like Jacob, it takes a lifetime to learn how to be a captive of the Lord, but we don't need to be introspective or depressed that we aren't. We just stand on the fact that day by day, we can exercise our spirit to choose the Lord. We can pray that the Lord will slowly subdue us in His loving, caring and tender way. Only His love can conquer us. His love is so great that no man can comprehend. His love is one that expects no return, is unlimited, inexhaustible, and so available.

Another point is that whenever we ask God for things, such as patience, love, kindness, endurance, etc, He doesn't give us these things, He gives us A PERSON, which is Christ Himself. God's goal is not to just give us "things" that we need, but His goal is to dispense Himself into us as life and our everything. When we are exposed to see how we are, we really see how Christ is, we appreciate Him, and we come to Him as a Person to receive more of His dispensing.

I hope that each one of us will continue on in the Lord, pursuing Him in a fervent way, but especially that we would endeavor to be an absolutely subdued captive of Christ, that we would become a fragrance and testimony to all those around us. Praise the Lord!

—Stephanie

WORD OF THE WEEK: "CALL"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Gen. 4:26: And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

Psa. 116:13: I will take up the cup of salvation / And call upon the name of Jehovah.

Psa. 145:18: Jehovah is near to all who call upon Him, / To all who call upon Him in truth.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

Gen 4:26, note 2 (call): The Hebrew word means to call out to, to cry unto, i.e., to cry out audibly. Because men realized that their life was vanity and that they were frail and mortal, they spontaneously began to call upon the name of Jehovah, the eternal One. Although they were vain and weak, by calling on the name of the Lord, they were made rich and strong, for they entered into the riches and strength of the One on whom they called (Rom. 10:12-13 and notes).

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

I can testify from my own experience that if I do not call on the Lord, I cannot live. But if I call on Him, everything is fine. Often when you greet a person and ask him how he is, he will answer, "Oh, I'm fine." Actually,

for the most part, people are not fine. Only those who call on the Lord Jesus without ceasing can truly say that they are fine. Often we are troubled by little things in our daily life. The car may not start, or a shoelace may break. Such things can be aggravating and make us angry. When you are angry over a car that will not start or over a broken shoelace, can you honestly say that you are fine? I repeat, only those who call on the name of the Lord Jesus truly are fine.

Sing These Hymns...

Hymn 1086

How we love the glorious name,
The name of Jesus!
'Tis the name above all names—
On earth or in heav'n.
As we breathe this precious name,
Darkness and death cannot remain;
For we call and get the Person of that name!

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