

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

April 10, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ European College-age Conference
- ⊗ Co-Workers' Visit to Africa
- ⊗ FTTA Trainees Going to Japan
- ⊗ GTCA Ongoing Shepherding
- ⊗ Southern California College Conference
- ⊗ Lily Egan and Family

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 96 & 97*

## Recovery Version Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	508-509	202
Tuesday	510-511	203
Wednesday	512-513	204
Thursday	514-515	205
Friday	516-517	206
Saturday	518-519	207

## Morning Revival

*Speaking the Word of God, Week 2*

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	143
Hall 2	Not reported
Hall 3	Not reported
TOTAL	N/A

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International:

#### European College-age Conference

- ⊗ Please pray for the Spring European College-age Conference in Wales from April 15-18. The subject is "Life and Building Revealed in the Gospel of John."

#### Co-workers' Travel and Blending with the Churches in East and West Africa

A few brothers will be traveling from April 11 until the end of the month to visit and shepherd the churches along the eastern and western corridors of Africa. The brothers will be traveling to Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, and finally to Ghana. Please pray that

- ⊗ The Lord would cover all of the air and ground travel as well as all of the entering and leaving of these various places.
- ⊗ The Lord's supply, speaking, and shepherding of the churches to be visited.

### Japan

Ten FTTA trainees are in Japan from April 9 to April 18 to help with the relief effort and to preach the gospel in Japan.

- ⊗ Pray that their time would be an encouragement and supply to the saints there and that their going would render both the material and spiritual blessings to the people of Japan.

### National: GTCA

- ⊗ Pray for the ongoing shepherding labor of the saints and for the open and hungry ones they are caring for in the 30 Sowing Trip cities.

### Local: Southern California College Conference from April 15-18

- ⊗ Pray for the Lord to release the college students to attend the conference without distraction or hindrance, with an open heart and an exercised spirit.
- ⊗ Pray for the Lord to cover the speaking brothers and to give them adequate preparation and utterance to release the Lord's burden.
- ⊗ Pray for the Lord to unveil the college students that they would receive a fresh vision of "Life and Building" and consecrate anew for God's eternal purpose.

## Report from UCI Spring Break Trip to Texas

From March 19–26, 18 UCI college students, 3 serving ones, and 2 working ones visited the saints in Texas over spring break. We spent the first 2 nights in Plano, during which we also visited the church in Irving, then spent one night in Dallas, the following night in Arlington, and the last 3 days in Austin.

Every student can really testify of the sweetness and blessing of the Lord on such blending trips. This circulation of the members and mutual fellowship of saints from different places is really for the goal of the one new man. Our differences are being blended out and we get to actually see and experience that the Body is real!! It is wholly one and wholly of Christ, where there cannot be Texan or Californian, but Christ is all and in all!

We read "The Glorious Church" on the trip, and it was amazing to not just receive a vision of the church but actually experience this awesome church life. These trips are times when we truly get to experience the "day by day, house to house" church life among the early believers. Every saint's home was open, their hearts were open, and if they were not nourishing and cherishing us physically (we had Texas BBQ almost every day and Blue Bell ice cream!), they were feeding us through sweet fellowship by sharing their portions of Christ with us. We were able to join the morning coordination times with the local full-time serving ones both in Arlington and in Austin, and see that coordination starts not from us

trying to do something for the Lord, but always first touching Him in our Spirit, singing to Him, and loving Him in a corporate way. This is the only way to be truly blended into the one accord. Praise the Lord for placing us here in His wonderful Body, His glorious church, where we are all being prepared to be his corporate Bride.

The following are some testimonies from those who went on the trip.

I really enjoyed reading "The Glorious Church" on our blending trip to Texas. I've never been on a blending trip like this before so reading this book I saw a good picture of what the church should be like and by blending with the saints everyday in the different localities that we visited, I saw and experienced the reality of what I was reading in the book!

I particularly appreciated that Eve was built out of Adam and, in the same way, the church is built out of Christ. Anything that wasn't out of Adam could not be his help meet because of the difference in origin. Eve was the only one with the same origin—she was out of Adam, and this qualified her to be Adam's bride. In the same way, the church is the Body of Christ and only that which is out of Christ is "qualified" to become the bride.

The church is not just a group of people, but it is a group of people who have Christ living within them. Without Christ as their

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## Upcoming Events

- ☉ Friday, Apr. 15 – Lord’s Day, Apr. 17  
Spring College Conference, Anaheim
- ☉ Friday, May 27 – Lord’s Day, May 30  
Memorial Day Conference, Dallas,  
TX

## Church-related Websites

**General:** churchinirvine.org  
**Audio:** recentaudio.churchinirvine.org  
**Calendar:** calendar.churchinirvine.org  
**Gospel:** gospel.churchinirvine.org  
**Offerings:** offerings.churchinirvine.org  
**YA:** youngadults.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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| <b>10<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord’s Day | ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord’s<br>Table and ITERO review at<br>Halls 1, 2 and 3                            |
| <b>12<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Tuesday    | ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meet-<br>ings in the homes  |
| <b>13<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Wednesday  | ☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry<br>meeting at LSM Campus  |
| <b>14<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Thursday   | ☉ 10:00am All-language<br>sisters’ prayer meeting at<br>Hall 2                                       |
| <b>15<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Friday     | ☉ Evening Small group meet-<br>ings in the homes   |
| <b>16<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Saturday   | ☉ 8:00am All-language<br>brothers’ prayer meeting at<br>Hall 3<br>☉ 6:00pm Young people’s<br>meeting |
| <b>17<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord’s Day | ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord’s<br>Table and prophesying<br>meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3                    |

## REPORT FROM UCI SPRING BREAK TRIP TO TEXAS (CONT’D)

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origin, their source, there is not a oneness in the Body and there can be no bride. But visiting so many localities in one week, I received a clear vision of the oneness of the Body. Every locality was the "same", not in a religious way, but in a way that their source was Christ, and Christ only. Praise the Lord for His glorious church, His one Body, becoming His bride!—L.P.

What I enjoyed the most about the winter trip to Texas was the opportunity to meet people in different locations that are a part of the same family and that have the same focus: Christ. Staying in homes and going to the meetings, I realized that there was no sense of meeting a new person as if you would meet someone down the street. It was more like being welcomed by a distant relative you have never met before. It led me to see the depths of being born of Christ.—K.C.

The Texas trip was my first trip ever with the saints. It was so sweet to be with them. I enjoyed all of the things in Texas, especially eating BBQ every day. During the Texas trip, we went through “The Glorious Church” with the Texas saints.

I was really impressed that one Texas brother showed us the image of the Triune God using 3 circles. First, he drew 3 circles joined together but separated and then he changed them by drawing the 3 circles in the same one spot. This means that God is the only one Triune God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—equally co-existing and mutually co-inhering from eternity to eternity. —S.K.

A group of us college students had the privilege of blending with our dear brothers and sisters in Texas for Spring break, and with all the yummy BBQ aside, what struck me was the matter of testimony. Maybe you can call it the atmosphere, but what was imprinted in my heart was just the overflow of their simply loving the Lord. A brother was enjoying 1 Co-

rinthians 8:3 which says “But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him” and while this brother was sharing, the sweetness of the Lord as a root out of dry ground was too dear. I could touch the dearness. They loved God and did not care for what was outward, they cared only for Christ, expected only Christ, and set their hope in Christ alone! A brother gave us his testimony of how he was saved, and simply put, it was the Lord speaking through the simple lovers of Jesus. For three years these lovers would sing and speak about their Lord, and when outwardly the situation would not permit them to, they highlighted verses and left Bibles all around the house for him to read. Christ came in bit by bit and our brother could not contain the confession within his heart, he opened his mouth and has since been simply loving the Lord! Oh how our God loves and desires to speak to all! The Lord is speaking today, in the Son, through the many members of the Body of Christ!—J.Y.

Like all of the students that went on the Texas trip, I really enjoyed blending with the saints in Texas. It was such an enjoyment to see a unified expression of Christ and the church. I really cherished the fact that no matter where we went, the saints in each city were welcoming and shared the same love for Christ.

A particular experience that I enjoyed was when we fellowshiped with the saints in Arlington. We were only in Arlington for a day, but it felt like I had known them longer. It was great to fellowship with them as they shared songs from their CD, and to hear them testify about their love for Christ. I just felt really blessed to be able to be a part of the body of believers and to see Christ’s expression of the church being fulfilled.

Overall, I had a wonderful time seeing that even though the saints in Texas are geographically distant from us, we are unified by the same Christ that is in us.—M.G.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ☉ Cherishing our Irvine-sent and Irvine-related Trainees

We would like to put together care packages for all the Irvine-sent or Irvine-related trainees. The best way is if every small group can fellowship and put together some items—either a little something for all the trainees or something for the trainees your group is more related with. Also, any cards or notes from the saints are a real encouragement to them. Please bring the care packages by **Lord’s Day, May 1**. We will collect them from the respective halls and deliver them to the trainees. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact David Lee or Miki Liu. Thank you for participating in the care and shepherding of these trainees.

Below are the names of the trainees who are sent from and related to Irvine.

#### **Brothers:**

Fred Liu (1st)  
Max Lai (1st)  
Alvin Kim (2nd)  
Shepherd Ku (4th)  
Timm Liu (4th)  
William Huang (3rd)

#### **Sisters:**

Amy Wang (4th)  
Audrey Lu (2nd)  
Angela Hu (3rd)  
Angela Yu (4th)  
Carlin Ferraro (3rd)  
Grace Liang (4th)  
Nancy Guobadia (4th)  
Sally Han (4th)  
Rachel Chang (2nd)  
Rachel Reetzke (2nd)  
Elaine Cheong (2nd)  
Jenny Hu (3rd)