

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

April 28, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Churches in New England
- ☉ 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 87 & 88*

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1696-1697	796
Tuesday	1698-1699	797
Wednesday	1700-1701	798
Thursday	1702-1703	799
Friday	1704-1705	800
Saturday	1706-1707	801

Morning Revival

Crystallization Study of Daniel & Zechariah, Vol. 2, Week 8

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

National:

- ☉ Pray for the spirit of the gospel to burn in the churches that the Lord's word would go forth all over this country.
- ☉ Pray especially for the churches in New England that the saints there would be burdened and empowered to be the outlets of the gospel. May the Lord's word in Boston and in New England grow and prevail.

Local: Irvine

- ☉ Pray that there would be much "fellowship unto the gospel" in every dis-

trict that all the saints would enter into a Christ-experiencing and Christ-enjoying life in the furtherance of the gospel.

- ☉ Pray for the sweeping Spirit to prepare and open people's hearts to the Bibles for America mailers and gospel tracts going out, so that God's word would have an entrance into the hearts of many that they would be saved.
- ☉ Pray that the church here will bountifully scatter seed in Irvine through the distribution of gospel tracts that the gospel would go forth month after month and year after year to the people of Irvine.

THE BENEFITS OF DISTRIBUTING TRACTS

God has used tracts very much to save men. There is something special about tract distribution. We can enumerate the following benefits.

Tracts Not Being Limited by Man's Speaking

The first advantage of distributing tracts is that they are not limited by man's ability to speak. Many people cannot speak well. They do not have the eloquence or the gift. Others are naturally shy. In preaching, it is easy to be affected and restricted by one's own condition. But tract distribution is independent of a man's own personal condition. In fact, many times the tracts speak more clearly and accurately than a man can speak. It makes up for a person's lack.

Tracts Not Being Limited by Age and Status

The second advantage of tracts is that they are not limited by the age or status of the receiver. One basic principle in leading men to Christ is for workers to work on the same kind of person as they are. Under normal circumstances, it is difficult to preach to people of different social standing, status, or background. At such times, tracts come in very handy. When there is a gap between the preacher and his listener in rank, age, or sex, and there is some hesitation because of this gap, tracts fill the gap nicely.

Tracts Not Being Intimidated by Human Factors or the Atmosphere

The third advantage of tracts is that they are not intimidated by human factors or the surrounding atmosphere. In large and well-prepared gospel meetings, a preacher can stand on the podium to speak solemnly of such serious subjects as sin and judgment. In conducting private evangelism, however, there are certain restrictions and difficulties in

speaking what one really wants to speak. But if he gives out a tract which says, "We are all sinners, and we have all sinned before God; we all need Jesus," the other party can more easily receive it.

Tracts Avoiding Much Debate

The fourth advantage of tracts is that they avoid much debate. Many times in preaching to others, we fall into debates and arguments. Sometimes we meet a person who likes to argue. He does not have a heart for the gospel; his whole intention is to test us and embarrass us. We should not debate with him. Instead, we should present a tract to him in a sincere and calm way. An argumentative person can do nothing to a silent and objective tract.

Tracts Not Being Limited by Time and Persons

The fifth advantage of tracts is that they are not limited by time and persons. Tracts save men without the limitation of time. A man cannot be in the same place twenty-four hours a day, but a tract is not limited by these factors. Tracts can testify for us beyond any limitation in time. It also is hard for us to testify to total strangers, but tracts can testify anywhere at anytime to anyone. If we give a man a tract, it can go where the man goes. This is what makes tracts so convenient.

Tracts Being Able to Be Sowed Anywhere

The sixth advantage of tracts is that we can sow them anywhere. It is all right to sow randomly, because we do not know which of the seeds we sow will prosper. The apostle Paul said that he who sows with blessings shall reap with blessings (2 Cor. 9:6). In order to sow in mass, there is no better way than tract distribution. Anyone can sow with tracts anywhere.

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Fri., May 3 - Lord's Day, May 5, 6th Grade Conference, Irvine
- ❖ Fri., May 24 - Mon., May 27, Memorial Day Conference, Atlanta

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
 Blog: members.churchinirvine.org
 Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
 Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
 YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

28 TH Lord's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts ❖ 2:30pm Community Gospel (in Quail Hill)
30 TH Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30–9:00pm Prayer meetings by districts
1 ST Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry Meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
2 ND Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2
3 RD Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
4 TH Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:00–9:00am Corporate prayer time at Hall 3 ❖ 2:45pm Community Gospel (in Quail Hill) ❖ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
5 TH Lord's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts ❖ 2:30pm Community Gospel (BfA distributions meet in Oak Creek)

THE BENEFITS OF DISTRIBUTING TRACTS (CONT'D)

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Tracts Enabling All Believers to Function

The seventh advantage of tracts is that they enable all believers to function. Under normal circumstances, everyone in the church should preach the gospel; everyone should function. Some may say that they do not have the eloquence or the gift. They may say that they cannot sing or preach the gospel. But thank the Lord that everyone can pass out tracts. Whether or not one is gifted or power-

ful, he can pass out tracts. Whether he is a child or an adult, an educated man or illiterate, he can pass out tracts. The sphere becomes much larger (*The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, Set 3, Vol. 60, Chapter 47).

2013 SUMMER TRAINING REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Place: Ministry Conference Center, 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA

Dates: Monday, July 1, 2013, 4:00pm–Saturday, July 6, 2013, 9:30pm

Donation Amounts: \$160 per trainee for the live training. \$85 per trainee for the webcast/video training. The cost of the outline is included.

Last day to register: TODAY, April 28, 2013

There will be a \$50 late charge for any late registrations for the Live Training.

Registration: The preferred method of registration is online at login.churchinirvine.org/training. One login ID is required per registration. You may also register by paper. See the responsible brothers in your district for any help.

Donations: Donations may be made online or in person. Donations will be accepted via Google, Paypal, check, or cash. You may also donate for others, but please note that paying for another person does NOT equal registering that person for the training. Each person must

go through the registration process to be properly registered.

Confirmation: You will receive email confirmations for: (1) registration; (2) donations; and (3) a separate receipt if donation was made via Google or Paypal. If you do not receive these email confirmations, you may not be properly registered.

Please note the following:

No part-time shared seats are allowed. Trainees under the age of 17 are required to participate in at least one video training before attending the live training. **Attendance by young people under the age of 17 is discouraged.** Trainees who are 15 years old and under will no longer be accepted to the live training, without exception.

For any problems or questions please email training_registration@churchinirvine.org or go to login.churchinirvine.org/training.

CHILDREN'S WORK ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ 6th Grade Conference—5/3-5/5/13

The 6th Grade Conference will be held from May 3-5 at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Recreation Center. **The registration deadline was April 19** and the cost is \$105. To register, please go to www.irvineyp.com. Any checks should be made payable to "Church in Irvine" with "6th Grade Conference" in the memo line. Please contact James Yeh for any questions: optoic@gmail.com.

❖ Summer Bible Camp (SBC)—7/29-8/3/13

We would like to announce the dates and subject for this year's Summer Bible Camp. The SBC will be held from July 29 to August 3 on the topic of "The Pattern of Jesus and the Disciples." Please separate this week on your calendar. Bring your children and invite their friends to the SBC! The next coordination meeting will be May 19 at Hall 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Change to Community Gospel Today

Please note for today, Lord's Day, April 28th, we will meet in Quail Hill (12 Reunion 92603).

❖ Conference in St. George's, Grenada

The saints in the churches are invited to attend the annual conference of the church in

St. George's from 6/14-6/16 for fellowship and blending. Any saints interested in more information should contact: office@churchinirvine.org