

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 5, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Rhema contacts in Europe
- ⊗ Conference in Germany
- ⊗ The gospel in the U.S.
- ⊗ Gaining of remaining fruit 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 112 & 113*

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	604-605	250
Tuesday	606-607	251
Wednesday	608-609	252
Thursday	610-611	253
Friday	612-613	254
Saturday	614-615	255

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Isaiah, Vol. 3, Week 17

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	148
Hall 2	68
Hall 3	80
TOTAL	296

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International:

Follow-up with Rhema Contacts in Europe

Over the past decade many thousands of seeking ones in Europe have received free ministry publications through Rhema. After reading all the free publications available to them, several thousand appreciators of the ministry have become distributors in their home countries.

- ⊗ Please pray that the full-timers and the churches in each country will find the best way to reach the genuine seekers and shepherd them into the church life.

Conference in Germany—June 11-13

- ⊗ Pray that the Lord's word would be released with prevailing impact to open the eyes of many native Germans that they would be brought into God's eternal purpose.

- ⊗ Pray for the word of the Lord to run and be glorified throughout Germany.

National:

- ⊗ Pray that the Lord will use the recent natural disasters in the heartland of the U.S. and Northeastern seaboard to open a door for the white horse to run throughout this country.

- ⊗ Pray that a hunger for the living and abiding word of God would be created in the hearts of many Americans.

- ⊗ Pray for the churches in the U.S. to sound out the word of the Lord to reach the hungry hearts.

Local:

- ⊗ Pray for the gaining of remaining fruit from the UCI & IVC campuses and from the community in Irvine.

WORD OF THE WEEK "AFFECTIONATE"

From the Conference Handout

Scriptures: S.S. 1:2; Jer. 2:2; Luke 7:38, 45
Rom. 8:15

Footnotes: S.S. 1:2¹; Exo 20:6²; Gal 4:6⁴

Hymns: 169, 556, Divine Romance

Rom. 8:15: For you have not received a spirit of slavery bringing you into fear again, but you have received a spirit of sonship in which we cry, Abba, Father!

Sing These Hymns...

Hymns #169 (stanza 8 and chorus)

As on Thyself we ponder
And all Thy beauty trace,
We taste to full Thy sweetness
And rest in Thine embrace.

We treasure with affection
Thy perfect comeliness,
Thy sweetness and Thy fragrance,
And all Thy loveliness.

Hymns #556 (stanzas 1 – 3)

1. Thy name is sweet as ointment poured forth;
Better Thy love than wine, O draw Thou me!

If we the footsteps follow of the flock,
Entered Thy fellowship of love we'll be.

Pray Over These Key Verses...

S. S. 1:2: Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! / For your love is better than wine.

Jer. 2:2: Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says Jehovah: / I remember concerning you the kindness of your youth, / **The love of your bridal days, / When you followed after Me** in the wilderness, / In a land that was not sown.

Luke 7:38: And she stood behind Him at His feet weeping and began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head, and **she kissed His feet affectionately and anointed them with the ointment.** 45 You did not give Me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet affectionately.

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Upcoming Events

☉ Monday, July 4 - Saturday, July 9
Summer Training, 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

5TH ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and SoCounty
Churches Blending at Halls
1, 2 and 3

7TH ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ing at Hall 1 by languages

8TH ☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry
Wednesday meeting at LSM Campus

9TH ☉ 10:00am All-language
Thursday sisters' prayer meeting at
Hall 2

10TH ☉ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

11TH ☉ 6:00pm Young People's
Saturday meeting

12TH ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

WORD OF THE WEEK "AFFECTIONATE"

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2. He's my Beloved, I am His own love;
He draweth me, pursue I after Him.
Fragrant as myrrh, I'd hide Him in my
heart;
Beauteous as henna, I'd be clothed with
Him;
3. Bathe in His love, and of His fatness taste,
Lie on His breast, His sweetness there
enjoy;
His love the banner, His affection shown
Tenderly soothes my heart to purest joy.

The Divine Romance (stanza 4)

Lord, in this close sweet fellowship,
Lord, be with me so intimate,
So personal and affectionate;
A sweet relationship.

Lord, daily change my inward being
Lord, all my heart possessing
In all my being—transforming
To be Your bride and queen.

In Your love I'm drawn,
To You I belong;
I am not my own,
Lord, I'm Yours alone.

By Your love I'm drawn,
In Your name I'm charmed,
And Your Person captured me,
For I've been kissed by Thee.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

S.S. 1:2, note 1, par. 2: According to vv. 2-3, the lover of Christ has obtained a part of Christ's love, but now she yearns for something more intimate. **This indicates that the very Christ in whom we believe is personal and affectionate toward us, and that every believer's relationship with Christ must be personal and affectionate** (Mark 16:7 and note; John 13:23; 20:1-17; Gal. 2:20b). After believing in Christ to receive Him as the divine life (John 1:4, 12), **we need to love Christ in a personal and affectionate way that we may pursue Him and enjoy Him as our satisfaction** (1 Cor. 2:9 and note 3; 1 Tim. 1:14 and note 2).

Exo 20:6, note 2, par. 1: The mentioning of love here indicates that God's intention in giving His law to His chosen people was that they become His lovers (Deut. 6:5; Matt.

22:35-38; Mark 12:28-30). In bringing His people out of Egypt and giving His law to them, God was courting them, wooing them, and seeking to win their affection. Jeremiah 2:2; 31:32; and Ezekiel 16:8 indicate that the covenant enacted at the mountain of God through the giving of the law (24:7-8; 34:27-28) was an engagement covenant, in which God betrothed the children of Israel to Himself (cf. 2 Cor. 11:2). The Ten Commandments, especially the first five, gave the terms of the engagement between God and His people. The highest function of the law is to bring God's chosen people into oneness with Him, as a wife is brought into oneness with her husband (cf. Gen. 2:24; Rev. 22:17). In order for God and His people to be one, there must be a mutual love between them (John 14:21, 23). **The love between God and His people unfolded in the Bible is primarily like the affectionate love between a man and a woman (Jer. 2:2; 31:3). As God's people love God and spend time to fellowship with Him in His word, God infuses them with His divine element, making them one with Him as His spouse, the same as He is in life, nature, and expression (Gen. 2:18-25 and notes).**

Gal 4:6, note 4: Abba is an Aramaic word, and Father is the translation of the Greek word Pater. Such a term was used first by the Lord Jesus in Gethsemane while He was praying to the Father (Mark 14:36). The combining of the Aramaic title with the Greek title expresses a stronger affection in crying to the Father. **Such an affectionate cry implies an intimate relationship in life between a genuine son and a begetting father.**

To view the Word of the Week post in its entirety, go to:

<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=1236>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Bible Camp—Aug. 1–Aug. 6

Parents, please reserve the week of 8/1 through 8/6 for the Summer Bible Camp (SBC). The SBC is for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. We encourage the saints to also invite friends and children from their neighborhoods to attend the

SBC. The topic for this year is David and Daniel.