

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 23, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Summer Training
- ☉ FTTA Graduation

For additional details regarding the above prayer items, please refer to Detailed Prayer Burdens.

Weekly Truth Pursuit

In preparation for the upcoming semi-annual training, we encourage the saints to read 2 chapters of the book of Genesis each day to be refreshed by the Word and become familiar with its content.

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1792-1793	844
Tuesday	1794-1795	845
Wednesday	1796-1797	846
Thursday	1798-1799	847
Friday	1800-1801	848
Saturday	1802-1803	849

Morning Revival

The Recovery of Christ as Everything in the Church, Week 4

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Summer Training—July 1-6

- ☉ Pray for the release of the Lord's word to the churches and that this word will minister to the current need in the churches.
- ☉ Pray that the speaking brothers would receive the Lord's burden for this time and be given the utterance to speak forth the Lord's word.
- ☉ Pray for the hearts of the saints to be seeking and unloaded that the word released would have room in their hearts to operate effectually.

- ☉ Pray that in all the gatherings of the saints—in the meetings, study times and hospitality—there would be the genuine fellowship of life for the building up of the one Body.

FTTA Graduation

- ☉ Pray for all the graduating FTTA trainees that they will continue to pursue the Lord and be constituted useful to the Lord for the building up of His Body wherever the Lord may lead them after their graduation.

MINISTRY PORTION FROM THE LIFE-STUDY OF GENESIS

God's Restoration and Further Creation

God's original creation was damaged by Satan's rebellion and then judged by God Himself. After God's judgment, there remained nothing except darkness upon the surface of the deep water. This signifies a death condition. In the midst of this death condition, the Bible suddenly says, "And the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters." Isn't this wonderful? The Spirit was brooding. Hallelujah! "The Spirit was brooding" as a hen broods over her eggs in order to produce little chickens. When the Bible first says something about the Spirit, it doesn't say "the power of the Spirit," "the might of the Spirit," but it says that the "Spirit of God was brooding over the surface of the waters." This means that He was preparing to generate life. We need to see that the record of Genesis 1 is something related to life, to God's gospel, and to spiritual things. For this we have a strong proof in 2 Corinthians 4:6. Paul says, "God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts for the illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." This certainly was a reference to chapter one of Genesis. By this one verse, we can realize that everything recorded in Genesis 1 must be related to life, to God's shining, and to God's gospel. Based upon this verse, we need to interpret everything according to life.

We need to recall our condition before we were saved. We were just waste and empty, our lives were meaningless, and we were covered with darkness. Within us was an abyss, a bottomless pit. And in this abyss was a swarm of demons, driving us to lose our temper, to gamble, to go to the movies, and to do many

other evil things. We were waste and empty, yet full of darkness and death.

But, hallelujah! One day, some living One began to hover over us, to work within our heart, to brood upon the death and the deep within us. This was not something psychological or ethical, but the living One working within us, working so gently, lovingly, like a big hen brooding over the eggs in her nest. This is the brooding and the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus said (John 16:8-11) that when the Holy Spirit is come, He will reprove, He will convince the world (meaning humanity) of sin (related to Adam), of righteousness (related to Christ), and of judgment (related to Satan). He will rebuke in a brooding way, in a very kind way, not in a violent way. In the whole universe, there are only three persons—Adam, Christ, and Satan. The Holy Spirit works within us, convincing us that we were born in Adam and have nothing but sin, that we have no way to escape sin and Adam's influence without believing in Christ. The Holy Spirit will brood within us and speak to us, saying, "Look, Jesus died on the cross for you and He has accomplished everything that is required by God. Now the real righteousness is with Him. If you turn to Him and believe in Him, you will receive Him as your righteousness. He has passed through incarnation, He has passed through life on this earth, He has passed through crucifixion and resurrection. Now He is accepted by God at His right hand. He is there as the proof that if you believe on Him, you will be free of sin and obtain righteousness. If you don't do this, you will go with Satan into God's judgment." By this brooding of the Holy Spirit, you will be fully convinced

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ Monday, July 1 - Saturday, July 6, Summer Training, Anaheim, CA
- ☉ Monday, July 15 - Saturday, July 27, Summer School of Truth, Irvine, CA
- ☉ Monday, July 29 - Saturday, Aug. 3, Summer Bible Camp, Irvine, CA

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

23RD ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day Table and prophesying
 meetings by districts
 ☉ 2:30pm Community Gos-
 pel (meet in Oak Creek)

25TH ☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
 Tuesday ings by districts

26TH ☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry
 Wednesday Meeting at MCC Anaheim
 and simulcast at Hall 3

27TH ☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters'
 Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 2

28TH ☉ Evening Small groups in
 Friday the homes

29TH ☉ 9:30am FTTA graduation
 Saturday in Anaheim at MCC

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

MINISTRY PORTION FROM THE LIFE-STUDY OF GENESIS (CONT'D)

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and will say, "Lord Jesus, I have nothing to say, but I thank You." By this, you are regenerated, you are born again of the Spirit (John 3:6-7). Hallelujah!

The Spirit of God came. This coming of the Holy Spirit is the first requirement for generating life. The Spirit came to brood over the waters of death which submerged the earth, brooding that life might be generated. (*Life-Study of Genesis*, Message 3)

CHURCH IN IRVINE MAY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Month	Year to Date
Total Revenue	\$80,608	\$677,406
Expense:		
General and Admin Expenses	\$37,864	\$190,862
Fulltime Support	\$54,626	\$257,110
Fellowship unto Gospel	\$20,104	\$346,483
Gifts to Needy Saints	\$5	\$68
Other	\$6,832	\$34,161
Total Expense	\$119,431	\$828,684
Net Revenue / (Expense)	<u>(\$38,823)</u>	<u>(\$151,277)</u>

Note: Total revenue does not include offerings for the Irvine Facilities Fund.

Irvine Facilities Fund

	Current Month	Since Inception
Offerings for 2009 Pledges	\$0	\$1,679,199
Offerings for 2010 Pledges	\$0	\$894,821
Offerings for 2011 Pledges	\$0	\$896,238
Offerings for 2012 Pledges	\$150	\$895,656
From General Fund	<u>\$350,000</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
Total Offerings		\$4,715,913
Total Expenses	(\$833)	(\$5,058,448)
Loan	-	\$380,000
Net Balance		\$37,466

Note: The church has a remaining loan balance of \$380,000 to pay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☉ Summer Bible Camp (SBC) 7/29-8/3/13

This year's SBC will be held from 7/29-8/3 on the topic of "The Pattern of Jesus and the Disciples." A church-wide e-mail announcement was sent, and each district should have received copies of the brochure. To register, you may go to: <http://www.irvineyp.com/summerbiblecamp.htm>.

We need many to serve as well as many to pray for the SBC. We encourage all parents and burdened saints to join the next coordi-

nation meeting **TODAY, June 23, 3:30pm, at Hall 1.** We need much participation to carry out this special week.

- ☉ FTTA Graduation

The saints are invited to attend the Full-time Training graduation next Saturday morning, June 29, at 9:30am at the Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim.