

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 18, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ BfA recipients
- ⊗ Irvine
- ⊗ IVC

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

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1-2	886
Tuesday	3-4	887
Wednesday	5-6	888
Thursday	7-8	889
Friday	9-10	890
Saturday	11-12	891

## Morning Revival

*The Completing Ministry of Paul*, Week 5  
(Memorial Day Conference 2013)

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### National: BfA Book-Launch Recipients

More than 14,000 people have now ordered the two-book set of *The Normal Christian Life* and *The Economy of God* that Bibles for America released in early May. Now that so many have ordered the set, the need is for people to read and benefit from the books.

- ⊗ Pray that these recipients would begin to read the books with a soft and open heart and that the Lord would have a way to grow in them and enlighten them through the healthy words of the ministry.
- ⊗ Pray that those who read these books will enter into the experience of Christ that leads to the Body life and will be bold to refer others to these books.

### Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that the practice of living one spirit with the Lord will be built up in the saints' daily life that a church life of expressing and manifesting Christ will issue forth.
- ⊗ Pray that the burden for the gospel to go forth in Irvine will be intensified in every district and pray for the coordination and blending of the FTTA trainees with the local saints in the gospel and shepherding labor in Irvine.
- ⊗ IVC—Pray for a reaping this semester of solid new ones from IVC (semester begins Monday) who would be added to the church.

## INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord:

We would like to announce that this year's International Thanksgiving conference will be held in Schaumburg, Illinois from Thursday, November 28 through Lord's Day, December 1, 2013. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Meeting 1:** Thurs., Nov. 28, 7:30 PM
- Meeting 2:** Fri., Nov. 29, 10:00 AM
- Meeting 3:** Fri., Nov. 29, 7:30 PM
- Meeting 4:** Sat., Nov. 30, 10:00 AM
- Meeting 5:** Sat., Nov. 30, 7:30 PM
- Meeting 6:** Lord's Day, Dec. 1, 9:30 AM

All the meetings will be held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel in the Schaumburg Ballroom, located at 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, Illinois 60173, and will be open to the public. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese.

A special group rate of \$89.00 plus tax (14%) for single, double, triple or quad occupancy is available at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel (1551 N. Thoreau Dr.). For room reservations please call toll free 1-877-303-0104 or 1-847-303-4016 and request the group rate for Living Stream Ministry. For online reservations go to: <https://resweb.passkey.com/>

go/LIVINGSTREAM. Reservations must be made by November 10, 2013 in order to get this reduced rate. Check in is 3:00 PM or earlier if rooms are available and check-out is 12:00 PM. The hotel has offered a 2:00 PM late check-out only on Lord's Day, December 1, 2013.

Childcare for children from kindergarten through 6th grade will be provided during the conference meetings at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel. Please register all children attending the conference no later than November 1, 2013. All questions should be directed to 714-236-8456, emailed to [register@lsm.org](mailto:register@lsm.org), faxed to 714-236-6005, or mailed to Living Stream Ministry Registration Section at 2431 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801.

For more details please contact the leading brothers in your district.

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

18 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
20 <sup>TH</sup> Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
21 <sup>ST</sup> Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
22 <sup>ND</sup> Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 1
23 <sup>RD</sup> Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
24 <sup>TH</sup> Saturday	☉ 8:00–9:00am Corporate prayer time at Hall 3 ☉ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
25 <sup>TH</sup> Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

THE TWO TREES

In the previous message we have seen that the tree of knowledge of good and evil signifies Satan, who has the power of death, the contents of which are all things apart from God and the nature and result of which are both death. Now we have to see what is the principle of this tree.

*Its Principle—to Be Independent*

If we know the principle of the tree of life, we will also know the principle of the tree of knowledge, for it is opposite the principle of the tree of life. The principle of the tree of life is dependence; the principle of the tree of knowledge is independence. Anything we do in dependence upon the Lord is in the principle of the tree of life. Anything we do independently of the Lord is in the principle of the tree of knowledge.

Everyone wants to be independent. However, we should never be independent of the Lord. Spiritual independence means death. If we are independent, we kill ourselves.

To be independent of the Lord means to have an insulation separating us from the Lord, an insulation which cuts off the flow of divine electricity. Although we may have an electrical power plant with tremendous resources and all the necessary equipment properly installed, all is useless if there is insulation at the switch. That insulation severs the flow of electricity. Only a slight amount of insulation, perhaps a paper-thin layer, will cut off the flow. Independence is a spiritual insulation, disconnecting us from the life of God. Do not think of yourself as an expert in spiritual matters. Regardless of how long electricity has been applied, it still needs application without insulation. It is the same in the spiritual realm. Never say, "I have much experience in Christ. I have been exercising my spirit for years and I don't need to do it any more." We should never adopt this attitude. We need to depend on the Lord continually. Never be independent of the living Lord. One second of independence means death.

*The Realization of the Two Principles*

The principle of the tree of life and the principle of the tree of knowledge of good and evil are realized throughout the whole Bible. All the negative things in the Bible are on the line of the tree of knowledge, and all the positive things are on the line of the tree of life. I call the first line the line of knowledge and the second line, the line of life. If we follow these

two lines, they carry us through the entire Scripture...

Which line are you on—the line of life or the line of death? Remember that God is frank. Because life is God, life also is frank. Death, on the contrary, is subtle. Death does not appear manifestly as death; it appears as knowledge. Life is simply life: its contents, nature, and results are life. Death is knowledge. Everyone likes knowledge. Even the little children hunger for it. They weary us with question upon question. If you answer one question, they respond with several more because there is a craving for knowledge within man. Man covets knowledge. Even many Christians are greedy for it. Although the word "knowledge" itself may be a good term, at the back of knowledge and underneath knowledge is death. The letter kills because the letter is knowledge (2 Cor. 3:6). The letter of the Bible kills whenever the Bible is separated from the living God. Religion has separated the Bible from the living Christ. Thus the Bible can kill and spread death...

Death is concealed under so many good things, even lurking under our best intentions. Many dear Christians have been killed by the good intentions of other people. Although your intention may be excellent, Satan lurks beneath it, and Satan is death. Everyone knows that death hides behind evil things. For example, the gambling casinos in Las Vegas are manifestly evil and deadly. However, attending a cathedral seems to be good, much better than visiting a casino. Nevertheless, death is found in both places. The difference is in the appearance, not in the actuality, for death is present and prevailing in both good and evil things. Death is subtle.

Now we know on which line we should be. We must take the line of life. (*Life Study of Genesis*—Message 14)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Wednesday Night Ministry Meetings

The ministry meeting for this fall term of the FTTA will begin Wednesday, August 21. The church in Irvine will provide a simulcast of the ministry meetings on Wednesday nights, 7:30pm at Hall 3.