

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 19, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Conference in Salvador, Brazil
- ☉ Distribution in London
- ☉ Digestion of Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets
- ☉ IVC
- ☉ 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 Ephesians, messages 35 & 36*

Bible reading

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Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets, Week 2

Word of the Week

Obey

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=3635>

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Conference in Salvador, Brazil
—Aug. 25-26

- ☉ Pray for the international conference in Salvador that the Lord would bless this time with His rich speaking and that the conference will issue into a further building up of the Body of Christ in South America.

New Testament Recovery Version/Literature Distribution in London

- ☉ Continue to pray that through this distribution many sons of peace would be contacted and called out of the world and into the Lord's purpose.
- ☉ Pray for the follow-up of those who requested further contact that they would be fed and led into the enjoyment of Christ and the church life.

Local: Irvine

Digestion of the Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets

- ☉ Pray for the digestion of this speaking from the past Summer Training. Pray that through this digestion every saint's love relationship with the Lord would be further developed and become more intimate and affectionate and issue in Christ becoming everything in our being and living for His corporate expression in Irvine.

Start of Fall Semester at Irvine Valley College

- ☉ Pray for the gaining of remaining fruit from IVC for the increase of Christ during this fall semester.

INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

The 2012 International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, OK from Thursday, November 22 through Lord's Day, November 25. The meeting schedule is as follows:

1st meeting: Thurs., Nov. 22, 7:30PM

2nd meeting: Fri., Nov. 23, 10:00AM

3rd meeting: Fri., Nov. 23, 7:30PM

4th meeting: Sat., Nov. 24, 10:00AM

5th meeting: Sat., Nov. 24, 7:30PM

6th meeting: Lords Day, Nov. 25, 9:30AM

All the meetings will be held at the Cox Convention Center, Grand Ballroom, and will be open to the public. There will be translation

of the meetings into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Lodging is available at several nearby hotels at reduced rates. Childcare is also available for children from kindergarten through 6th grade, and children must be registered by November 1, 2012.

More information regarding the conference, including specific hotel information and rates, can be found on the church website blog at <http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=4002>. To register your child, or if you have any additional questions, please contact brother Edward Wang at tehuawang@gmail.com.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "OBEY"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Exo. 19:5: Now therefore if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My personal treasure from among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine.

Deut. 30:16: If you obey the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I am commanding you today, to love Jehovah your God and walk in His ways and keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, then you will live and multiply, and Jehovah your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to possess.

1 Sam. 15:22: And Samuel said, / Does Jehovah delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices / As much as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? / Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, / And to heed, than the fat of rams.

Acts 5:32: And we are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.

1 Pet. 1:22: Since you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned brotherly love, love one another from a pure heart fervently.

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Upcoming Events

- ☛ Thursday, Oct. 4 - Saturday, Oct. 6, ITERO, Yokohama, Japan
- ☛ Thursday, Nov. 22 - Lord's Day, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
 Blog: churchinirvine.org/Members
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This Week

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| 19 TH
Lord's Day | ☛ 9:30am - 12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 21 ST
Tuesday | ☛ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts |
| 22 ND
Wednesday | ☛ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3 |
| 23 RD
Thursday | ☛ 10:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2 |
| 24 TH
Friday | ☛ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 25 TH
Saturday | ☛ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination by districts |
| 26 TH
Lord's Day | ☛ 9:30am - 12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |

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Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

S.S. 4:1: This verse portrays the beauty of Christ's lover in her singleness and insight by the Spirit (eyes like doves), which is invisible to the outsiders (behind your veil), and in her submission and obedience through God's feeding (hair like a flock of goats) that subdues her disobedience among the disobedient people.

John 9:7: His going and washing indicates that he obeyed the life-giving word of the Lord. So he received sight. If he had not gone to wash off the clay after having been anointed with it, the clay would have blinded him even more. **Our obedience to the Lord's anointing cleanses us and brings us sight.**

Acts 5:32: Obedience is the way and the condition for one to receive and enjoy the Spirit of God.

Phil. 2:12: I.e., carry out, bring to the ultimate conclusion. We have received God's salvation, which has as its climax our being exalted by God in glory as the Lord Jesus was (v. 9). We need to carry out this salvation, to bring it to its ultimate conclusion, by our constant and absolute obedience with fear and trembling. We have received this salvation by faith; now we must carry it out by obedience, which includes our being genuinely one in our soul (v. 2). To receive this salvation by faith is once for all; to carry it out is lifelong.

1 Pet. 1:22: Our soul is composed of our mind, emotion, and will, which are also parts of our heart. To have our soul purified is to have our mind, emotion, and will, as parts of our heart, purified from any kind of defilement or contamination (Acts 15:9; James 4:8). Actually, this means to have our mind, emotion, and will delivered from all things other than God and fixed on God as the sole object and unique goal. This kind of purification is accomplished by our obedience to the truth, which is the content and reality of our faith (see note 11, point 2, in 1 Tim. 1). When we obey the truth, the content and reality of our faith in Christ, our entire soul is concentrated on God and is thus purified from all things other than God. This is to have our souls saved from all filthiness by our receiving the implanted word (James 1:21), which is the sanctifying truth (John 17:17).

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

We must believe and also obey. Not only do we need to obey once, but we must obey continuously. Otherwise, we will come short and be unbalanced. Obedience without faith is powerless. Faith without obedience is idealistic. It is very painful to be obedient without faith. Please remember the scrip-

tural principles for our living: believing and obeying. We cannot believe without obeying or obey without believing. To believe and yet not obey is false belief. To obey and yet not believe is asceticism. Today in the Lord's church, men either err in faith or in obedience. Every failure is the result of a shortage in one of the two or in both. There is either faith without obedience or obedience without faith, or there is neither faith nor obedience. (*Fact, Faith, and Experience*, Chapter 10)

To set the mind on the spirit is to obey the sense of life, and the result is life and peace. Life is satisfaction, and peace is rest. If we set our mind on the spirit and obey the sense of life, we will inwardly feel satisfaction and rest, and we will feel contented and peaceful. Otherwise, we will feel dissatisfied, as if we were missing something. We will feel restless and bothered, as if there were some problem. Obeying the sense of life is the only way for our life to be nourished and for our hearts and spirits to obtain rest. This is true even in the matters of preaching the Word and prayer. We must set the mind on the spirit to be able to touch the Lord's presence, that is, to touch life and peace. When we obey the sense of life, the more we preach, the more we feel satisfied and receive the inward supply. The more we pray, the more we are at peace and feel watered in spirit. This sense of satisfaction and rest is the result of obeying the sense of life. (*Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures*, Vol. 2, Chapter 5)

Obedience is the other end of authority. In order to have obedience, one must first keep the self out of the picture. One must not try to obey with the self. There is the possibility of obedience only by living in the spirit. Obedience is the highest expression of response to God's will. (*Authority and Submission*, Chapter 1)

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