

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 25, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ University campus work in Europe
- ⊗ Germany
- ⊗ Jr. High Perfecting Conference
- ⊗ Irvine
- ⊗ IVC

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

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

The Completing Ministry of Paul, Week 6 (Memorial Day Conference 2013)

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Work on the university campuses in Europe

- ⊗ Please pray for the preparations for the fall semester on the university campuses in Europe.
- ⊗ Pray especially that the Lord will prepare a good number of first-year students who can be gained for His recovery from the campuses where the saints are laboring throughout Europe.

Germany

- ⊗ Please pray for the raising up of the Lord's testimony in the cities of Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Munich, Germany.

Local: Southern California Junior High Perfecting Conference—Saturday, August 31

- ⊗ Pray for the junior-highers to receive a healthy word for their going on in their Christian life and in the church life.

Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that in all the saints in all the districts there would be the building up of a daily life in experiencing and enjoying Christ, a meeting life of overflowing with Christ, a gospel life of contacting people to propagate Christ, and a kingdom life of letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

IVC students

- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would bring many open and seeking students to be connected with the saints at IVC at the Freshman connect on Tuesday.

SHARING FROM THE POLAND YP CONFERENCE

Each summer, young people from all over the world attend a special European young people's conference in Poland. This year, the conference took place from July 28-Aug 3, and 5 young people with 3 serving ones from Irvine attended. There was an overflow meeting on Saturday, Aug 10 and we will be printing testimonies from this meeting in the following weeks.

This is the third year that the conference subject has been on Exodus. I'm just going to give you some statistics. There were 643 total in the conference this time from 26 countries. At one point in the conference we said "Oh Lord Jesus, we love You" in 23 different languages, including Ethiopian, and Eritrean. Have you heard of that one? I've never heard of that one. There was about a 25% increase over the last year in memory verses. This was a week-long conference so you could memorize a lot of verses. There were two tents, one for junior high and another for high school. The total for the junior high tent was a 118 verses which was about double what they did the year before. And the average for the senior tent was 123 which also went up about 30%. The total number of verses memorized was almost 55,000 verses. Praise the Lord for the Body.—PW

This Poland conference was about the crucial aspects of God's economy portrayed in Exodus through Revelation, and our focus was on the Ten Commandments. Ever since fifth grade when I learned about the Ten Commandments I didn't really know what they

signified. I thought it was just ten laws that Jehovah God gave for us, the children of Israel, to keep, to just worship Him. But I really enjoyed that the Ten Commandments were actually an engagement contract between Jehovah and the children of Israel. Jehovah gave to the children of Israel these Ten Commandments so that they would get to know what type of God He is, what many virtues and values and everything He is.

These Ten Commandments were given for the children of Israel to get to know this Jehovah and not to think He is so far away from them. Back then the Ten Commandments were the only laws Jehovah God gave to the children of Israel. They always abided by them, so these words were the only thing that they could approach God with. I really enjoyed that the highest profession on earth is just to spend time with God. There is nothing simpler than to spend time with Him and be in His word and always contact this living one in the word. There are three types of people we can be. We can either be those on top of the mountain like Moses, being in peace with God and just contacting God; we could be those people who are just watching and praying but not really approaching God, and we can be those like the children of Israel who are at the bottom of the mountain trembling and just fearing God because they don't know how approachable He is. So we really need to just read the word and contact the living One, the Lord.—SC

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

25 TH Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
27 TH Tuesday	☪ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
28 TH Wednesday	☪ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
29 TH Thursday	☪ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 1
30 TH Friday	☪ Evening Small groups in the homes
31 ST Saturday	☪ 8:00–9:00am Corporate prayer time at Hall 3 ☪ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
1 ST Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

The Triangular Situation

When Adam stood in front of the two trees, he was standing before God and Satan. This formed a triangular situation between man, God, and Satan in the universe. The struggle between God and Satan was upon man. Whether man will choose God or follow Satan depends completely upon man's choice. This triangular situation is now within us. Once Satan was in the garden outside of Adam; now he is in our flesh. Once God also was in the garden outside of man; now He is in our spirit.

In message ten we pointed out that man is tripartite: he has a spirit, soul, and body. The spirit is our innermost part, the body is our outermost part, and the soul, the main part of our being, stands between them. As a result of the fall, Satan as the tree of knowledge came into man's flesh. As a result of our believing in Christ, God as the tree of life came into our spirit. Therefore, the two trees that were once in the garden outside of man are now within us, one in our flesh and the other in our spirit. If we read Romans 7 carefully, we will see that Paul said in his flesh nothing good dwells, only sin. Sin is actually the evil nature of Satan. To say that sin dwells in our flesh means that Satan, the evil one, is in our flesh. Romans 8:16, a verse which proves that God is in us, says that the Spirit of God witnesses with our spirit. Thus, every genuine Christian is a miniature garden of Eden. The mind of your soul represents your self, sin in your flesh represents Satan, and the Spirit in your spirit represents God. As in the garden of Eden, the three parties form a triangular situation within us.

The seed of this triangular situation was sown in Genesis 2, and the growth of the seed is found in Romans 8, where we see the out-

crop of the two trees. Romans 8:6 says that the mind set on the flesh is death and that the mind set on the spirit is life and peace. In Genesis 2 the two trees were objective; in Romans 8 they are subjective. We should never say that these two trees are no longer with us. Even as you read this message, they are within you. In the past I expected to uproot the tree of knowledge in my flesh, but the more I dealt with it, the more it remained within me. Eventually I discovered Romans 8. I saw that there is another tree abiding in my spirit. Thus, in Romans 8 we find a present-day garden of Eden. Romans 8:2 mentions the law of the Spirit of life, which sets us free from the law of sin and death. Therefore, in Romans 8 we have two laws—the law of life and the law of death. These two laws are the two principles of the two trees in our subjective experience.

I want to say a word especially to the young people reading this message. I hope that you will learn early in your Christian life to enjoy the Lord as your tree of life. After hearing the testimony of a more experienced brother in the Lord, do not try to imitate him. If you do this, you will be turning to the tree of knowledge. You simply need to contact the Lord continually, and the Lord will be your tree of life. As a result, you will spontaneously love the Lord and His Word. Your love will be the outflow of touching the Lord as your living source, as your tree of life. When I was loving the Lord and seeking after Him as a young person, I had no one who could render such help to me. In the church life today you are surrounded by brothers and sisters who encourage you to enjoy the Lord as your tree of life. (*Life Study of Genesis—Message 14*)

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. 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 3:00PM or earlier if rooms are available and check-out is 12:00PM. The hotel has offered a 2:00PM 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, faxed to 714-236-6005, or mailed to Living Stream Ministry Registration Section at 2431 W. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801.