

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 31, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ The Gospel in Irvine

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 25 & 26

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	613-614	103
Tuesday	615-616	104
Wednesday	617-618	105
Thursday	619-620	106
Friday	621-622	107
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Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis, Volume 5, Week 30

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

Local: The Gospel Going Forth in Irvine - The Middle Schools, the High Schools and Irvine Valley College

- ☉ Pray for the going forth of the gospel by every means on the campuses of the junior high and high school students and on the campus of IVC.
- ☉ Pray that the young people and saints of all ages will be open to the Lord to experience Him and be filled with Him as the One anointed to announce and proclaim

the jubilee that students on these campuses will hear this gospel.

- ☉ Pray that there would be a genuine sowing of the Word on these campuses that the Word would grow and bring forth fruit.

LETTER FROM DEBBIE CHAO

Dear Saints,

The wonderful summer days in Boston that I heard about is true and beyond my expectation.

Brother James Lee gave a fellowship concerning the vision, person, living, and responsibility of a serving one during our orientation week. One of my highlights is about who we are as a serving one:

“What is a serving one? When the time came for God to call Moses for His move, He did not appear to Moses in a pillar of fire or in a cloud of thunder. Moses' first vision was a burning thornbush that was not consumed.

Brother James said, ‘This is the essence of Paul's 14 epistles--an open vessel. God is looking for a thornbush, an open vessel, who would receive Him and allow Him to fill him up.

We are thornbushes to carry the divine flame. We should not become proud about ourselves or be totally disgusted about ourselves.

Our duty and responsibility as a serving one is to carry that flame and not let it go out. He needs you as a carrier, a vessel. I am burdened in these days to see the Triune God burn within all the saints. It's not about me or you, but it's about the flame.”

I'm assigned to MIT and will be meeting with the church in Cambridge. There is one work in the Greater Boston Area, and my team (4 brothers and 2 sisters) labors closely with the Harvard team. This week is freshman orientation week. We're praying that the Lord will gain an increase from the freshman population and that the Lord will raise up a student core in each campus.

The transition was smooth and I'm getting to know the local saints day by day. Last week my team visited two homes and joined the YP meeting in Cambridge. I am very happy to be here enjoying the Lord with all the saints.

Yesterday it was my first time preparing and writing a prophecy. It took me an hour! But it made a difference; I was ready to stand up and speak at any moment.

We'll be getting into the spiritual blessings to the church in Eph. 1:3-14 this week.

Rejoice,
Debbie

LOCAL PERFECTING CONFERENCE—SEPT. 6-7

The leading brothers of the church in Irvine would like to invite all the saints to a local perfecting conference with the subject of “Meeting in the Spirit Outside of Religion” on the weekend of Sept. 6-7. The training will consist of three sessions according to the following schedule:

- Session 1: Sat., 9/6, 10am-12pm @ Hall 1
- Session 2: Sat., 9/6, 7:30pm-9pm @ Hall 1
- Session 3: LD, 9/7, 10:15am-12:00pm @ Hall 1

The third session will take place immediately after the church-wide Lord's Table at

Hall 1, which will start at the usual time of 9:30am. Due to the anticipated parking limitations, please carpool as much as possible. Cars bringing children, elderly saints, or 3 or more people will be the only vehicles permitted to park in the meeting hall parking lot. Trainees and students should try their best to park in the Venado Middle School parking lot across Deerfield Park. The remaining saints should try to park in the neighborhood streets immediately behind the meeting hall. Please be considerate of the neighbors and walk only on

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Upcoming Events

☉ Saturday, Sept. 6 - Lord's Day, Sept. 7
Local Perfecting Conference, Irvine

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

31 ST Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
2 ND Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
3 RD Wednesday	☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
4 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
5 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
6 TH Saturday	☉ 10am–12pm Local Perfecting Conference at Hall 1 - Session 1 ☉ 7:30–9:00pm Local Perfecting Conference at Hall 1 - Session 2
7 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12pm Corporate Lord's Table at Hall 1 followed by Session 3 of the Local Perfecting Conference

LOCAL PERFECTING CONFERENCE—SEPT. 6-7 (CONT'D)

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paved walkways as you make your way to the meeting hall.

Children's service will be provided in the same manner as in previous church-wide blending gatherings.

Please do your best to attend these sessions as the Lord seems burdened to lead the church into a real renewal of its meeting life

and refresh the saints' view concerning our function in the meetings of the church.

TESTIMONIES FROM FTTA TRAINEES

Dearest family in the Lord,

How are you all?! Hopefully you're all doing well and falling more in love with the Lord each and every day. In case you haven't yet heard from the grapevine, I am in the FTTA and was placed on the Cerritos campus team. :) We're a team of 12 and about half of us are first-termers. Oh and for those of you who remember Grace Chiu, my gospel partner is Tiffany Chiu (her sister-in-law)!

I just wanted to share a little bit about my experience here in the training because it's super different knowing about it and being exposed to it than it is actually being in it. Well, it's **everything** and **nothing** like everyone has described it. But I just have to say that I'm really blessed and privileged to be here and I'm really, *really* happy to be here. I get worried because I'm so behind in the readings and memorizations (story of my life) but the Lord just comes to me to gently remind me why I'm here and encourages me.

Which brings me to one of my top enjoyments. In our first orientation, the brothers shared a lot about the training with us but the main word I took it away from it was **open**. Sometimes it feels like the training asks a lot of us but actually, they're just asking us to be open to what the Lord has in store for us. So maybe I can't be the best memorizer or the best gospel preacher, but I can choose to be open. So when I don't feel like waking up in the morning, I remember I told the Lord I would be open. When I don't feel like giving up my study time to clean bathrooms, I remember I told the Lord I would be open. When I get scared to be on campus, I remember I told the Lord I would be open. **Giving ourselves to simply be open to Him can go a very long way.** And He has been faithful to remind me of our conversation, and praise Him, I'm still here and everything has been so enjoyable.

I miss you all, but I know you aren't too far away. You're all in my heart and please don't hesitate to text me. I'll get around to them eventually. :)

In Him,
Diana Pimentel

P.S. Sorry this was so long but it's my FIRST one. :)

Hello Saints!

Praise the Lord!

This week was the first "normal" week of the training. I am still assigned to be on the Long Beach Team. We received 5 new teammates.

We are so excited to have new teammates and to be those that would be blent together into one team for the Lord's testimony and expression in Long Beach.

Some enjoyment from this week! I had my first New Jerusalem class and it was great. There was a real cry among all the trainees that this term the Lord would carry us away in spirit to see the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:10).

I was impressed with two phrases that our Brother gave concerning the New Jerusalem:

The New Jerusalem is **personal**— Rev 21:2 "And I saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a **bride** adorned for her husband." The New Jerusalem is not a thing but a person.

The New Jerusalem is something that is **for now**— In every aspect of the New Jerusalem we see that they are applied to our Christian life. The more we experience these aspects of the New Jerusalem the more we will understand it.

Sorry this is so long, but it is only a glimpse into the riches before me.

Please pray: for the Long Beach team to be blent, knit, and joined as one for the Lord's testimony on campus; for both CSULB and LBCC as school will start this upcoming Monday; and for the students to be strengthened and supplied to meet all the practical needs.

In Him,
Abraham Lin