

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

September 4, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ Bookshop in London
- ❖ Pretoria Perfecting Training
- ❖ U.S. college campuses
- ❖ Irvine
- ❖ 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 Exodus, messages 132 & 133*

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	736-737	316
Tuesday	738-739	317
Wednesday	740-741	318
Thursday	742-743	319
Friday	744-745	320
Saturday	746-747	321

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Psalms, Vol. 1, Week 4

Word of the Week

Choose

The full post is available here:

<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=2359>

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	158
Hall 2	111
Hall 3	105
TOTAL	374

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Bookshop in London

Please see article below.

- ❖ Pray that this bookshop will become a contact point for many seeking believers in London and the UK.
- ❖ Pray that the Lord will supply the brothers with wisdom and the proper view to know how He desires the bookshop to operate.
- ❖ Pray that through the bookshop the ministry would be distributed in the twenty-one European languages in which it is available, as well as in Arabic, and that this word would become a seed sown in the UK, Europe, Arabic countries and beyond.

Pretoria Perfecting Training

Beginning on September 5 and concluding on September 16, there will be a two-week perfecting training in Pretoria, South Africa. There are over thirty saints who have committed to this time of perfecting. From 2008 through August 14, 2011 there have been eleven such trainings conducted in other parts of the continent of Africa. Eight trainings have been held in West Africa, and three have been held in East Africa. The Lord has now opened a way for such an opportunity for the saints to participate in this kind of perfecting training in South Africa.

- ❖ Please pray that the exercise of the spirit and standard of the training would be high.
- ❖ Pray that the Father of glory would give the trainees a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

- ❖ Pray the Lord would grace and strengthen all the saints and the coordination of the saints in their service to support the training.
- ❖ Pray the Lord would head up and bless the entire training.

National: New Academic Year on College Campuses

College campuses in the United States are starting the new academic year and saints are planning distribution events on many campuses to contact students at the beginning of the new term.

- ❖ Pray that the Lord would bless many campuses with a prevailing gospel labor.
- ❖ Pray that the seed of the Lord's Word be spread broadly during this special time of sowing.
- ❖ Pray many students, especially college freshmen, would come into contact with the saints early in the school year and be fed and attracted by the riches in the ministry.

Local: Irvine

- ❖ Pray for the college students' retreat this weekend (Sept 9-11) at Big Bear.
- ❖ Pray that the church here would be brought more into the experience and enjoyment of Christ that a church life of mutual care and shepherding with a genuine concern for man would be built up here.
- ❖ Pray that the church would take further root downward and bear more fruit upward (Isa. 37:31).

REPORT ON THE BOOKSHOP IN LONDON

To meet the needs of the seekers in Europe, a two-story building was recently purchased in the heart of London. This building is now being remodeled with the view of opening it as a bookshop and café by the end of the summer.

Our burden is to provide a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere in which to distribute the ministry. More than half a million people living in London were born in another European country, and more than 100,000 people living in London were born in the Middle East. With this in view, we would like to distribute the ministry in the twenty-one European languages in which it is available, as well as in Arabic.

The new property is very close to several key train stations. Yearly traffic through these sta-

tions exceeds that of Heathrow Airport (the busiest airport in Europe) and is expected to increase by approximately 50% during the London 2012 Olympics. There are many universities in close proximity, many halls of residence in the immediate area, and open homes of the saints nearby. We expect the bookshop to be a gathering place for many appointments with students throughout the day, as well as a means for sowing the ministry into the UK, Europe, and beyond.

We are praying that this facility will be fully used unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ. The saints are working long hours at the bookshop, seven days a week. More and more brothers and

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ **Thursday, Oct. 6 - Saturday, Oct. 8,**
ITERO, Baarlo, Netherlands
- ☉ **Thursday, Nov. 24 - Lord's Day, Nov. 27,**
Thanksgiving Conference, San Jose,
CA

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
 Blog: churchinirvine.org/Members
 Audio: recentaudio.churchinirvine.org
 Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
 Gospel: gospel.churchinirvine.org
 Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
 YA: youngadults.churchinirvine.org
 YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

Online Forms

Record baptisms:
baptisms.churchinirvine.org
 Register for user account:
churchinirvine.org/register
 Register for truth pursuit emails:
truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org
 Register for services:
servicesignup.churchinirvine.org

This Week

4 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3
6 TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1 (by languages)
7 TH Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at LSM Campus
8 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2
9 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
10 TH Saturday	☉ 8:30am Brothers' prayer & fellowship at Hall 3 ☉ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting
11 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

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sisters are coming to help from the different districts in London, and some are coming from other cities for short periods of time. The shop is expected to open at the end of September, just before the ITERO in Holland.

It is becoming clearer that this little shop, with a ground floor coffee shop and a first floor bookshop/lounge, will become an excellent contact point for many seeking ones in the UK. One day while the saints were working, a

brother knocked on the door, looked inside and declared strongly that this would become the best bookshop in all of London. He was a real seeking one who had heard about the shop in an advertisement on the radio broadcast, and he told us of his desire to come when the shop opens. It is our clear burden that this shop, because of its central location, will become a contact point for many seeking believers in London and in the UK.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "CHOOSE"

From The Conference Handout...

Scriptures: Deut. 30:19; Josh. 24:15; Ruth 1:16; Psa. 84:10; Psa. 119:173; Isa. 7:15

Footnotes: Ruth 1:16¹

Hymns: 463, 439

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Deut. 30:19: I call heaven and earth to witness against you today: I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life that you and your seed may live, 20 In loving Jehovah your God by listening to His voice and holding fast to Him; for He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell upon the land which Jehovah swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

Psa. 84:10: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand; / I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God / Than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Isa. 7:15: He will eat curds and honey until he knows how to refuse evil and choose good.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

Ruth 1:16, note 1: Ruth chose the goal of participating with God's elect in the enjoyment of Christ, and she even became an important ancestor of Christ, one who helped bring forth Christ into mankind. This was more than just a resolution on the part of the Moabite widow; it was a goal, a choosing. Ruth chose God and His kingdom for the carrying out of God's economy concerning Christ.

To view the Word of the Week post in its entirety, go to: <http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=2359>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Vehicles Needed

The church has need of 2-3 vehicles for use by the full time serving ones and trainees. If you are willing to donate a vehicle please contact: Craig Birchler or Tony Barba.

The vehicles should to be in good condition and mechanically sound.

☉ The Church in Whittier—First Lord's Table Meeting on September 25, 2011

We rejoice in the Lord to announce to you the establishment of the church in Whittier. The church will have its first Lord's table meeting on September 25, 2011.

The first Lord's table meeting will be held at 10AM at the Gymnasium of the Southern California University of Health Sciences, located at: 16200 Amber Valley Drive, Whittier, CA 90604.

The meeting will be followed by a love-feast for all the saints. Irvine has been invited to send 10 saints as a representative number to go and stand with the saints for this new beginning of the church life in Whittier.

Please contact Mark Niu if you would like to attend.

☉ Door-Knocking in San Marcos

As many of you know, the churches in San Diego county have been laboring to raise up the Lord's testimony in San Marcos. In that regard, they have been going out monthly to seek the sons of peace in that city by knocking on doors to offer the Recovery Version New Testament and other ministry materials. The saints are planning to go out again on **Saturday, Sept. 17 from 4:00-6:00pm** and would like to extend an invitation to any individuals or small groups to join them in this fellowship unto the furtherance of the gospel.

Those going out will meet at the hall in Vista to pray, fellowship, and form teams before going out. The Vista meeting hall is located at 150-B Hannalei Drive, Vista, CA 92083.

For additional information, you may contact Tony Barba at: tony.barba@bfa.org.