

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 9, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ FTTL
- ⊗ European University Students
- ⊗ Frankfurt, Germany
- ⊗ 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 Ephesians, messages 41 & 42*

Bible reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1324-1325	610
Tuesday	1326-1327	611
Wednesday	1328-1329	612
Thursday	1330-1331	613
Friday	1332-1333	614
Saturday	1334-1335	615

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets, Week 5

Word of the Week

Trust

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/>

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Fall Term of the FTTL

The fall 2012 semester of the Full-Time Training in London (FTTL) includes 40 trainees total, of whom 17 are incoming first-term trainees. In the current semester there are trainees from 13 countries: the UK (11), France (6), Netherlands (4), Poland (4), Germany (3), Spain (3), Lithuania (2), Estonia (2), Romania (1), Slovakia (1), Italy (1), Portugal (1), and Taiwan (1).

- ⊗ Please pray that all the trainees will be constituted with the divine truths, live the life of a God-man, and be equipped to serve the Lord for the increase and building up of Christ's Body.

Contacting European University Students

- ⊗ Please pray for the contact with the students, especially first-year students, at the universities in Europe in September, before classes begin in October. Pray for the chosen ones, the sons of peace.

The Lord's Move in Frankfurt, Germany

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord will establish a strong and shining testimony in this important city.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that the church would be revived in the spirit of the gospel to be a gospel-preaching church in oneness with our Savior God and His desire for all men to be saved.
- ⊗ Pray for the UCI/IVC Retreat taking place this weekend from Sept. 14-16. Pray that the spirit of the gospel and the heart of our Savior God would be infused into the families and students attending this time.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "TRUST"

Read Some Helpful Verses:

Isa. 26:4: Trust in Jehovah forever and ever, / For in Jah Jehovah we have an eternal rock.

2 Cor. 1:9: Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead....

Read Some Helpful Ministry:

We may say, "I do not trust in myself. I trust in the Lord." To say this is easy. We do not know how much we cheat ourselves in saying this. It is not easy to lose our trust in ourselves. Every one among us is a self-trusting one. It is really hard for us to get rid of self-trust. Even little children have self-trust. They may love their mother very much, but they do not trust in their mother; they trust in themselves. The more a child grows, the more that child trusts in himself. A mother realizes that after a child becomes five years of age he no longer trusts in her. The more one grows, the more he trusts in himself. For every full-grown man there is the full-grown trust in the self. We may have no trust in others and no trust in the Lord. **Our trust is only in ourselves. To learn the lesson not to trust in ourselves but in the Lord is not easy because of our cleverness, wisdom, natural strength, and natural motive. We need many years to be rid of our natural cleverness, natural wisdom, natural**

strength, and natural motive (*Enjoying the Riches of Christ for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ*, Chapter 10).

In 2 Corinthians 1, Paul told us that he and his co-workers were "excessively burdened, beyond our power, so that we despaired even of living" (v. 8). **They had the sentence of death in themselves that they should not trust in themselves but in the very God who raises the dead** (v. 9). We need to be impressed with these words in 1:9—"we should not have confidence in ourselves, but in God." Through the redemption of Christ, the very God, who is in the heavens, has come into us, into our spirit (Col. 1:27; 2 Tim. 4:22). **Thank the Lord that He is now in our spirit, calling us to forget about the soulish things and turn to our spirit to meet Him. We should no longer trust in our self, in our soul, but in God who is in our spirit.**

We may know the doctrine concerning no longer trusting in ourselves but in God. To say that we trust in God is easy, but in our experience it may be different. If a husband's wife is not so nice to him, the first thing he usually does is to exercise his mind to consider his wife's situation. This is what it means to trust in yourself. If we have really learned the lesson to trust no more in

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

This Week

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| 9 TH
Lord's Day | ⊗ 9:30am - 12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 11 TH
Tuesday | ⊗ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts |
| 12 TH
Wednesday | ⊗ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3 |
| 13 TH
Thursday | ⊗ 10:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2 |
| 14 TH
Friday | ⊗ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 15 TH
Saturday | ⊗ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination by districts
⊗ 6:00pm Young people's meeting |
| 16 TH
Lord's Day | ⊗ 9:30am - 12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |

WORD OF THE WEEK: "TRUST" (CONT'D)

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ourselves, we would not exercise our mind first but our spirit. Immediately, we should turn to our spirit and exercise our spirit to contact God. This practically means that we do not trust in ourselves but in God. We all need this kind of experience today (*An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit*, Chapter 2).

As an ambassador of Christ, Paul realized that whatever was within him, whatever he was, and whatever he had was mortal (5:4). Anything that is subject to death is mortal. Our wisdom is mortal, and our ability is mortal. Whatever we can do, whatever we are, and whatever we have is going to die. This is why we should not have any trust in what we are. We have to realize that we are mortal beings, but God has wrought into us something which is eternal, something which will never die, something which will last forever. Because we have received the Lord Jesus and He lives in us, we possess His immortal divinity. Eventually all that we are that is mortal will be "swallowed up by life" (5:4). Mortality will be swallowed up by

the divine life.... We have to be clear that we are mortals, that whatever we can do, whatever we are, and whatever we have will die. We should not have any trust in ourselves nor should we live by ourselves. We need to realize that someone else is within us. This Person is the immortal life, the divine life (John 14:6). We should trust in this life, live by this life, and behave ourselves by this life. This life qualifies us and equips us to be the ambassadors of Christ. A person is not qualified to be an ambassador of Christ by power, by gift, or by knowledge, but by the immortal life within him. We need to forget about ourselves, to give up whatever we can do and whatever we are, and put our trust in this immortal life which is God Himself in Christ (*An Autobiography of a Person in the Spirit*, Chapter 6).

To view the Word of the Week post in its entirety, go to:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/>

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HWMR Needed for Israel

If any saints have a copy of the HWMR from the Spring 2012 ITERO "Taking the Lead as Elders and Responsible Ones" in English that the church recently finished, whether new or used, and is willing to contribute it to needy saints in Israel, please give them to the leading brothers in your district. We will arrange to have them shipped to the saints there. "Contribute to the needs of the saints..." (Rom 12:13). Note 1 ("contribute"): "Lit., Have fellowship with.... The apostle termed this kind of material care 'fellowship,' because in the sharing of material things the grace of the Lord's life flows among the members of the Body of Christ and is infused into them." For questions, contact Mark Niu.

A Need for Cars:

The church has need for 2 cars due to an increase in full-time serving ones and trainees who do not have cars. The need for vehicles can be met by either donating a vehicle to the church OR making a vehicle available to use on Fridays and Lord's Day afternoons. The vehicle should be in good condition and mechanically sound. Please contact Tony Barba or Craig Birchler if you have a vehicle to offer for this need.