

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 14, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ The Gospel at UCI

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 29 & 30

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	637-638	115
Tuesday	639-640	116
Wednesday	641-642	117
Thursday	643-644	118
Friday	645-646	119
Saturday	647-648	120

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis, Volume 6, Week 32

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

Local: The Gospel at UCI

- ☉ Pray for the follow-up contact with the 230+ students from the summer orientation programs.
- ☉ Pray for the fall retreat from September 19-21 involving students, families and full-time serving ones.

- ☉ Pray for the stirring up of a hunger for God's word among the incoming freshman at UCI and the preparing of many hearts to receive the gospel.

CHILDREN'S WORK PERFECTING CONFERENCE

We are pleased to announce to the churches in Southern California a perfecting conference for parents and for those who serve with the children in the churches. This perfecting conference will be a continuation and further development of the same conference we began several years ago. In the recent publication, *Raising Up the Next Generation for the Church Life*, we have come to see that our children's work is to build them up in their humanity to be proper human beings. In this perfecting conference we want to explore the function of the law as a child-conductor that leads our children to Christ and how we can build up a proper character in our children through the lessons we prepare. On these topics Brother Lee said this:

"In caring for their children, Christian parents need to preach the law to them. We should not first preach grace to the children. If we give them regulations according to the law, the law will keep them in custody for Christ. Thus, we should first give them the law in a strong way. The law will expose them, and keep them, serving as a custodian to keep them for Christ." (Life-study of Galatians, p. 165)

"Today, many young people have been damaged with respect to their character. It is because of this that we have a children's work for the children. We need to build up our children's character. From their youth they must learn to honor their parents, love their brothers and sisters, and respect others. We do not need to give the young ones too much knowledge of the Bible. We should rather build them up with the proper ethics and morality that will constitute a proper character. Many people today are short of such a proper training." (The Exercise and Practice of the God-Ordained Way, pp. 301-302)

This Children's Work Perfecting Conference will be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 9:00am until 3:00pm** at the church in Diamond Bar meeting hall at 1200 South Brea Canyon Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. For the registered saints lunch will be provided. The registration donation for this conference will be \$25. **Please register by September 28, 2014 by going to SCYP.com and clicking on Event Registration.**

VISITS TO COLUMBUS AND FAIRBORN, OHIO

Two full-time serving ones and two students were sent to Ohio in August to help contact the incoming freshman. The following are their reports and letters of appreciation.

We want to express our gratitude to all of you for being sent to Ohio to support the churches there in Columbus and Fairborn. We were able to be in Columbus for four days, joining the team and students at the beginning of their semester, including the OSU involvement fair where thousands of clubs go out to catch their 9,000 freshmen. Then on Monday, we left for Fairborn and spent two and a half days there. We joined their coordination in the morning with the full-time team, tabling at Wright University in the afternoons and their Bible Reading Groups in the evenings in the dorms as well as a home meeting and prayer meeting. Blending with these two localities was very sweet.

Also, having two of our students was a very big help. Everybody loved them. They enjoyed how much they just entered into their labor and were able to actually be their co-workers as they went into the dorms at night for their Bible Reading Groups. We do believe that these two students really grew a lot from this experience, even in their seeing of the local churches, tasting the sweet church life in other cities in addition to Irvine. We also feel that we were able to grow a lot as well. We do not see it as a small thing being sent by the church, representing the church, and we held this trip very high. Thank you again, for such an amazing opportunity. So many saints, so many students, families, and these campuses have definitely been written on our heart.

Praise Him! - Francesco and Emmelyn Prano

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Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, Sept. 19 - Lord's Day, Sept. 21
Irvine Fall Retreat, Big Bear

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

☉ This Week

14 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
16 TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
17 TH Wednesday	☉ 7:30–9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
18 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
19 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
20 TH Saturday	☉ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting
21 ST Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

VISITS TO COLUMBUS AND FAIRBORN, OHIO (CONT'D)

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First of all, I want to thank the church in Irvine for sending us to Ohio to meet with the saints in Columbus and Fairborn. On the way there, I had fully realized what a blessing it was to go on this trip. This was my first time leaving the state, and my first time being sent by the church to another locality. Thank you again, and praise the Lord for all that He has done, and for His move in Ohio.

In the church in Columbus there were two full timers and a recently developed group of core students in the Christians on Campus at OSU club. I was staying at the brothers' house on King St. I was with three brothers. It is normal for students (and people in general) to try to meet one another in a slow and simple way; however, I fought against that concept, and fellowshiped with them, and enjoyed their company and their portion of Christ. It was hard at first but the Lord usually makes a way. Praise the Lord! The brothers in Columbus are burning for the Lord! When we were preaching the gospel during the club fair, the Lord's presence was there and blessed our labor. This was my highlight—laboring with the saints on campus. At that moment, we worked as one. Even before the club fair, we prayed together and fellowshiped together. Praise the Lord for oneness! I also enjoyed the Lord's table! It was refreshing and encouraging. Overall, there was too much enjoyment!

In the church in Fairborn, I was not staying in the brothers' house, but in a couple's home. The time there was much different since I was no longer with young brothers, yet it was still special. The Lord still showed us a lot in Fairborn. The full timers there are laboring hard at Wright State University. Every morning they take time together as a team to have corporate morning revival, prayer time, and coordination. I was able to see how full-timers work together and how much they care about their students. Not only did they talk about the students with much care, but they also treated them with much care. For example, while we were in a Bible study, I saw how this couple I stayed with led their Tuesday night Bible study with a group of honor students. They weren't just there to teach the students, but they were there to meet the students' needs. It was awesome to be able to see this, especially since it was a full Bible study. Over 17 students were there, and it was their first Bible study!

Overall, I enjoyed my time with the saints in Ohio and I'm very grateful for the Body. Praise the Lord for His Body!

In Him, Chris Valencia

I truly wanted to thank you all for the opportunity to be sent by the church in Irvine to the churches in Ohio. It was the Lord's blessing, not only to be sent by the church, but to be able to labor with the saints in both Columbus and Fairborn. It was such a wonderful experience to be able to represent the church in Irvine, especially because this is where I first met the saints and came into the church life. I know that one of the things I really cherished about being with the saints in Ohio was experiencing a change in environment and even a different church life from what I know from being in Irvine. We are the same church, AMEN, but some parts of our living may still be different.

My time spent with the college sisters really touched my heart, especially in our reading and prayer times together. Our spirits were one with one another and one with the Lord. It was awesome to be able to labor with them in our praying for the freshmen, contacting the freshmen, meeting through appointments, and sharing our enjoyments of the Lord with one another. I think after being in Ohio, in both localities, I was impressed most by all the saints' labor for the college campuses. The campuses may not be the Lord's main purpose, but dispensing Himself into every one, filling them, and being their life, is; and the colleges are an excellent place for the Lord to dispense Himself into man. In seeing how much the students labored on the campuses, and how much of a function they had in the church made me realize how often we take advantage of the number of saints, including full-timers. that we have in Irvine. The students in Ohio didn't have as many full-timers or serving ones to assist them in their labor, and so each one saw that they needed to take up this responsibility, and on many different levels.

In the end, I was grateful for all of the saints in Irvine, and the Lord showed me how truly blessed we are, and even how much more the Lord could do through us if we all come together and labor together. Day by day, I enjoyed the Lord with the saints, enjoying Him in more ways than one. I feel the Lord placed Francesco, Emmelyn, Chris, and myself there for His purpose, and used us, even in the smallest way, to gain what He was after. I hope in the coming weeks I am able to share with you all a bit more of my enjoyment in Ohio. I just PRAISE THE LORD for His move on this earth, and for all the saints in every locality around the world. Thank you all again, for allowing us to be sent!

Loving Him, Shannon Wong