

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 15, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Training graduates serving in Europe
- ☉ BfA distribution at Oklahoma State Fair
- ☉ Irvine and UCI

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Message 3 & 4

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	49-50	910
Tuesday	51-52	911
Wednesday	53-54	912
Thursday	55-56	913
Friday	57-58	914
Saturday	59-60	915

Morning Revival

Crystallization study of Genesis (Vol. 1), Week 3

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Graduates of the FTFA-XB and the FTTL who are serving in Europe

Three graduates of the FTFA-XB plus a serving couple have arrived in London, and a fourth graduate is planning to migrate in October. Other graduates are expected to follow later in the year. In addition, 14 spring term FTTL graduates have begun to serve.

- ☉ Please pray for the Lord's rich supply to the new full-timers, for their blending with all the current serving ones and the saints in Europe, and for the Lord's abundant blessing on all their labor.

National: Oklahoma State Fair Distribution

This year, saints will again distribute BfA materials at the Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City from September 12–22. The fair attracts roughly one million attendees from all over the state.

- ☉ Please pray for the Lord to strengthen the distributing saints and to dispense His riches throughout Oklahoma through these days of distribution.

Local: Irvine

- ☉ Pray that the daily life of the saints would be filled with the Spirit and the Word that there would be the overflow of Christ in the saints' daily life, meeting life, and in the gospel.
- ☉ Pray for the saints' appetite to be in the Word and in the reading of the *Life-Study of Colossians* that such a "diet" would result in a spiritual constitution in the saints for the Lord's testimony and move.
- ☉ Pray for the gospel labor this quarter at UCI and the labor during Welcome Week starting Sept. 23.

TESTIMONIES FROM IRVINE-SENT AND IRVINE-RELATED TRAINEES

In the following weeks, we will be reporting some testimonies written by our Irvine-sent and Irvine-related trainees regarding their enjoyment from their experience in the FTFA for the encouragement and exhortation of all the saints.

Dear fellow eaters,

I can probably summarize my week by the title: "Growing in Life by Eating for the Body of Christ." In the ministry meeting I really enjoyed the three stages of eating in our Christian life as typified by the children of Israel. First, we enjoy Christ as our Passover, eating the whole Lamb. Then we are led into the wilderness to enjoy Christ as our daily manna in order for us to be reconstituted. Eventually, our goal is to eat and enjoy Christ as the produce of the good land. This is not only for us, however, but as we're eating, we defeat the enemy, bring in the kingdom, and build up the dwelling place of God.

As we're eating, we're growing. This is what the Lord is after. In our New Jerusalem class, we saw the five designations of the New Jerusalem, all implying God's operation needing man's cooperation. In particular, the wife of the Lamb not only requires us to love the Lord, but to GROW. The Lord cannot marry an immature, little girl; the bride needs to make herself ready! This is by us simply eating and enjoying so that we can grow!

This past weekend, we also had a mini-conference with Br. Ron Kangas in Cerritos on this topic of Growing in Life for the Body of

Christ. It was a good recalibration to see that our growth is for the Body. Tied in to our God's economy class and Spirit class, we see that when we eat and grow, we enter into the stewardship of the grace of God, which is TO ME FOR YOU. When Christ makes His home in our hearts, we bring others into this dispensing, this stewardship, for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Saints, we need to be simplified to just eat and enjoy! Eating is the way!

Prayer burden: that all the saints in the recovery would eat Jesus and spend time with Him to behold and reflect His glory. Our Lord Jesus is good for food and is so sweet.—SC

Hello Dear Saints in the Lord,

I hope everyone is enjoying the Lord today because He is the blessing of the gospel to us.

I just wanted to share something with you all that I was touched with in my CYP (Children, young people, and college) class. I know that many students are busy with the coordination for welcome week and getting a lot of things taken care of but I just wanted to share something concerning the work. The Lord cares more for the person than He does for the work. In God's economy it is all about the person. If God can gain a man, he can gain a country. If He can gain all the students, He can gain all of UCI. You can have the best

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, Oct. 11 - Lord's Day, Oct. 13, Local Perfecting Conference, Irvine
- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 28 - Lord's Day, Dec. 1, International Thanksgiving Conference, Schaumburg, Illinois

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

15 TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
17 TH Tuesday	❖ 7:30–8:30pm Church-wide corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1
18 TH Wednesday	❖ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
19 TH Thursday	❖ 10:00–11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 3
20 TH Friday	❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
21 ST Saturday	❖ 6:00pm Young People's meeting
22 ND Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

TESTIMONIES FROM IRVINE-SENT AND IRVINE-RELATED TRAINEES (CONT'D)

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method in a wrong person's hand and He will not gain many. However, you can have a sub-par method in the hand of the proper person and He will gain many. When we are going out we are not just looking for the best method or the best way but rather we need to have a living that comes out of our time with the Lord.

Saints, I stand with you all as you are preparing for a wonderful welcome week, but don't forget to take care of your time before the Lord. If you lose that time then He can't

gain you as a person, and if He can't gain you then He can't gain those whom He desires to.

Just a small experience: as I was going out to campus to help with the students at CSULB and LBCC for their welcome week, I realized that my morning time with the Lord actually increased because I needed the Lord more. He will supply and be your strength.

Sorry again for the long email! The Lord has just so much for me.—AL

SHARING FROM THE POLAND YP CONFERENCE

We continue reporting the testimonies that were given on Aug. 10 in Irvine about the special European young people's conference in Poland.

At the beginning of the conference, the brothers were saying that the Poland conference is not something that changes your life, it's your day-by-day experiences. I went to the Poland conference thinking how am I going to do this and that but it's so comforting we do not need to do anything for the Lord Jesus just enjoy Him and reflect Him. I just enjoyed singing the hymn - *Take Time to Behold Him* and I really enjoyed what another sister said, that we only need to behold Him to reflect Him. Oh behold Him, enjoy Him and reflect Him. A lot of times we have veils between us and God and we could not go to God and even when we go to God we have failures we cannot see. But God really wants us to go to Him and He wants to remove our veils and He just wants us to be face to face with Him. Oh and there is one point I enjoyed that God gave us the ten commandments not to follow them all—it's impossible for us to follow them all because we have sin because of Adam's fall. So I was really touched by the one point that we think we can do good and do them all and its offensive to God. We do not need to try harder or do our best to be good persons but just take time to behold Him. "Take time to behold Him, calm all thine thoughts, each thought and temper." I really enjoyed this. God is the One who can do this.—JC

I also enjoyed this conference and message. Going to the Poland conference and seeing all the young people and their families of all different countries who are so desperate. In Irvine, we have meeting after meeting, and if we don't go to this Saturday's meeting you would have missed one, but I can go to the next one. That's our attitude in life but for these saints this is it. This is the one conference

of the year that they get to get together. So it is not just young people who get together, there are families who were there with young children who signed up and then have their own activities. They come in and sit in the conference. And these saints are on fire, they are so seeking and so desperate and they just seized the opportunity to share every time. They sit in the front row, and they are just yelling, declaring the hymns. I really enjoyed the atmosphere and their pursuing heart. It is really exposing on my part too just how comfortable we are all here having all the saints and all these meetings. One of the points that I enjoyed is the law that is given to us. I always considered that in my concept you keep, you try your best, but really God wants to set such a high standard to make us realize that we cannot get there on our own. It is impossible but the Christian life is also impossible but on the other hand also effortless. Because we have the standard and He makes it so hard...like regard the brothers like yourself...how do you do that? We can't do that. There are things that we cannot do on our own. One of the points that I enjoyed is that if we cannot love somebody you should bring that to the Lord and just open to the Lord and say, "Lord, I can't do it" or even say to the Lord "let's not like this sister together" and invite the Lord into your emotions. Soon you are opening to the Lord regarding this matter and the Lord infuses Himself into you as love so that the Lord has a way in you so that is the Christian life—on the one hand impossible and on the other effortless. The other point that I enjoyed is that the Bible is like a love letter revealing who God is and we need to read the Word. We need to be in the Word, be infused with the Word to really know who God is. He speaks to us through His Word and to change our diet is to be in the Word everyday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Children's Service Fellowship—TODAY

There will a children's service fellowship time TODAY, Sept. 15 at 3:30pm at Hall 3. Parents, serving ones, and all other saints bur-

dened for the children's work should plan to attend this fellowship.