

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 16, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Recovery Version Distributions in Europe
- ⊗ 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 43 & 44*

Bible reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1336-1337	616
Tuesday	1338-1339	617
Wednesday	1340-1341	618
Thursday	1342-1343	619
Friday	1344-1345	620
Saturday	1346-1347	621

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets, Week 6

Word of the Week

Entrust

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International:

New Testament Recovery Version Distribution in French-speaking Countries

The free distribution of the French New Testament Recovery Version will begin this week in the French-speaking countries of Europe. The planned schedule is: September 12-19 in Paris; September 20-23 in Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland; September 29 - October 7 in Paris; and sometime in November in Brussels. 9,000 free French Recovery Versions are in stock.

- ⊗ Please pray for the one accord among all the saints, the serving ones, and the FTTL trainees, which will bring in the Lord's commanded blessing.

Follow-up of the New Testament Recovery Version Distributions in the UK

To date more than 60,000 NT Recovery Versions have been distributed, and more than 60% of the recipients have indicated a desire for further contact.

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord will supply the saints and the full-timers to carry out the overwhelming task of following-up with the Recovery Version recipients through phone calls, seminars, and personal visits.

- ⊗ Please pray that a good number of local people will be brought into the church life.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Continue to 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 sisters' fellowship next Lord's Day evening (Sept. 23) that the Lord's burden for the church would be imparted into the sisters and that the whole church would be in one accord for the proclamation and furtherance of the gospel in Irvine.

UCI

- ⊗ Pray for the gospel at UCI that the sanctifying Spirit will work in the sons of peace and Satan will be bound.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "ENTRUST"

Read Some Helpful Verses...

Acts 20:32: And now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who have been sanctified.

2 Tim. 1:12: For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit unto that day.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

2 Tim 1:12³: The apostle believed not a thing or a matter but a living person, Christ, the Son of the living God, who is the embodiment of divine grace and eternal life. The eternal life in Him is powerful; it is more than able to sustain to the end the one who suffers for His sake, and to preserve him for the inheritance of the coming glory. The grace in Him was more than sufficient to provide His sent one with all he needed for finishing the course of his ministry unto a reward in glory (4:7-8). Hence, He was able

to guard that which the apostle had committed unto Him for the day of His return. Such an assurance must also have been an encouragement and strengthening to the enfeebled and sorrowful Timothy.

2 Tim 1:12⁴: Or, that which I have committed unto Him. The apostle committed his entire being with his glorious future unto the One who was able, through His life and grace, to guard his deposit for the day of His second appearing.

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

Now we know that only Christ can overcome. We also know that Christ is living within us. We know moreover that when we believe, we have Christ. Yet day after day we remain the same and nothing is changed. What should we do so that we can let Christ live His life out of us? There are two ways or, one may say, two conditions.

It is true that Christ is in us. But if we do not allow Him to work, He will not work. **We must submit ourselves to God.** What is

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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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| 16 TH
Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 18 TH
Tuesday | ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts |
| 19 TH
Wednesday | ☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3 |
| 20 TH
Thursday | ☉ 10:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2 |
| 21 ST
Friday | ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 22 ND
Saturday | ☉ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination by districts
☉ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting |
| 23 RD
Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
☉ 6:00-9:00pm Sisters' fellowship with dinner at Hall 3 |

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

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to surrender? Surrendering is to not promise God that we will do His will and do good; it is to not covenant with God to do what we cannot do. Surrendering is to let our hands go from our life. It is putting into God's hand our good, evil, merits, shortcomings, our past, future, problems, life, and ourselves, and single heartedly allowing Him to work.

If you do not let your hands go, God cannot live His life out of you. Suppose you are giving a book to someone. If your hand does not let go of the book, the other person cannot have your book. When you come to God, you should tell Him, "I am giving You all that I have, including my good, evil, what I want, what I do not want, what I will, what I will not, what I can do, and what I cannot do." Are you willing to do this? If you are not willing to do even this, God will not be able to do anything. Are you willing to hand over the "you" that has failed? You have to be responsible for this step. Today God only asks you to do one thing: hand over yourself, the sinner, to Him. (Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Vol. 8, p. 153)

What are the necessary conditions for us to be guarded by the Lord? There are two conditions. First, we must commit ourselves into the Lord's hand. Second Timothy 1:12 says, "He is able to guard my deposit unto that day." The Lord will guard us, but we have to commit ourselves into His hand. The degree to which we commit will be the extent to which He will guard. If we do not commit ourselves into His hand, He cannot guard us in any way. Many people read the Bible and find that the Lord has preserving grace. Yet they also find that they cannot appropriate this promise. This is because they have not committed themselves to the Lord. Many people have known Jude 24 and 25 and Philippians 1:6 for many years, but they cannot believe that these words are real. They are satisfied if they can rise up after they have fallen. They have not committed themselves into the Lord's hand to allow the Lord to guard them from stumbling. They cannot experience the Lord's guarding this way. In order to experience the Lord's guarding, we must say to the Lord, "I commit myself to Your guarding. I believe in Your guarding power." (Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Vol. 41, pp. 127-128)

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

☉ **Special Sisters' Fellowship**
 There will be a dinner and fellowship for all sisters in the church in Irvine next Lord's Day, September 23, at 6:00pm at Hall 3. All sisters are encouraged to attend for important fellowship related to the present direction of the church.

☉ **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.