

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 23, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ☉ Contact with university students 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 45 & 46*

Bible reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1348-1349	622
Tuesday	1350-1351	623
Wednesday	1352-1353	624
Thursday	1354-1355	625
Friday	1356-1357	626
Saturday	1358-1359	627

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of the Minor Prophets, Volume II, Week 7*

## Word of the Week

*Consecrate*

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International:

#### Contact with University Students in Europe

- ☉ Please pray for the contact with the students, especially the first-year students, as classes begin at the universities in Europe that the Lord will seek out and find the sons of peace.
- ☉ Pray for a harvest of young people on the campuses where the saints are laboring for the raising up of the testimony of Jesus throughout Europe.

### Local: Irvine

- ☉ Pray for the gospel labor at UCI this week. Pray that the students, full-time serving

ones and trainees will be empowered in the Lord to speak the Word in all boldness.

- ☉ Pray for the binding of the enemy and the loosing of many freshmen to be saved.
- ☉ Pray for the Lord to bring the sons of peace to the club table, freshman connect, the Bible study, the welcome dinner and the small group meetings.
- ☉ Pray for the follow-up and shepherding of the 82 contacts at IVC.
- ☉ Pray that the entire church will be mobilized and energized by the Lord's grace and with the heart of our Savior God for the preaching of the gospel in Irvine.

## WORD OF THE WEEK: "CONSECRATE"

### *Read Some Helpful Verses...*

**Exo. 28:41:** And you shall put them upon Aaron your brother and upon his sons with him, and you shall anoint them and consecrate them and sanctify them, that they may serve Me as priests.

### *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.

Consecration is a gate, and we must be determined to enter through this gate. Consecration is entering through a gate. We cannot regard this as a doctrine. A person who has not consecrated himself is outside of the gate. Only a person who has consecrated himself is inside of the gate. Therefore, we need to enter through this gate with determination.

We need to have thorough prayer in which we confess our sins and hand ourselves over to God. The sins, mistakes, contamination, and corruption that we sense before God need to be confessed one by one. All that we are, all that we have, and our everything then need to be handed over to God. We cannot casually and generally say, "God, I consecrate everything to You." This is insufficient. We need to thoroughly hand everything over, item by item. We need to hand ourselves over to the Lord. We need to hand over our wife, husband,

and children to the Lord. We also need to hand over our education, career, future, and everything to the Lord. This is similar to a merchant selling his business. He hands over everything of his business, including furniture and stock, to the buyer. We should have this type of prayer alone before God. For some Christians, consecration is like a second salvation. Therefore, the more thorough it is, the better.

Consecration is not only a gate but also a path. In all spiritual matters, we must first step inside the gate and then walk on the path. The principle in the Bible is not to walk on the path and then enter through the gate. The biblical principle is that we first enter through the gate and then walk on the path (Matt. 7:13-14). This is the God-ordained order. Therefore, after we enter through the gate of consecration, we must continue to walk on the path of consecration. Although entering through the gate is once and for all, walking on the path requires a continual renewing, a daily consecration. Numbers 28 through 29 show a type of consecration. God charged the Israelites to offer the burnt offering daily. They had to daily offer the burnt offering in the morning and in the evening. They could not say that they had offered a sacrifice yesterday and therefore did not need to offer one today. Consecration, like eating, is a daily matter. Furthermore, the Israelites had to present burnt offerings on every Sabbath, at the beginning of every month, and during every feast. They also had to present an offering at other important times. This shows that after we have entered through the gate of consecration, we need to consecrate our-

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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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| 23 <sup>RD</sup><br>Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts<br>☉ 6:00-9:00pm Sisters' fellowship with dinner at Hall 3 |
| 25 <sup>TH</sup><br>Tuesday    | ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts  |
| 26 <sup>TH</sup><br>Wednesday  | ☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3  |
| 27 <sup>TH</sup><br>Thursday   | ☉ 10:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 2   |
| 28 <sup>TH</sup><br>Friday     | ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes   |
| 29 <sup>TH</sup><br>Saturday   | ☉ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination by districts<br>☉ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting                           |
| 30 <sup>TH</sup><br>Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts  |

## WORD OF THE WEEK: "CONSECRATE" (CONT'D)

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selves before God every morning. The first thing we should say after we get up every morning is, "Lord, I place myself in Your hands again this morning." At night when the day is over, we should go before Him again and say, "I give myself to You again." When we need to do specific things, we need to say, "Lord, I present myself to You once again." Whether we are going to study, teach, take up a post in the government, give a message, or visit the brothers, we should first present a burnt offering, consecrating ourselves to God. (*Lessons for New Believers*, pp. 59-61)

All our problems today are due to our unfaithfulness in consecration. We may not have a morning watch, for example, because of a problem with our consecration. Many of us have passed the crisis, but we have not continued on the way. Therefore, in order for a church to be built up, the first foundation we must lay is the matter of consecration. We need to check with ourselves and deal with our consecration, and then we need to help others. We need to pray, fellowship, and encourage the brothers and help them one by one to come into the real experience of consecration.

We may say that we do not have much faith. The reason we do not have faith is that we are not faithful to our consecration. **When we are faithful to our consecration,**

we have a living faith. We may say that we do not have power. The reason again is that we are not faithful to our consecration. When we are faithful to our consecration, we have the ground to claim the power, and it is ours. **We need to go to the Lord once again to deal with and clear up our consecration. If we do this, we will see the blessings. Then we will have a burden to help others.**

We may have consecrated ourselves to the Lord after we were regenerated, but the problem is whether or not we have continued in our consecration. The unfaithfulness to our consecration is the reason why many of us have not grown much and advanced on the Lord's way. We may compare this to someone who walks all the time but does not walk on the right way. We may come to the meetings, fellowship with the saints, and do many things in the Christian life, but we may not be on the proper way. To go on is a matter of consecration. Whenever the Lord points out something to us, we need to say, "Lord, I let You have it." If we do this, we advance by one step, but if we do not let the Lord have the victory, we are not on the way, regardless of how many things we do. **To go on the proper Christian way is to take step after step in our consecration.**

## 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](mailto:tehuawang@gmail.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☉ **Special Sisters' Fellowship**  
There will be a dinner and fellowship for all sisters in the church in Irvine TODAY, 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.