

Prayer Items

- ⊗ International European Brothers Training
- ⊗ International Blending Conference
- ⊗ High School Conferences

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 13 & 14

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	109-110	940
Tuesday	111-112	941
Wednesday	113-114	942
Thursday	115-116	943
Friday	117-118	944
Saturday	119-120	945

Morning Revival

Crystallization-Study of Genesis (Vol. 2), Week 8

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: International European Brothers Training (Oct. 22-24) followed by the International Blending Conference (Oct. 25-27), in Baarlo, Netherlands

- ⊗ Please pray for the perfecting of the leading ones and the impartation of the riches of Christ through the ministry into all the saints for the building up of the one new man in Europe.

Local: Southern California

- ⊗ Please pray for the Southern California High School Brothers Conference in Irvine and the High School Sisters Conference in Anaheim, both to be held this coming weekend, Oct. 25-27.

CHILDREN'S WORK PERFECTING CONFERENCE

Since the release of the book *Raising Up the Next Generation in the Church Life*, in May 2011, we have been very burdened to enter into and practice the vision released in the chapters of that book. What has become very fresh to us is the burden and view presented related to the children's work in the churches. In the last few years, we have been presenting this new fresh view to the churches in Southern California. Once again we will have a perfecting conference to advance even further still in this new way.

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 two years ago. We will be focusing our fellowship on the need to compile children's lessons that build up a proper humanity and lead the children into a proper enjoyment.

"What material should we use to teach the children? We should begin by teaching the children how to be a proper human being. We should show them that man is different from the animals, and different from the trees, plants, and flowers. After this we should speak of man's character and conduct. We should teach the children to honor their parents and be loving, pure, obedient, honest, and proper in their conduct. We must be careful not to give them a religious thought or concept.

When we speak of the difference between man and the animals, we can mention that man was created by God and also that the heavens and the earth were created by God. We can also say a little about how man was created in God's image. We do not need to say more than this.... When we speak to children, we should tell them experiential stories; we should not give them too much doctrine. It is not necessarily a benefit for the children to know too much.

We need to train the teachers for the children's meeting in such a way that they can find

illustrations by themselves from practical situations. For instance, they can ask the children, 'Are you being honest if you steal candy from your older brother?' or 'Suppose your mother saves a bigger piece of candy for your younger sister, and this makes you unhappy and jealous. Do you still love your mother and your sister?' When we speak to the children, we must use practical examples." (*The Collected Works of Witness Lee*, 1967, vol. 1, pp. 311-312)

We believe that as we enter into this vision, over the next few years a new situation can be developed in the churches to raise up our children to meet the Lord's need in the coming days. This Children's Work Perfecting Conference will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 9:00am until 3:30pm at the church in Diamond Bar meeting hall at 1200 South Brea Canyon Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Lunch will be provided for registered saints. The registration donation for this conference will be \$20.

To register, please fill out the following online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nxBirUrKHiiYUGbJs1buQURW8hv58VrWOkBGrdfePTU/viewform?utm_source=2013+Children%27s+Work+Perfecting+Conference&utm_campaign=2013+Children%27s+Work+Perfecting+Conference&utm_medium=email

For the brothers,

Tom Goetz

Upcoming Events

- ☉ 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

20 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
22 ND Tuesday	☉ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
23 RD Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
24 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer at Hall 3
25 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
27 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

LETTER FROM STEPHANIE CHOU

Hi saints!

This will be a quick email. From the Ministry Meeting, I really enjoyed seeing that Christ is stone and iron for the church as the house of God and the city of God. He is our Stone-Savior, who is infusing Himself as the stone element into us as we're beholding and reflecting Him (2 Cor. 3:18).

Acts 4:10-12 says, "Let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified and whom God has raised from the dead, in this name this man stands before you in good health. This is the stone which was considered as nothing by you, the builders,

which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved."

We are men of clay, but when we were saved, this Stone-Savior was installed in our being. We need to allow the stone element increase in us and the clay to decrease. As He is increasing in us, He also brings in the iron, signifying authority. This iron rod is not dominating over us, but a budding rod, which shepherds and nourishes us to bring in God's kingdom.

2013 WINTER TRAINING REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Place: Ministry Conference Center, 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA

Dates: Monday, December 23, 2013, 4:00pm-Saturday, December 28, 2013, 9:30pm

Donation Amounts: \$160 per trainee for the live training. \$85 per trainee for the webcast/video training. The cost of the outline is included.

Last day to register: October 27, 2013

For late registrations, a \$50 late charge for the Live Training and a \$25 late charge for the Video Training may apply.

Registration: The preferred method of registration is online at login.churchinirvine.org/training. One login ID is required per registration. You may also register by paper. See the responsible brothers in your district for assistance in any matter related to registration.

Donations: Donations may be made online via credit card or in person via check or cash. You may donate for others, but please note that paying for another person will NOT automatically register that person for the training. Each person must go through the registration process individually to be properly registered.

Confirmation: You will receive email confirmations for: (1) registration; (2) donations; and (3) a separate receipt if the donation was made via PayPal using your credit card. If you do not receive these email confirmations, you may not be properly registered.

Please note the following:

- ☉ No part-time shared seats are allowed. Only full-time shared seats are allowed.
- ☉ It is easier to cancel a registration than to add a registration with a late fee past the due date.
- ☉ Substitutes are allowed after the due date.

Young People

- ☉ Attendance by young people under the age of 17 is discouraged. Trainees under the age of 17 are required to participate in at least one video training before attending the live training. Trainees who are 15 years old or younger will no longer be accepted to the live training, without exception. All under-aged trainees must be registered for the training full-time.

For any problems or questions please email training_registration@churchinirvine.org or go to login.churchinirvine.org/training.

MINISTRY PORTION FROM THE LIFE-STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

THE DISPENSATION OF GOD

Paul was also given the revelation concerning the dispensation of God (2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:14-19). The word dispensation has been damaged through misuse. To many Christians it refers simply to the ways in which God deals with people, ways that are called dispensations. When we use the word dispensation, however, we use it with the meaning of dispensing. In His economy, God is dispensing Himself into us. Paul was the first to speak of God's dispensation, and his writings reveal that God is now dispensing Himself into our being. For example, 2 Corinthians 13:14 says, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all" (Gk.). This is the dispensing of the Triune

God into our being. Where else in the Bible can you find such a clear word concerning the dispensation of the Triune God into the believers? In this verse we have the Father as the source, the Son as the course, and the Spirit as the flow. What a dispensation!

—*Life-Study of Colossians*, Message 13