

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

November 6, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Lord's move in Cyprus and Greece
- ⊗ Conference in Poland
- ⊗ BFA Reading Group
- ⊗ Special meetings in 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 Exodus*, messages 150 & 151

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	844-845	370
Tuesday	846-847	371
Wednesday	848-849	372
Thursday	850-851	373
Friday	852-853	374
Saturday	854-855	375

Morning Revival

Crucial Elements of the Bible, Week 1

Word of the Week

Ask

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members>

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	53
Hall 2	132
Hall 3	120
TOTAL	305

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International:

The Lord's Move in Cyprus and Greece (*see report below*)

- ⊗ Pray for those being contacted in Cyprus that they would be shepherded into the enjoyment of Christ and that the Lord's corporate testimony would be raised up in this country.
- ⊗ Pray for Greece and the political and economic situation there that it would be used by the Lord for the carrying out of His economy on this earth.

Conference in Warsaw, Poland (Nov. 11-13)

- ⊗ Pray for the blessing of the Lord's presence and speaking in this conference that the saints in Poland will be encouraged and richly supplied through this time of coming together.

National:

Bibles for America Reading Group Begins Nov. 7

More than 9,000 people who received *Basic Elements of the Christian Life, vol. 1* in August and September will be invited to participate in BfA's second online Reading Group. The Reading Group will start on November 7 and cover the five chapters of *Basic Elements of the Christian Life, vol. 1*.

The Reading Group is similar to a face-to-face "book club" in which participants read the material and then discuss what they learned or experienced from the reading with one another. The online Reading Group will be conducted via a blog in which recipients and saints, who are functioning as facilitators, will fellowship by commenting on the blog posts.

Please pray that the Reading Group will:

- ⊗ Help recipients get into the riches in the ministry book they have received.
- ⊗ Generate much mutual fellowship among recipients and saints.
- ⊗ Stir up recipients to desire more ministry books and more fellowship.

Irvine:

Special Meetings on Nov. 12 and 13

- ⊗ Pray for the attendance of the sisters at the meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12 and of all the saints on Lord's Day, Nov. 13.
- ⊗ Pray for the Lord's leading and speaking in these meetings that the church would be brought more into the divine stream and into the one accord that would give the Lord a way to advance in His move in this city for His testimony and spread.

SPECIAL MEETINGS IN IRVINE—NOV. 12 AND 13

There will be two special meetings in Irvine next weekend on Nov. 12 and 13:

1) On Saturday, Nov. 12, there will be a meeting for all the sisters at Hall 3 from 9am to 12pm. This time will be for a special word to the sisters concerning the Lord's present move in the church in Irvine.

2) On Lord's Day, Nov. 13, the whole church will gather at Hall 1 for the Lord's table

at 9:30am followed by further fellowship regarding the direction of the church in the coming days.

All sisters are encouraged to attend this meeting on Saturday and all saints are encouraged to attend the Lord's Day meeting as these meetings are critical for the whole church to go on in one accord for the Lord's move among us.

REPORT ON RECENT VISIT TO CYPRUS

A group of four of us, two from Athens and two from the UK, recently visited the island country of Cyprus, located in the Mediterranean Sea south of Turkey. While we were there, we met with several readers of the Rhema literature as well as with some contacts who had met with saints previously elsewhere. We'd like to share some of the highlights of this visit for your prayer and consideration.

First, of the seven meetings we had, four of them were with young college-age Cypriots.

This was very encouraging to us in that we were primarily making appointments with those who have read or ordered all three sets of the Rhema literature. Second, we were also amazed at how international Cyprus is. We met people from Russia, Slovakia, Estonia, Romania, and Hungary. We even had three waiters in the same restaurant from Bulgaria, with whom a brother among us was able to speak in their language. The first young person

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Upcoming Events

⊕ Thursday, Nov. 24 - Lord's Day, Nov. 27,
Thanksgiving Conference, San Jose,
CA

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

Online Forms

Record baptisms:

baptisms.churchinirvine.org

Register for user account:

churchinirvine.org/register

Register for truth pursuit emails:

truthpursuit.churchinirvine.org

Register for services:

servicesignup.churchinirvine.org

This Week

6TH ⊕ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

8TH ⊕ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer in the
Tuesday homes

9TH ⊕ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry
Wednesday meeting at LSM Campus

10TH ⊕ 10:00am Sisters' prayer
Thursday meeting at Hall 2

11TH ⊕ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

12TH ⊕ 9am–12:00pm Special
Saturday meeting for sisters at Hall 3
⊕ 7:30pm-9:30pm Hall
brothers' fellowship at
Hall 3

13TH ⊕ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and special meeting
at Hall 1

REPORT ON RECENT VISIT TO CYPRUS (CONT'D)

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we met with was Anna. She recently graduated from a university in England, where she met the saints and spent some time in their home. After graduating, she moved back to Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, and is working there. She shared with us about how she is enjoying having a personal relationship with the Lord in His word. We would like to establish a regular time of reading the word with her via Skype.

The second young person with whom we met, also a recent graduate named Stavroulla, was actually a surprise. Apparently, she had met the saints in London, attended many meetings, and even was baptized at a college-age conference. After graduating, she returned to Larnaca, Cyprus, for work. Upon learning of our intentions to visit Cyprus, the saints who knew her tried to contact her about our visit, but they received no reply. After dinner on the first day as we were walking along the street back to our hotel, this sister recognized a sister in our group who attended the same college-age conference. It is hard to imagine our shock and delight! Stavroulla was very hungry and desirous of fellowship and a daily church life. It worked out that we were able to meet with her every day of our stay in Cyprus and are attempting to maintain regular contact with her now that we are back in Athens.

Next, we met with another young sister named Christianna. She came into contact with the ministry through the Rhema website. She had read all three sets of books and told us

that they explain things very well. She had some tough questions for us but left our time smiling and very happy. She is currently meeting with the Greek Orthodox Church, and we are seeking the Lord as to how to shepherd her in the future.

Finally, we met with a brother named Christos, who had also just graduated from the university. He had been saved only about three months, yet he had read all three sets of the literature. He had some very thoughtful, seeking questions and a burden for the salvation of his friends. Again, we are earnestly seeking the Lord as to how we can shepherd him and the other young people whom the Lord has in the Greek-speaking part of Cyprus, which is a member of the EU. (Cyprus is divided into two parts—a Greek-speaking area controlled by the Cyprus government, and a Turkish Cypriot-administered area.)

On a final note, the American couple who is serving in Greece is applying for a renewal for their current residence permit. Please pray for the timely acquisition of the necessary documents and approval of their application. Our trip to Cyprus was very encouraging and confirmed once again the Lord's honoring of all the saints' prayers, for which we are truly grateful. Please continue to pray for the two countries of Greece and Cyprus. We really feel that the Lord wants to do something remarkable here.

Yours in Him,

The saints serving in Athens, Greece

WORD OF THE WEEK: "ASK"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

John 16:23: And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, **Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give to you.** **24** Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; **ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be made full.**

Continuing Steadfastly in the Ministry...

A new believer needs to learn to pray. He needs to pray with a specific goal in mind. "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). **Many people go through the motion of prayer without asking for anything. It is useless to spend an hour or two hours or even eight or ten days before the Lord without asking for anything. You need to learn to ask for something; you need to knock, really knock hard, at a door. Once you clearly identify the entrance and seek to go in, knock hard at the door. When you seek something specific, you will not be satisfied with just anything; you want that particular thing.** (*New Believers Series: Prayer #11*, Chapter 1)

Are you here to ask the Lord to do something for you? Do you have a temper which plagues you? Have you come for the Lord to liberate you? Are you defeated by your love for the world? Do you have dozens or even hundreds of other sins that you are not able to overcome? If your thoughts are unclean, if you cannot overcome your disposition, if you do not have an uninterrupted fellowship with the Lord, if you are afraid to pray, or if you see no result to your work, **now is the time for you to ask the Lord to give you the abundant life and fill you up with the Spirit. If you ask of the Lord, He will bless you abundantly, and the Spirit will fill you up.** (*Collected Works of Watchman Nee, The (Set 2) Vol. 41: Conferences, Messages, and Fellowship (1)*, Chapter 12)

To view the Word of the Week post in its entirety, go to:

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