

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 13, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ European College-age Conference
- ⊗ BfA Reading Group
- ⊗ Districting in Irvine
- ⊗ Southern California College Conference
- ⊗ 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 152 & 153*

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	856-857	376
Tuesday	858-859	377
Wednesday	860-861	378
Thursday	862-863	379
Friday	864-865	380
Saturday	866-867	381

## Morning Revival

*Crucial Elements of the Bible, Week 2*

## Word of the Week

### Seek

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

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	171
Hall 2	102
Hall 3	106
TOTAL	379

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

Please pray that:

### International:

**Autumn European College-age Conference— November 18-20**

- ⊗ Please pray for the gathering of college students from all over Europe and a strong infusion of the divine reality to constitute and preserve them for the Lord's ultimate move in Europe.

### National:

**Bibles for America Reading Group**

Over 160 people (about 140 book recipients and 23 saints functioning as "facilitators") have signed up to participate in BfA's online Reading Group. From November 7 through December 17, the participants will read through *The Basic Elements of the Christian Life*, vol. 1 and fellowship what they learned, experienced, and enjoyed from the reading via writing comments on a BfA blog.

Our hope is that this online Reading Group will help recipients get into the riches in the ministry and stir up their hunger for more fellowship. We also hope to learn from this experience as we develop more resources for recipients.

- ⊗ The Lord would speak to the recipients and shine on them through the reading.
- ⊗ The recipients and facilitating saints will enjoy mutual fellowship with one another.
- ⊗ The recipients would be hungry for more ministry books and further contact.

### Local:

**Districting in Irvine**

- ⊗ Pray that through the matter of "districting" there will be a genuine advance in every saint in the growth in life and functioning as members of the Body to serve the Lord in newness of spirit according to God's ordained way.

**Southern California College Conference**

- ⊗ Pray for the College Conference at Big Bear this weekend from November 18-20 that the Irvine college students will be attending.

## WORD OF THE WEEK—"SEEK"

*Pray Over These Key Verses...*

**1 Chron. 16:11:** Seek Jehovah and His strength; / Seek His face continually.

**Psa. 27:8:** When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.

**Psa. 119:2:** Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, / Who seek Him with all their heart.

**Isa. 55:6:** Seek Jehovah while He may be found; / Call upon Him while He is near.

**Jer. 29:13:** And you will seek Me and find Me if you search for Me with all your heart.

**Amos 5:4:** For thus says Jehovah to the house of Israel, / Seek Me, and live.

**Matt. 6:33:** But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**Matt. 7:7:** Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.

**Col. 3:1:** If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

**Heb. 11:6:** But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

*Read Some Helpful Footnotes...*

**Gen. 5:24, note 1:** Enoch was the first person to be raptured. By this he escaped death, the ultimate issue of man's fall (Heb. 11:5). This first mentioning of the rapture establishes the principle of the rapture: our being raptured depends on our being mature in the divine life by our walking with God. Enoch walked with God day and night for three hundred years. According to Heb. 11:5-6, he did this by faith, believing that God is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. After three hundred years of seeking God and walking with Him, Enoch was taken by God, thus obtaining the reward of not seeing death.

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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

**13<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's  
Lord's Day Table and church-wide  
special meeting at Hall 1

**15<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate  
Tuesday prayer meeting at Hall 1  
(by languages)

**16<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry  
Wednesday meeting at LSM Campus

**17<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ 10:00am Sisters' prayer  
Thursday meeting at Hall 2

**18<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ Evening Small groups in  
Friday the homes

**19<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ 8:30am Brothers' prayer  
Saturday by halls  
☪ 6:00pm Young people's  
dinner and fellowship

**20<sup>TH</sup>** ☪ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's  
Lord's Day Table and prophesying  
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

## WORD OF THE WEEK—"SEEK" (CONT'D)

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**Jer. 32:39, note 1:** We, the chosen people of God, should all have one heart—to love God, to seek God, to live God, and to be constituted with God that we may be His expression—and one way—the Triune God Himself as the inner law of life with its divine capacity (31:33-34; John 14:6a). This one heart and one way are the one accord (Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; Rom. 15:6). Divisions result from having a heart for something other than Christ and taking a way other than Christ.

**Matt. 7:7, note 1:** First ask, then seek, and last knock. To ask is to pray in a common way, to seek is to supplicate in a specific way, and to knock is to demand in the most intimate and most earnest way.

*Continue Steadfastly in the Ministry...*

There is a real need, especially for the new and young believers who have not been built up in this way, to daily spend some time with the Lord, at least half an hour a day. I would recommend that you have a morning time, but if that is not convenient, you can use other times. The best time, however, is the morning. If possible, you must build up such a habit to spend at least half an hour to be with the Lord every day. Make this your top regulation. During this time simply read the word, understanding it spontaneously, but mostly spending your time in prayer. Do not try to read too much, and do not try to understand too much. Rather, always spend more and more time in prayer. I do not mean that you should bring many items to the Lord. Instead, simply pray according to what you understand. As to your needs, leave that to the Lord's care. We have the promise that if we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, our Father will take care of whatever we need (Matt. 6:33). You have to stand on this promise. Simply seek the Lord Himself; seek His kingdom, and seek His righteousness. Then forget about your need, or rather, leave your need to His care. (*Practical Lessons on the Experience of Life*, chapter 13)

We must simultaneously seek the Lord and His Word. First we need to seek the Lord. Whenever we are going to read the Scripture,

even before we open the Bible, we should pray. It does not matter whether it is in the morning, in the evening, or at noontime; whenever you open the Bible, before you read the Lord's Word, you should always pray first. You do not have to follow any formalities, so you may either kneel or sit. The only thing you need to do is spontaneously express the feelings in your heart. This expression of your heart is prayer, and it is the coming forth of your spirit: "O Lord, I love You. I thank You that now I am coming to read Your Word." All it takes is a short, simple prayer like this for you to seek the Lord. Do not despise this simple practice; it is truly precious. You do not need to say the same thing every time, because it is not a matter of what you say. The point is that you pray, showing that your heart is turned to the Lord and that you are seeking the Lord. (*A Living of Mutual Abiding with the Lord in Spirit*, chapter 8)

*Sing These Hymns...*

### Hymn 1154, v. 1

I love Thee, Jesus,  
And Thy love to me  
Draws me, ever to seek Thee  
And run after Thee,  
Draws me, ever to seek Thee  
And run after Thee.  
Thou art beloved,  
Yea! Altogether lovely,  
The One in whom my heart delighteth.

### Hymn 578, v. 4

Thou art my Savior, strength and stay,  
O Lord, I come to seek Thy face;  
Though I'm the weakest of the weak,  
My strength is nothing but Thy grace.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

☪ Thanksgiving Conference Childcare

indicate which meetings or all meetings childcare will be needed.

For those saints planning on attending the Thanksgiving Conference, childcare is available with advanced registration. Care for kindergarten through 6th grade children will be provided during the conference meetings at the Marriott San Jose.

To register your child(ren), please send your child(ren)'s name, gender, grade and age to Edward Wang (tehuawang@gmail.com) and