

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 18, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ International Thanksgiving Conference
- ❖ Lord's Move 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 Ephesians, messages 59 & 60*

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1444-1445	670
Tuesday	1446-1447	671
Wednesday	1448-1449	672
Thursday	1450-1451	673
Friday	1452-1453	674
Saturday	1454-1455	675

Morning Revival

The Genuine Oneness of the Body, the Proper One Accord in the Church, and the Direction of the Lord's Move Today: Week 3

Word of the Week

Inquire

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: International Thanksgiving Conference in Oklahoma City—Nov. 22-25 **Local:** Irvine

- ❖ Pray for the full release of the Lord's current burden to the churches.
- ❖ Pray for the saints' receiving of this burden that the Lord would have the way to intensify and revive His work in the churches to build up His organic Body by His life for the consummation of this age.

- ❖ Pray that the spirits of the saints will be strengthened and empowered that we would rise up as a corporate priesthood to persevere in prayer and proclaim Christ for the Lord's testimony.

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, OK. As one of the seven annual feasts of the Lord's recovery, all the saints are encouraged to either attend the conference or participate in the local webcast.

The Lord's speaking in the yearly conferences and trainings are critical for the advance of the churches. To be those who closely follow the ministry (2 Tim. 3:10), we need a seeking and aggressive spirit. We pray the saints will acquire a habitual appetite for the word of the ministry and become beneficiaries of the truth and life that are dispensed by it. Remaining under the speaking of the ministry will keep the church healthy, supplied, constituted, up-to-date, and in the way of God's New Testament economy. Those saints who attend the conferences never regret doing so and become a big blessing to the church.

Webcast Schedule:

- Session 1: Friday, Nov. 23—10:00am
- Session 2: Friday, Nov. 23—7:30pm
- Session 3: Saturday, Nov. 24—10:00am
- Session 4: Saturday, Nov. 24—7:30pm
- Session 5: Lord's Day, Nov. 25—following Lord's Table @ 9:30am
- Session 6: Lord's Day, Nov. 25—4:00pm

Webcast Locations:

Hall 3: English and Chinese
Hall 1: Korean

Please note: On Lord's Day morning, November 25, Session 5 will follow the Lord's Table which will be conducted by halls.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "INQUIRE"

Read Some Helpful Verses...

1 Sam. 30:8: And David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I pursue after this band? Will I overtake them? And He said to him, Pursue, for you will certainly overtake them, and you will certainly deliver them.

2 Sam. 5:19: Then David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand? And Jehovah said to David, Go up, for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into your hand.

Exo. 18:15: Then Moses said to his father-in-law, Because the people come to me to inquire of God.

Psa. 27:4: One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.

Ezek. 36:37: Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Moreover for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

1 Sam. 30:8¹ (inquired) David was a person who trusted in God and walked according to God's sovereignty in all his trials (17:36-37; 23:14-16). While he was under trial, he sought God's leading (vv. 6b-10). He was one with God and behaved according to God.

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

When coming before God, many people immediately begin to ask God for things and never inquire of Him. We should not ask God for things, but rather we should inquire of Him. Even if we want to pray for the church, we should first inquire of the

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Thursday, Nov. 22 - Lord's Day, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Conference, Oklahoma City, OK
- ❖ Monday, Dec. 24 - Saturday, Dec. 29, Winter Training, Anaheim, 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

This Week

- 18TH** Lord's Day
❖ 9:30am - 12:00pm Lord's Table and Special Fellowship by halls
❖ 12:00-4:00pm Community Gospel at Irvine Spectrum
❖ 2:30pm Community Gospel (Oak Creek)
- 20TH** Tuesday
❖ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by districts
- 23RD** Friday
❖ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 1 at Halls 1 & 3
❖ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 2 at Halls 1 & 3
- 24TH** Saturday
❖ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 3 at Halls 1 & 3
❖ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 4 at Halls 1 & 3
- 25TH** Lord's Day
❖ 9:30am - 12:00pm Lord's Table and Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 5 at Halls 1, 2 and 3
❖ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 6 at Halls 1 & 3

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

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Lord, saying, "Lord, I have a feeling to pray for the church. Is this Your will? Do You want me to pray for the church at this moment? How should I pray?" Prayer that is preceded by inquiring is the best prayer.

Inquiring in prayer and waiting in prayer are two sides of one thing. One who waits is one who inquires. Similarly, a person who inquires is a person who waits. Abraham's prayer in Genesis 18 was very good; there was an aspect of waiting in his prayer. The Bible says that when the two angels turned and went toward Sodom, Abraham remained standing before God. This is waiting. While waiting, he began to intercede. He was not telling or begging; he was inquiring. He said, "Will you indeed destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will You indeed destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it?" (vv. 23-24). He was inquiring. To inquire is to acknowledge the sovereign authority of God, that is, to acknowledge that He is Lord (*Lessons for New Believers*, Chapter 7).

It is difficult to find a person who does not pray to God in a wild way. We are not used to beholding His loveliness in silence; we are not used to living according to the index of His eyes. This is a pity. We must learn to be an inquiring person in our prayer. We should ask the Lord, "Can I bring up this subject at this time?" We should look at His eyes. If He is not happy, we should not continue. If He has an expression of approval, we can proceed by asking how we should pray. This is what it means to inquire. Some may say, "This is too slow. Things will be delayed, and people will die." We need to remember that time is in God's hand. He is beyond time. The Lord can save a brother if he is sick, He can resurrect him even if he has died, and He can make him fresh even if he smells. We must

believe that our Lord never delays any work. The best prayer is inquiring prayer, but inquiring can only happen when a person is calm. If we have never touched God and have never been calm before Him or never beheld His loveliness, we do not know the meaning of inquiring (*How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God*, Chapter 5).

Sing These Hymns...

Hymn 784

1. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
In the spirit seek His face;
Ask and listen in His presence,
Waiting in the secret place.

Chorus

- Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
In the spirit seek His face;
Ask and listen in His presence,
Waiting in the secret place.
2. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Fully opened from within,
With thy face unveiled, beholding,
Single, pure, and genuine.
 3. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Seeking Him in confidence;
Learn to touch Him as the Spirit,
Looking up in reverence.
 4. Pray to fellowship with Jesus,
Speaking nothing in pretense;
Ask according to the spirit,
Praying by the inner sense.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ YP Progressive Dinner

The young people will have their Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 1. We need about 20 homes to host either appetizer or main dish for about 10-15 young people. If you can host, please email Isaac Acosta (Isaac.Acosta@gmail.com).

❖ Changes to Community Gospel Times

Today, Lord's Day, Nov. 18, there will be two opportunities to participate in the community gospel work: from noon to 4pm, there will be a Bible distribution at the Irvine Spectrum (near the Carousel); and from 2:30-5pm, there will be neighborhood visitation in the

Oak Creek neighborhood (meet at 16 Highfield Glen). Saints are encouraged to join either time.

Next weekend, due to the International Thanksgiving Conference, there will not be any community gospel times on Saturday or Lord's Day.