

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

November 2, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ London Seminars
- ⊗ College-age conference
- ⊗ Irvine church life
- ⊗ Irvine college work

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

## Weekly Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 42 & 43*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	721-722	157
Tuesday	723-724	158
Wednesday	725-726	159
Thursday	727-728	160
Friday	729-730	161
Saturday	731-732	162

## Morning Revival

*The Heavenly Vision, Week 3*  
(2014 Memorial Day Conference)

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Seminars in London (every Lord's Day in November)

A series of seminars will be held at four venues in London on the five Lord's Days in the month of November. The general topic will be "Changing Death into Life—How the Eternal, Uncreated, Incorruptible, and Unfading Life of God Is the Answer to All Man's Needs."

- ⊗ Please pray for the attendance of many new ones, the rich release of the word of life, and the coordination of the saints and full-timers in shepherding the new ones into the church life.

### Local: Southern California

- ⊗ Pray for College-age conference for the semester system schools (Nov. 7-9).

### Irvine

- ⊗ Pray that the current HWMR on "The Heavenly Vision" would have an effect on

the daily living of the saints that we would be brought more into the genuine enjoyment of Christ.

- ⊗ Pray that through such a daily life the meetings of the church will become a real exhibition of the Christ we enjoy and be brought out of the realm of religion and formality.
- ⊗ Pray for the college work at IVC and UCI that those being contacted will be attracted to Christ through their contact with the saints and will be brought into the enjoyment of Christ and the vision of the church.
- ⊗ Pray that the number of new ones in the corporate Bible studies and small group meetings would increase.

## ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND WORKING SAINTS

To all young families and working saints from roughly the age of 23 to early 40s: **please save the date for a one-day retreat on Saturday, December 6, 2014** at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center (in the Irvine Regional Park) from 10am-5pm. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session,

with a break for lunch and activities. Breakfast pastries and lunch will be provided, along with full children's service. We will also be blending with the four other South County churches. Please be on the lookout for more information in the near future.

## GREETINGS FROM BOSTON

Thank you for your prayer and supply in the Body. Thank you for making mention of the FTTA-XB in your prayers; they are not in vain in the Lord.

My time here in Boston can be summed up with two words—satisfying and fun. Satisfying because the Lord is smiling upon all the saints and the labor on the college campuses. Fun because I am learning how to talk to strangers and how to build up relationships. I look forward to visiting the families and learning how to minister Christ. I toss the frisbee with students with the view that Christ can grow in them. It is fun to pray and expect how the Lord will bless us.

The gospel has been going out on the campuses for the past several weeks. We have a record-breaking number who have signed up during MIT's Midway (club fair). The Lord also blessed us at the welcome week dinner with many students, several of which are freshmen! The setting and atmosphere facilitated much relatedness and further connections.

As we labor on the campuses, we have been supplied by our truth pursuit in the book

of Ephesians. We are diving into the depths of each chapter. From Eph. 2:1-4, I am enjoying that we really could not do anything in the condition of death. Dead people cannot do anything. Our hope was lost, and we were cut off. Without God's love and mercy, we had no way out of the valley of dry bones, of death (Ezek. 37). But God, being rich in mercy because of His being as love, reached us in the lowest pit of death, breathed into us, put us in Him, brought us into an organic union with Him, raised us, seated us far above all. Because of His operations, we went from a helpless and hopeless state in the bondage of death to being one with Him in the heavenlies, enlivened, full of hope! Seriously, I have no words to describe this miracle. Praise Him!

Only when we understand what it means to be dead in trespasses and sins can we appreciate the salvation in life. "Lord, cause us to be open this week to be saved much more in life so that we can bring You back."

—Debbie Chao

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Friday, Nov. 7 - Lord's Day, Nov. 9**  
College Conference for semester schools, Big Bear
- ❖ **Friday, Nov. 21 - Lord's Day, Nov. 23**  
College Conference for quarter schools, Big Bear
- ❖ **Thurs, Nov. 27 - Lord's Day, Nov. 30**  
International Thanksgiving Conference, San Antonio, TX
- ❖ **Saturday, Dec. 6**  
One-day Retreat for young families and working saints, Irvine
- ❖ **Monday Dec. 22 - Saturday, Dec. 27**  
Winter Training, Anaheim

## Church-related Websites

**General:** churchinirvine.org  
**Blog:** members.churchinirvine.org  
**Calendar:** calendar.churchinirvine.org  
**Offerings:** offerings.churchinirvine.org  
**YP:** youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

## This Week

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| <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b><br>Lord's Day | ❖ <b>9:30am–12:00pm</b> Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts   |
| <b>4<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Tuesday    | ❖ <b>7:30–8:30pm</b> Prayer meeting by districts                             |
| <b>5<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Wednesday  | ❖ <b>7:30-9:00pm</b> Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3 |
| <b>6<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Thursday   | ❖ <b>10:00–11:00am</b> Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3                      |
| <b>7<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Friday     | ❖ <b>Evening</b> Small groups in the homes                                   |
| <b>8<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Saturday   | ❖ <b>6:00pm</b> Young people's dinner and meeting                            |
| <b>9<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord's Day | ❖ <b>9:30am–12:00pm</b> Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts   |

I'm officially back in Madrid, beginning my second language program. Thankfully, this time around, there are not only saints in the city but also another sister from Berkeley in the same program as myself. Praise the Lord that I have a companion. I remember near the end of my time before I left, praying desperately that there would be another college student with me in Madrid, and lo and behold :).

Madrid, especially the university I'm attending, Complutense, does not usually have many college students, Spaniard or international. However, this year, there will be us two students attending. In addition, there are two young couples who graduated from FTTL who will be serving full time in Madrid. Therefore, this year the saints have the burden to begin and establish a gospel work on this campus. Complutense is the oldest and most prestigious university in Spain, and has at least 2 locations, located in various parts of Madrid. Some students received Bibles this past winter during the FTTA gospel trip, but no presence

was fully established from my understanding. A prayer request is that the Lord would really use this year and use us to establish a continuing and fruitful gospel work on the campus. Honestly, I'm quite terrified at the prospect of preaching the gospel in Spanish. It's hard enough in English. But I've been appreciating the vision of the self. We have to realize what the self is, because without knowing what the self is and rejecting it, we will not be able to build up the Body. So Amen to putting aside the self and taking Christ as my Person, in every aspect of my living, in order to build up the Body! The Lord only supplies us with a DAILY amount, not enough for the future but only for today. So I shouldn't worry about preaching the gospel in the future, but simply enjoy my portion of Christ today! :)

—Until next time, in Christ, Jessica Miao

## 2015 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE

The 2015 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from Saturday, February 21, 2015 through Lord's Day, February 22, 2015. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Meeting 1: Sat., Feb 21, 10:00 AM
- Meeting 2: Sat., Feb 21, 12:30 PM
- Meeting 3: Sat., Feb 21, 2:30 PM
- Meeting 4: Lord's Day, Feb 22, 9:00 AM
- Meeting 5: Lord's Day, Feb 22, 11:00 AM

There will be translation into English and other languages as needed. **All saints who plan to attend the conference should complete their registration by November 30, 2014.** This is a firm deadline, and late registration will not be accepted.

Hospitality arrangements will be provided during the conference, and for church visitation trips before and after the conference.

All saints from Irvine attending the conference should register by contacting brother Jay Cheng at jay\_gusa@yahoo.com or at (949) 247-9903.

## CHERISHING OUR IRVINE-SENT AND IRVINE-RELATED TRAINEES

Please be reminded of the care packages for all the Irvine-sent and Irvine-related trainees. Please drop off care packages today at one of the three drop-off locations:

1. Hall 1 - to Sam or Brianna Lee
2. Hall 3 - to Isaac Acosta
3. UCI Districts 1 and 8 - to Apphia Freeman

If you are unable to drop off at those locations, please contact Apphia Freeman at (949) 579-0835 no later than 2pm today. Thank you for participating in the care and shepherding of these trainees!

### Brothers

Orlando Ramirez  
 Josh Lukius  
 Ben Kwan  
 Jason Hwang  
 Philip Ku  
 Abraham Lin  
 Justin Liu  
 Anthony Jacobson

### Sisters

Cici Huang  
 Ruby Chen  
 Diana Pimentel  
 Phillis Chang  
 Esther Chang  
 Marissa Geer  
 Rebekah Brown  
 Soomin Chang  
 Mercy Baek

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Southern California Blending Conference—Postponed**

The blending conference for all the churches in Southern California that was scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 2014 has been postponed, likely to early 2015, because of logistical challenges with Building 7. There will be additional information regarding the blending conference provided at a later time.

- ❖ **International Thanksgiving Conference**

The conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from Thursday, Nov 27 through Lord's Day, Nov 30, 2014. All the meetings will be held at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. All questions should be directed to 714-236-8456 or emailed to register@lsm.org.