

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 20, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ☉ Int'l Thanksgiving Conference
- ☉ Visitation to Cameroon
- ☉ Church 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 154 & 155*

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Monday	868-869	382
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## Morning Revival

*Crucial Elements of the Bible, Week 3*

## Word of the Week

### *Knock*

The full post is available here:  
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=2792>

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall 1	Last Week's Attendance
TOTAL (combined meeting)	398

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International:

#### Int'l Thanksgiving Conference in San Jose, CA

- ☉ Pray for the full release of the Lord's speaking to the churches in this conference and that the churches would have an ear to hear and a heart to respond to the Lord's speaking.
- ☉ Pray for a renewed pursuing of the Lord and the ministry in the churches that the churches would be revived and renewed to be the testimony of Jesus in reality.

#### Visitation to the Saints in Cameroon

From November 10-28 a brother will be visiting the churches in the west African nation of Cameroon. Please pray that:

- ☉ The Lord would raise up a lampstand in Yaounde, the capital city of Cameroon.

- ☉ The Lord would blend our present contacts in Yaounde into one loaf for His testimony.
- ☉ The Lord would use this visit to strengthen the churches in Buea and Limbe.
- ☉ The Lord would cover all of the travel and health of the brother(s) who will be participating in this visitation.

### Local: Irvine

- ☉ Pray that the church here would be genuinely revived through a renewed seeking of the Lord so that a model would be built up of the corporate living of a God-man, serving the Lord according to His ordained way for His increase and spread in Irvine.

## THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving Conference will be held in San Jose, California. 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. 25—10:00am
- Session 2: Friday, Nov. 25—7:30pm
- Session 3: Saturday, Nov. 26—10:00am
- Session 4: Saturday, Nov. 26—7:30pm
- Session 5: Lord's Day, Nov. 27—following Lord's Table @ 9:30am
- Session 6: Lord's Day, Nov. 27—4:00pm

### ☉ Webcast Location:

- Hall 3: English and Chinese
- Hall 1: Korean

**Please note: On Lord's Day morning, November 27, Session 5 will follow the Lord's Table which will be conducted as usual in all three halls.**

## INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE

The 2012 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from Wednesday January 25, 2012 through Thursday, January 26, 2012.

### ☉ Meeting Schedule

- 1st meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 12:30pm
- 2nd meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2:30pm
- 3rd meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 4:30pm
- 4th meeting: Thursday, January 26, 9:00am
- 5th meeting: Thursday, January 26, 11:00am

There will be translation into English, Cantonese, Korean, Spanish and Portuguese.

There is no need to register to attend the conference. However, saints requesting hospitality during the conference and/or desiring to participate in church visitation and blending after the conference must apply before **November 30, 2011. This is a firm deadline.**

If you would like to register or have questions, please contact brother Roger Jeng.  
 Email: [rjeng0509@gmail.com](mailto:rjeng0509@gmail.com)

## 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

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

22<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting in the homes

25<sup>TH</sup> Friday ☉ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 1 at Halls 1 & 3  
☉ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 2 at Halls 1 & 3

26<sup>TH</sup> Saturday ☉ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 3 at Halls 1 & 3  
☉ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference Webcast Session 4 at Halls 1 & 3

27<sup>TH</sup> 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—"KNOCK"

*Pray Over These Key Verses...*

**Luke 11:9:** And I say to you, Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

**Luke 18:1:** And He told them a parable to the end that they ought always to pray and not lose heart, **2** Saying, There was a certain judge in a certain city who did not fear God and did not regard man. **3** And there was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, Avenge me of my opponent. **4** And for a time he would not; but afterward he said within himself, Even though I do not fear God nor regard man, **5** Yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will avenge her, lest by continually coming she wear me out. **6** And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says. **7** And will not God by all means carry out the avenging of His chosen ones, who cry to Him day and night, though He is long-suffering over them? **8** I tell you that He will carry out their avenging quickly. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?

*Read Some Helpful Footnotes...*

**Mat 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...*

To ask is to pray in a common way, to seek is to pray in a specific way, and to knock is to pray in a direct way. Each step is more pressing than the previous one. (*The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, Set 1, Vol. 15, Study on Matthew, Chapter 8)

We all must learn to take care of others and to pray, "Lord, show me the way." First you need to ask. If the way does not open up, then you must seek. If the way still does not open up, then you must knock. To knock means to come close to the One whom you are seeking. When you ask, there may still be a distance, but when you knock, there is no distance. Rather, you are directly in front of the One you are seeking. Thus, you need to spend time to seek the Lord. (*Life-Study of Matthew*, Chapter 23)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ **Thanksgiving Conference Childcare**  
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.

Our talking is also related to another very important matter—the matter of prayer. In **Matthew 7:7-8** the Lord said that if we ask, we will receive; that if we seek, we will find; that if we knock, it shall be opened to us. Asking, seeking, and knocking are linked with our judging. The Lord was indicating that a judging person cannot have a proper prayer life. The more we judge or talk or gossip, the less we will be able to pray. This is certain. On the contrary, the less we gossip and talk, the more we will pray. If on the one hand we would practice not talking, gossiping, or judging, and on the other hand exercise the proper discernment in sharing the truths of God and the experiences of Christ with others, then we will be able to pray. **First we ask; then we seek and knock.** Sometimes asking is sufficient. At other times we need to seek and to knock. We may say that we ask for the Lord's grace, seek after the Lord's Person, and knock for the Lord's presence. It is easy to have the Lord's grace, but it is difficult to have the Lord's Person, and even more difficult to have the Lord's presence.

A proper prayer life is linked to "judge not." If we do not talk in a loose way and if we do not speak about God's truths and our experiences of Christ in a careless way, we will have a proper prayer life. We will have the ground to ask, seek, and knock. (*The Kingdom*, Chapter 34)

*Sing These Hymns...*

### Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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