

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 27, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ First Lord's table in district 11 (London)
- ⊗ Resumption of Lord's table in Manchester, England
- ⊗ Int'l Thanksgiving Conference
- ⊗ 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 156 & 157*

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Monday	880-881	388
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## Morning Revival

*Crucial Elements of the Bible, Week 4*

## Word of the Week

### Rest

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

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	153
Hall 2	86
Hall 3	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>324</b>

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: First Lord's table in district 11 of the church in London

On December 4 the church in London will expand to 11 districts with the first Lord's table meeting in the borough of Greenwich.

- ⊗ Please pray for a strong beginning of the church life in that part of London with the establishing of the four great pillars of truth, life, the church, and the gospel and the practice of the God-ordained way.

### Resumption of the Lord's table in Manchester, England on December 11

This is a resumption of the Lord's table in Manchester 23 years after the testimony in Manchester was lost as a result of the turmoil in the late 1980s.

- ⊗ Please pray for a strong beginning of the renewed church life in Manchester.

### National: Int'l Thanksgiving Conference

- ⊗ Pray that the word released in the past Thanksgiving conference would operate in the churches and that all the saints would practice to live in the focus of the Lord's recovery, living in the mingled spirit to be the corporate expression of the Triune God, the testimony of Jesus.

### 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.

## 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.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK: "REST"

### Pray Over These Key Verses...

Gen. 2:2 And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Exo. 35:2a Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day you shall have a Sabbath of complete rest...

Jer. 6:16a Thus says Jehovah, / Stand by the ways and see, / And ask for the ancient paths; / Ask where the good way is, and walk in it; / And you will find rest for your souls.

Psa. 23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; / He leads me beside waters of rest.

S.S. 2:3b - In his shade I delighted and sat

down, "And his fruit was sweet to my taste." S.S. 2:7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, / By the gazelles or by the hinds of the fields, / Not to rouse up or awaken my love / Until she pleases.

Matt. 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Heb. 4:3 For we who have believed enter into the rest, even as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest!" although the works of creation were completed from the foundation of the world.

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## Upcoming Events

☉ Monday, Dec. 26 - Saturday, Dec. 31,  
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

## 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

**27<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's  
Lord's Day Table and Thanksgiving  
Conference Webcast Ses-  
sion 5 at Halls 1, 2 and 3  
☉ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Con-  
ference Webcast Session 6  
at Halls 1 & 3

**29<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Church-wide  
Tuesday corporate prayer meeting  
at Hall 1 by languages

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

**1<sup>ST</sup>** ☉ 10:00am Sisters' prayer  
Thursday meeting at Hall 2

**2<sup>ND</sup>** ☉ Evening Small groups in  
Friday the homes

**3<sup>RD</sup>** ☉ 8:30am Brothers' prayer by  
Saturday halls

**4<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: "REST" (CONT'D)

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### Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

Gen 2:2, note 1, par. 2 Later, the seventh day was commemorated as the Sabbath (Exo. 20:8-11). **God's seventh day was man's first day. God had prepared everything for man's enjoyment. After man was created, he did not join in God's work; he entered into God's rest. Man was created not to work but to be satisfied with God and rest with God** (cf. Matt. 11:28-30). The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath (Mark 2:27).

Exo 20:8, note 1 See note 23<sup>1</sup> in ch. 16. The Sabbath signifies that God has done everything, completed everything, and prepared everything and that man must stop all his work. **To keep the Sabbath is to stop our work and to take God and all that He has accomplished for us as our enjoyment, rest, and satisfaction. This is God's economy.** See note 2<sup>1</sup> in Gen. 2.

Exo 35:2, note 1 This word concerning the keeping of the Sabbath, coming before the commandments concerning the making of the tabernacle with its furniture and the garments for the priests, indicates that **before God's people work for Him, they must rest with Him.** The way of first working for God and then enjoying grace and rest is according to the law. **According to grace, we first enjoy grace and rest with the Lord; then we work for Him** (cf. 1 Cor. 15:10). See note 13<sup>1</sup> in ch. 31.

Isa 56:2, note 1 **According to this book the real meaning of keeping the Sabbath is that we cease from our doing, stop our work, and enjoy what the Lord has done for us, drinking of Him as the waters (12:3; 55:1). Keeping the Sabbath in this way is to be terminated and replaced by Christ so that we may enter into Him and rest in Him for eternity (Gal. 2:20). The entire Christian life should be such a Sabbath.**

### Read some helpful Ministry...

Everyone is looking for rest. Rest always includes satisfaction. If we are not satisfied, we can never be at rest. Whenever we come to the Lord, the first thing we receive is rest. (*Life-Study of Genesis* p. 895)

**In the proper church life...we lie down to rest and enjoy both the finished work of Christ and the riches of Christ....As we rest and enjoy Christ in such a way, we are will-**

**ing to bow our shoulder to bear a heavy burden to do the taskwork, the work assigned by our King-Master, so that we may be able to render tribute to our King.** (*Life-Study of Genesis* p.1271)

All Christians are also journeying, striving, and laboring donkeys. I certainly used to be like this when I was young. I was striving to overcome sin with the goal of one day becoming an overcomer. That was my destination, my goal. I continued my striving until the day I saw the vision of binding my donkey to the vine. I saw that there was no need for me to labor or travel to reach my destination because I had already come to my destination and I had already reached my goal. **Our destination is the vine, the living Christ who is full of life. We must bind our donkey to this vine. This means that we must cease our labor and our striving and rest in Christ, the living One....We must stop our labor and rest in Him.** (*Life-Study of Genesis* pp. 1282-1284)

### Sing these Hymns...

#### Hymn 580 (vv. 1, 4-5)

- 1 Resting on the faithfulness of Christ our Lord,  
Resting on the fulness of His own sure word,  
Resting on His wisdom, on His love and pow'r,  
Resting on His covenant from hour to hour.
- 4 Resting in the pastures and beneath the Rock,  
Resting by the waters where He leads His flock,  
Resting, while we listen, at His glorious feet,  
Resting in His very arms, oh, rest complete!
- 5 Resting and believing, let us onward press;  
Resting on Himself, the Lord our righteousness;  
Resting and rejoicing, let His saved ones sing,  
Glory, glory, glory be to Christ our King!

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