

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 30, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ International Thanksgiving Conference
- ⊗ Gospel in India
- ⊗ Iberian Peninsula Conference
- ⊗ One day retreat for young families and working saints

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DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Word Released in the International Thanksgiving Conference

- ⊗ Pray that the word released in the recent Thanksgiving conference will operate to bring the churches further into the vision and experience of Christ in His resurrection and ascension.
- ⊗ Pray for the saints' hunger and desire to enter into the reality of Christ's resurrection by living a daily life according to the rising-up and designating Spirit to live by the divine life for the reality of the Body of Christ.
- ⊗ Pray that the churches will enter into the experience of the ascended Christ by exercising His authority in the prayer of the church for His propagation on earth and spread of God's kingdom.

Gospel Propagation to Five Cities in India

Beginning in late December there will be a gospel propagation to 5 cities in India in 5 different parts of the country.

- ⊗ Pray for the participation of the saints in India and those participating from outside of India that there would be a harmonious coordination in the one Spirit that the Lord would be propagated in these five cities and His testimony raised up in each city in a strong way.
- ⊗ Pray for the preparation of the saints participating and pray for the Spirit's brooding over these 5 cities that many vessels will be prepared and open to receive the word of the gospel.

- ⊗ Pray that there would be the regular and consistent visitation of saints from outside of India to coordinate with those in India that the Lord would have a way to move through His one Body for His propagation throughout India.

Iberian Peninsula Conference in Lisbon, Portugal (December 5-7)

- ⊗ Pray for the rich release of the Lord's word in this conference and the raising up of the Lord's testimony in Lisbon, Portugal.

Local: One Day Retreat for Young Families and Working Saints

On Saturday there will be a retreat for young working saints and families from the South Coast churches.

- ⊗ Pray for the Lord to speak a particular word to encourage and exhort the saints in this age group.
- ⊗ Pray also for the fellowship and blending among the saints from the 6 localities.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would gain something solid through this time.

ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND WORKING SAINTS

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, the church in Irvine will host a retreat for young families and working saints from the South Coast churches, including Irvine, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Lake Forest, San Juan Capistrano, and Vista, at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center in Irvine Regional Park. This retreat is for any grad student, serving one, working saint, young married couple, young mother/parent, etc. roughly between the age of 25 to early 40s.

Additional details regarding the retreat were emailed to the saints this past week, including a brochure with the schedule, cost and directions to the retreat. In addition, hard copy versions of the brochure have been printed and are available for distribution in each district.

To attend the retreat, the saints should register as soon as possible, especially if you are a family and intend to bring children needing supervision. To register, please fill out the online form at:

<http://tinyurl.com/YWS-Retreat>

We hope that as many young working saints as possible could attend this retreat for some encouraging exhortation and fellowship. May the Lord richly bless this time!

Upcoming Events

- ⊗ **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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| 30TH
Lord's Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's Table and Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 5 by district arrangement ⊗ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 6 at Halls 1 & 3 |
| 2ND
Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts |
| 3RD
Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3 |
| 4TH
Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3 |
| 5TH
Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ <i>Evening</i> Small group meetings in the homes |
| 6TH
Saturday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting |
| 7TH
Lord's Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Corporate Lord's Table and special fellowship at Hall 1 |

Salvation is the beginning of a person's spiritual life, not the conclusion. When a person is saved, he is saved once and for all; his salvation is eternal. However, being saved is merely a spiritual birth, a person's spiritual beginning.

After a beginning, there should be a continuation. This continuation is to present oneself to the Lord. Consecrating oneself to the Lord is the continuation of salvation.

A believer who wants to walk the way of the Lord, grow in life, and allow God to work thoroughly in him needs to offer himself to God. He needs to offer himself to God in order to enjoy all the riches in God's salvation.

As soon as we are saved, God places us on His way so that we can follow Him. In order to follow Him we need to give ourselves entirely to Him. We should say, "From now on I want to be led by You. I will no longer walk my own way; instead, I want to walk Your way. I will no longer decide for myself in any matter; I want You to lead me in everything. I put myself completely in Your hands to let You plan and determine every step of my way. I do not want to choose my own way. I put myself in Your hands; take me and lead me on." In order to receive God's leading, we need to have a definite consecration. The Lord cannot guide us if we do not entrust ourselves into His hands.

Once we are saved, there is another life in us that needs to grow. We need to give this life the opportunity to develop so that it can grow daily. Therefore, our emotion must be handed over to the Lord, our mind must be touched by the Lord, and our will must surrender to Him. Then the life in us will have an opportunity to develop. Every living organism needs a good environment in order to grow properly. Suppose we place one baby chicken in a good environment and another in a poor environment. The one in the good environment will grow to be big and strong, and the other will be small and weak. This also applies to plant life. If two trees are planted at the same time in different environments, the one in the good environment will grow tall, and the one in the poor environment will be stunted. The difference in their growth is mainly due to the environment.

All believers receive the same life of God. However, some experience much growth in life even though they have only been saved for one or two years. There are also those who have been saved for many years but who have little growth in life; rather, they seem to be withered

and old. This is because some people consecrated themselves to the Lord immediately after they were saved. Thus, the life within them had an opportunity to develop. The others kept themselves in their own hands instead of offering themselves to the Lord. They did not give the Lord's life an opportunity to develop in them. A thorough consecration to the Lord activates the function of the life within us, making it lively and strong and causing the sense of life to become sensitive. Before consecrating ourselves, we did not feel it was wrong to do certain things. After consecrating ourselves, however, the sense of life causes us to feel that these same things are wrong. Before our consecration we were confused, unable to discern what was of God. But after a thorough consecration, the function of the inner law of life is immediately manifested. Whenever we touch anything that is not of God, the law of life within us operates to give us the feeling that this is not of God; it is apart from God. Similarly, when we touch something of God, this law of life manifests its function, giving us the deep feeling that we have touched something that is pleasing to God. Therefore, the manifestation of the law of life and the growth of the sense of life enable the life in us to grow gradually. (*Lessons for New Believers*, pp. 51-53)