

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

November 9, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Trainings at Bower House
- ⊗ BfA Tour
- ⊗ Irvine

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Galatians, Messages 44 & 45

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

The Heavenly Vision, Week 4
(2014 Memorial Day Conference)

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Trainings at Bower House, London (November 3 - 29)

A series of three week-long trainings will be held on the general subject of “The Four Great Pillars in the Lord’s Recovery: Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel.” Attendees will include saints in the churches throughout Europe and also seeking ones contacted through the spread of the ministry publications and the campus work.

- ⊗ Please pray for the perfecting of the saints and the gaining of the seeking ones for the Lord’s recovery in Europe.

National: Southeast Bibles for America Tour

BfA staff members have begun a three week distribution tour through the United States Southeast. They will visit cities in Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee this week; South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida next week; and Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana the following week.

College campuses have been confirmed as venues for distributions in some cities, but in a number of cities the saints have encountered difficulty in securing similar locations.

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord would open the way for distributions in each of the tour’s 13 cities and that He would bring many seeking hearts to receive the ministry and the Word.

Irvine: Church Life & College Work

- ⊗ Pray for the meeting life of the saints to be renewed by the saints having an increased enjoyment of Christ in their daily life and learning to practice to follow the Spirit and be according to the Spirit in every kind of gathering.

- ⊗ Pray for the college work on the campuses. Pray for those being invited to the college conference later this month that they would attend the conference and be open to the Lord for this time.

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.

LETTERS FROM IRVINE TRAINEES IN THE FTTA

Dear Family and Friends,

I have to say that I’ve really been enjoying my time here. One thing I’ve learned this week is that I can’t be passive in my pursuit of the Lord. There have been times, especially when I would stand up in the meetings to prophesy, that I have prayed something along the lines of, “Lord, I don’t want to share something that is just from myself. Lord, be the One speaking through me. I want to share what is also on Your heart.” I used to think that this was a good prayer, but in reality, this prayer was kind of lazy. Looking back I’ve realized that I would most often pray this way if I didn’t feel like I had adequately prepared something to share, and so I would hope that even if I didn’t have much to share, it would be enough for the Lord to do something with it. On the other hand, if I had spent a good amount of time preparing, then I would rarely even pray before prophesying, and more likely than not, my sharing would be something completely of

myself without much consideration for the Lord and what was on His heart.

I’ve realized that God doesn’t just want a mouthpiece that He can speak through. We aren’t just robots He can use. He wants coworkers—people who will cooperate with Him and choose to follow His will. For us to really be useful for the Lord, we need to prepare ourselves properly for the Lord and cooperate by getting the Logos (the written Word) into us so that His Rhema (the instant Word) can flow through us when we speak. But my experience this week of trying to put this into practice was so scary! I had studied and paid attention in class, and I felt that the Lord was pushing me to stand up and share something. But I didn’t feel like I had properly prepared something to share! I stood up anyway, and just started praying, “Lord, You clearly want me to share something, but I feel so unprepared! I’m scared, but I trust You. Lord, come

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Friday, Nov. 21- Lord's Day, Nov. 23
College Conference for quarter-system 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

9 TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
11 TH Tuesday	❖ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
12 TH Wednesday	❖ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
13 TH Thursday	❖ 10:00–11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
14 TH Friday	❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
15 TH Saturday	❖ 6:00pm Young people's dinner and meeting
16 TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts

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into my speaking right now!" And after I prayed I just kept calling on the Lord, "O Lord Jesus," and as I did, the experience became so sweet. The more I called the more I felt supplied, and it kind of felt like He was holding my hand as I was standing. When I finally shared, I recall that I was sober in mind, but burning in spirit! And that He just supplied me with the words to say.

To sum up the experience, it's just really sweet to depend on the Lord since He is always ready to be our supply of life and grace. My going on is for you, and your going on is for me!

Sincerely, Phillis Chang

Dear divine family,

Midterms are finally over!! :D From the studying to the actual taking it, they were quite enjoyable. I can't wait for the next batch. :)

Our classes have been great too! This past week, I really appreciated my Experience of Christ as Life class which is going over the *Basic Lessons on Life*. Although it seems so "basic," it's not basic in the rudimentary sense but in the fundamental sense. This week, I've really been appreciating how God made man with 3 parts—body, soul, and spirit. We always talk positively about the spirit, but maybe not so much about the soul. But I was freshly reminded of the function of our soul: our mind is to understand God, our emotion is to love God, and our will is to choose God! When we understand the Lord with His thoughts and His intentions, we want to know Him more, and when we love the Lord, we want to pursue and love Him even more. **Our mind and our emotion set the stage for us to choose God!** Man has a free will but it is our mind and emotion that lead us to want to choose Him! We're never forced to! The Lord gains us and we choose Him!

But sometimes we don't use these faculties properly and they might even cause us to be distracted. But (hallelujah for "but"), we **don't** have to remain in our mind or in our emotions because **the crucial and deciding factor is our will!** Yes, when man partook of the wrong tree, he became fallen and corrupted, but to a large degree **God protected man's will!** We can always choose the Lord! We're not helpless when the enemy comes! We can

always exercise our protected will to make a choice and choose the Lord! Praise the Lord for His wisdom! Onward, upward, and forward, saints!

Your sister, Diana Pimentel

Recently I've been excited about two things on Saturday. One is our class on how to take care of children, young people and college students (with our current topic being on children) and two is our door-knocking time in the afternoons.

I'm excited about our class because we are learning how to take care of children, and things regarding children are usually fun and exciting (which it has been, definitely been learning a lot). And I'm excited about door-knocking because I'm getting to practice what I've been learning in class while going out! It's always quite exciting to be able to practice what you learn.

One point from class that I was touched with was that sometimes, when we're going on the gospel, we aren't able to have a way with the parents. But if we take care of their kids, that touches the parent's heart to see people caring for their children. Then through the children we can have a break-through with the parents.

Last week I went out door-knocking with three other trainees and we were able to sing to a lady and three of her kids (she has five) through the screen door. She was open to us coming back again the following week to sing to her kids some more. So this past Saturday that's exactly what we did. We went back, brought some cookies, brought a ukulele, met all five kids, sang some songs, and proceeded to just get to know them.

Two of us talked and shared things with the mother and the oldest son. One of us washed the huge pile of dishes in the sink with the middle child. One of us played with the baby and talked to another child while the child was doing his chore. It was...awesome.

The whole time I was at the house, all I could think of was how this was what I learned in class, and how amazing it is that I'm able to experience carrying out what I've learned in the training.

—Ruby Chen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Birth Announcement

Enosh and Andrea Cohen would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Rose Cohen. She was born on Friday, October 31 at 12:08am weighing 6lbs, 8oz. She and Andrea are both healthy and doing well. Please pray that the Lord would preserve this vessel for Himself.

❖ 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.