

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP December 8, 2013

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ The Lord's testimony in Madrid
- ⊗ The Lord's move in Paris
- ⊗ Irvine

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

Weekly Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Colossians, Messages 27 & 28

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	193-194	982
Tuesday	195-196	983
Wednesday	197-198	984
Thursday	199-200	985
Friday	201-202	986
Saturday	203-204	987

Morning Revival

"Nourishing Words—The Unsearchable Riches of Christ," Week 3

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: The Lord's testimony in Madrid, Spain

- ⊗ Please pray for the Lord to have a breakthrough in Madrid, with an increase in life and numbers to gain the vessels that He needs for a strong expression in the capital city of Spain.

The Lord's move in Paris, France

In September and October a Bible distribution was carried out in front of the Sorbonne and Nanterre Universities. The distribution was under the Lord's blessing. The Lord brought some seeking ones, and some of these are now being contacted. Also, a number of new ones are being added to the church in Paris.

- ⊗ Pray that that the Lord will gain more French students from the Sorbonne and Nanterre Universities.

- ⊗ Pray that all the new ones will grow normally in the divine life and be added to the church for the building up of the Body.
- ⊗ Pray that the FTTL trainees from France will be perfected by the Lord to serve in His work in France.

Local: Irvine

- ⊗ Continue to pray that the spiritual appetite and hunger of the saints will be intensified to be the genuine seekers and lovers of the Lord and be nourished daily by coming to Him and spending time with Him in the Word.

HOSPITALITY NEEDED FOR SAINTS VISITING FROM THE PHILIPPINES

On Friday, Dec. 20, fifteen saints from Quezon City (the largest city in the Philippines and part of Metro Manila, the national capital region of the Philippines) will be visiting Irvine for the purpose of blending prior to the Winter Training. They will be largely made up of 1 older couple, college students, and serving/working ones.

The saints from QC will arrive early Friday afternoon (12/20), spend the weekend in Irvine, and then travel to Anaheim on Lord's Day (12/22) in the early afternoon for their LSM training hospitality. We hope the saints in Irvine could help provide transportation, open their homes, and/or be available to spend some time with these saints who have come a long way to blend with the churches.

There is an immediate need for:

1. Some saints with cars who would be willing to help pick up the saints from LAX at 12:40pm on Fri., 12/20—need 3-4 cars.

2. Some homes who would be willing to receive 2-4 saints to stay Friday (12/20) and Saturday evenings (12/21)—still need 3-4 homes.

3. Some saints with cars who would be willing to drive a car load of saints from Irvine to Anaheim on Lord's Day afternoon (12/22).

If you are willing to help serve the saints by providing any of the above services, please contact brother Paul James at (858) 922-0951.

"Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality" --Rom. 12:13

MINISTRY PORTION

THE PROCESSED GOD

In eternity past God existed alone. Then, in time, He created all things. At a certain point in history, this creating God, the Creator of all, became a man. This crucial step is called incarnation. By means of incarnation, God put on man with all of creation, for man is the head of creation. The Lord Jesus, God incarnate, lived on earth for thirty-three and a half years. When He was crucified, all creation was crucified with Him. This means that not only did Christ go to the cross, but the very man

God had put on Himself with the entire creation went to the cross with Him. Therefore, Christ's death on the cross was an all-inclusive crucifixion. After His crucifixion, Christ was buried in a tomb. The man and the creation which were crucified with Christ were also buried in that tomb. After three days, Christ arose from the dead in His resurrection. Through resurrection and in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit. Furthermore, in His ascension to the third heaven, He was

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Upcoming Events

❖ Monday, Dec. 23 - Saturday, Dec. 28,
Winter Training, Anaheim, CA

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org

Blog: members.churchinirvine.org

Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org

Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org

YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

8TH ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

10TH ❖ 7:30–8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ings by districts

11TH ❖ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry
Wednesday meeting at MCC Anaheim
and simulcast at Hall 3

12TH ❖ 10:00–11:00am Sisters
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3

13TH ❖ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

14TH ❖ 6:00pm Young people's
Saturday dinner and meeting

15TH ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Church-
Lord's Day wide Blending Meeting at
Hall 1

MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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crowned and became the Head and the Lord over all. Then He descended upon His Body as the all-inclusive Spirit.

Because God, after completing the work of creation, passed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and descension, we may speak of Him as the processed God.[...] Through incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection, He has become the life-giving Spirit. After ascending to the third heaven, where He was enthroned and crowned, and where He was made the Head and Lord of all, He descended upon the church, His Body. In His descension, He is the all-inclusive Spirit. This all-inclusive Spirit has come upon God's elect, who make up the church.

When Christ was incarnated and born in the manger in Bethlehem, He put humanity on Himself. This humanity included us and all of creation as well. Hence, even before we were born, Christ put us on Himself. As Christ passed through human living, we passed through it with Him. Furthermore, when He went to the cross and was crucified, we were crucified with Him. Then we were buried with Him in the tomb. In fact, all of creation was buried there. Thus, Christ's tomb was an all-inclusive tomb. We have also resurrected and ascended with Christ. Now, even while we are participating in the church life, we are sitting with Him in the heavenlies. On the one hand, we are in the church on earth; on the other hand, we are in Christ in the heavenlies. There is a great deal of traffic between the heavens and the church, traffic that moves faster than the speed of light. Actually, to refer to such traffic is to speak from a human point of view. From God's point of view, the heavens and the church are one. Therefore, to be in the church is to be in the heavens.

THE REALITY OF THE COMPOUND OINTMENT

We also need to point out that the all-inclusive Spirit is the reality of the compound ointment described in Exodus 30. As the compound ointment, the Spirit no longer includes only the Spirit of God typified by the olive oil, but also the aspects of Christ's death and resurrection typified by the spices. After the olive oil had been blended with the spices, the oil became a compound, an ointment. Formerly the olive oil was of one essence, one element. But after it had been compounded with the spices, other elements had been added to it. The ointment produced by compounding olive oil with the four spices signifies the all-inclusive Spirit.

In eternity past the Spirit of God existed with just one element, the element of divinity. But at the time of Christ's incarnation, God put on humanity. During Christ's thirty-three and a half years of human living on earth, more was added to the divine element. Furthermore, through His crucifixion, the essence of His all-inclusive, effective death was added to Him. The same was true of His resurrection. As Christ took these crucial steps, God was processed and compounded with humanity. Just as the olive oil was blended with the spices to be a type, the Spirit of God was blended with the effectiveness and sweetness of Christ's death and with the effectiveness and power of His resurrection. Therefore, our God is now the processed God who descends as the all-inclusive Spirit upon His chosen people and enters into them to make them the church.

—*Life-Study of Colossians*, message 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Church-wide Blending Meeting

Next Lord's Day, December 15, the church in Irvine will come together for its quarterly blending meeting at Hall 1. We will continue to have fellowship regarding the church's recent burden of being nourished by the word.

Please carpool as much as possible. Parking in the parking lot should be reserved for those cars with 3 or more occupants, the elderly, and those with children. All trainees and students should park at Venado Middle School on Deerfield Ave. (a 10 minute walk across Deerfield Community Park from Hall 1).

❖ Hawaii Blending Conference

The saints in Hawaii have invited the churches to blend with them in a conference on Jan. 24-26. The churches in Hawaii endeavor to remain in the up-to-date ministry and in the blending life of the Body of Christ. They look forward to being blended together with saints from many different localities under the speaking of the ministry of the age. For additional information, please contact:

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