# Weekly Fellowship

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

# **Prayer Items**

Please refer to the suggested directions for prayer.

# **Weekly Truth Pursuit**

The *Life-Study of Ephesians* will be suspended temporarily. Please substitute your reading with the following portions of ministry which are available online at www.ministrybooks.org:

- 1. "The Principles of Prayer," *Lessons on Prayer*, chap. 2, by Witness Lee.
- 2. "Pray in This Way," *The Prayer Ministry of the Church*, chap. 2 (*The Collected Works of Watchman Nee*, Set 2, Vol. 22)

# **Bible Reading**

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Monday	1480-1481	688
Tuesday	1482-1483	689
Wednesday	1484-1485	690
Thursday	1486-1487	691
Friday	1488-1489	692
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# **Morning Revival**

The Prayer of the Age (Thanksgiving Conference 2009), Week 6

# Word of the Week

This will be suspended until after the three weeks of prayer.

# LETTER FROM THE SAINTS IN TORONTO TO THE CHURCH IN IRVINE

Greetings from all the saints in Toronto.

On April 15, 2007, representatives from 64 churches stood with us on our resuming the Lord's Table and witnessed our declaration that we would remain in the central lane of His economy and the fellowship of the Body of Christ. At that time following the turmoil, we had about 125 saints. Now on the Lord's Day, we regularly have about 250 saints at the Lord's Table meeting. We give Him the glory for the recovery of some saints and the increase of new ones.

In 2010...we acquired a 37,000 sq. ft. industrial building situated on 1.87 acres of land.... [T]he city granted us the building permit and we began renovation in January of this year.... [T]he new meeting hall was completed in September 2012. The main meeting area has 4,840 sq. ft. that can accommodate more than 500+saints....There are plenty of rooms for children, young people, and separate rooms for district meetings on Lord's Days.

...The saints in Toronto [and other churches and saints have so far offered approximately \$4 million to cover the cost of land purchase and building construction]. We are still short [\$2 million]. A bank has agreed to loan us \$2 million, but the interest rate and the terms are not favorable [and would put undue pressure on the already financially strapped church in Toronto].

We ask you for your prayer and consideration in offering [or loaning] \$200,000 [toward the \$2 million needed]. Your standing with us will be greatly appreciated by all.

Yours for His recovery,

The leading brothers from the local church in Toronto.

Added note from the leading brothers in Irvine: Toronto is possibly the most critical city in Canada—it's the largest city and the commercial, economic, and cultural capital of Canada. As a result, we have devoted significant resources to the recovery of Eastern Canada in the post-turmoil years (indeed, brother David Chou, whom the church in Irvine has been supporting for years, has spent the greater part of the last several years in that region). We encourage all the saints in Irvine to participate in this most strategic labor in our neighboring country. Those interested in participating should make offerings directly to the church in Irvine, but designate such offerings for the "Church in Toronto Building Fund."

## TESTIMONIES FROM IRVINE-SENT AND IRVINE-RELATED TRAINFES

In the following weeks, we will be reporting testimonies written by our Irvine-sent and Irvine -related trainees regarding their enjoyment from their experience in the FTTA for the encouragement and exhortation of all the saints.

Hopefully every one of you had your fill of turkey this past thanksgiving dinner! More importantly, hopefully some of you all got to hear some of the messages given during the Thanksgiving Conference. If not, here's a nugget that I really enjoyed.

In Daniel six, the chief ministers of the king tried to stop Daniel who was ministering to the Lord in prayer. They came up with a scheme to prevent Daniel from praying to Jehovah for thirty days. However, when Daniel encountered such frustration, he 1) went to his house to the upper room, 2) opened his windows to Jerusalem, 3) knelt down on his knees and prayed and gave thanks to Jehovah because he had always done so previ-

ously (Daniel 6:10). The spiritual scene behind this story is that Satan tried to cut off the channel of prayer that was directly carrying out God's will and move on the earth. BUT! There was a man on the earth who was standing for God's interest by persevering in prayer.

May the Lord really gain all of us in the next three weeks to persevere in prayer. Satan will try and cut off the channel of God's economy in these next three weeks, <u>but</u> we will be standing with the Lord's interest by persevering in prayer.

Standing with you all, Allen Wang

# **Upcoming Events**

 Monday, Dec. 24 - Saturday, Dec. 29, 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

#### This Week

**О**ТН Lord's Day

- **♦** 9:30am −12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
- ♦ 2:30pm Community Gospel (in Oak Creek)

11<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday

- 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer time at Hall 2
- ♦ 7:30-9:00pm Church-wide corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1

12<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday

- ₱ 7:00-8:00am Brothers' prayer time at Hall 3
- **♦** *7:30-9:00pm* Ministry meeting in Anaheim at MCC and simulcast in Irvine at Hall 3

**13**™ Thursday \$ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer time at Hall 2

**14**<sup>TH</sup> Friday

- ♦ 7:00-8:00am Brothers' prayer time at Hall 3
- **♦** 4:00pm Community Gospel (meet at Hall 2)
- Evening Small groups in the homes

**15**<sup>™</sup> Saturday

- ♦ 8:30am Brothers' prayer and coordination by dis-
- ♦ 2:45pm Community Gospel (in Quail Hill)
- **♦** *6:00pm* Young people's dinner and meeting

16<sup>™</sup> Lord's Day

- **♦** *9:30am −12:00pm* Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts
- ♦ 2:30pm Community Gospel (in Oak Creek)

The following points are offered as sug- Day 13 - Saturday, Dec. 15 gested directions for the prayer of the saints and the churches. These are not meant to be received as a formality or a legality that would limit our prayer in any way. No list of prayer burdens can replace our living contact with the resurrected and ascended Christ, who intercedes on the throne and in our spirit and who alone can supply us with the genuine burden and utterance for our prayer (Rom. 8:26, 34; Heb. 7:25).

### Day 7 – Lord's Day, Dec. 9

The building up of the local churches for the building up of the organic Body of Christ through the growth in life of all the saints unto maturity to consummate the New Jerusalem as the eternal, corporate expression of the processed and consummated Triune

#### Day 8 – Monday, Dec. 10

The continuation of the ministry of prayer in all the churches for the intercession concerning the world situation and the Lord's move in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Australasia, and Israel, for the consummation of this age.

The following points are offered as suggested directions for the prayer of the saints and the churches specifically related to the Day 18 - Thursday, Dec. 20 Lord's move in North America:

## Day 9 - Tuesday, Dec. 11

The intensified preaching of the high gospel, the propagation of the word of the ministry, and the establishment of new local churches, for the increase and spread of the Lord's Day 19 - Friday, Dec. 21 testimony.

# Day 10 – Wednesday, Dec. 12

The people who are predestinated by God: (1) sinners to be saved and seeking believers to come to the full knowledge of the truth, (2) proper and useful ones to be gained for the recovery, and (3) a demographically proportionate number of local people to be added to the recovery.

# Day 11 – Thursday, Dec. 13

All ages of saints in the churches to function according to their capacity, especially in the raising up of the next generation—the children, young people, and college-age saintsfor the Lord's testimony according to His economy.

# Day 12 - Friday, Dec. 14

The growing ranks of young working saints (ages 20-40) in the churches, both the jobdropping and the job-keeping saints, including the graduates of the full-time training, to be strong in the spirit to overcome in order to live Christ for the church and to be normal functioning members in the service of the Body to bear the primary burden in the practical church life.

All the saints to be renewed in their heart toward mankind, to be laboring priests of the gospel, to personally, directly, regularly, and faithfully visit and contact people for their spiritual welfare, to bear remaining fruit, and to shepherd the Lord's sheep for the increase of the recovery and the building up of the Body.

#### Day 14 – Lord's Day, Dec. 16

The campus work and the community gospel work.

#### Day 15 - Monday, Dec. 17

The full-time training (FTTA, FTTA-XB, FTTAMx, FTTA-MA), including the trainees, the trainers, and the serving ones.

#### Day 16 - Tuesday, Dec. 18

The services of and the serving saints at Living Stream Ministry, Defense and Confirmation Project, Bibles for America, Bibles for Canada, and Rhema Literature Distributors.

#### Day 17 – Wednesday, Dec. 19

The forces of religious opposition to the Lord's recovery to be bound, the names of Watchman Nee, Witness Lee, and the local churches to be cleared from blame, and the number of friends of the recovery among Christian leaders to grow.

The establishing and preservation of strong and spiritual marriages and healthy and sanctified families as solid foundational units for the building up of the local churches.

The preservation of society from moral degradation and corruption, especially in the United States, which is still a strategic and leading nation for God's move in His recovery on the earth today.

#### Day 20 - Saturday, Dec. 22

The hand of God to be upon the leaders in the highest levels of government to guide the North American nations in the fear of God, in reverence for God's Word, and in respect for His principles, so that the church life can go on in peace.