

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP December 11, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ Lord's Move in France
- ⊗ Lord's Move in Ukraine
- ⊗ Burden of Int'l Thanksgiving Conference
- ⊗ Chinese-speaking In-reaping Meeting
- ⊗ 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 160 & 161*

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	904-905	400
Tuesday	906-907	401
Wednesday	908-909	402
Thursday	910-911	403
Friday	912-913	404
Saturday	914-915	405

## Morning Revival

Crucial Elements of the Bible, Week 6

## Word of the Week

### Love

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

## Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	175
Hall 2	112
Hall 3	91
TOTAL	378

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International:

**The Lord's move among the native French in Paris (please see report below)**

- ⊗ Please pray that the French new ones will become lovers of the Bible.
- ⊗ Please pray that the French university students will attend the full-time training in London.
- ⊗ Please pray that the French brothers will come more into function and gain their fellow countrymen.

**The Lord's move in Kiev, Ukraine and the completion of the assembly hall**

- ⊗ Pray that the financial need for the completion of the meeting hall in Kiev would be met through the Body and the Lord would advance His move in Ukraine and throughout Eastern Europe through the timely completion of this hall.
- ⊗ Pray for the saints' constitution in the truth and their growth in the divine life that the gospel would go forth through

them for the building up of the church in that part of the earth.

**Burden of the Int'l Thanksgiving Conference**

- ⊗ Continue to pray for the burden released in the recent Thanksgiving conference that the churches would be brought into the focus of the Lord's recovery that there would be genuine golden lampstands in every locality shining forth with the Triune God as the testimony of Jesus.

**Local: Chinese-speaking In-reaping Meeting on Dec. 17**

- ⊗ Beseech the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out workers into His harvest, and the saints would be burning in spirit for the gospel.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would prepare an open and soft heart in the gospel friends to receive the real good news and be saved and brought into the genuine church life for His purpose.

## REPORT FROM PARIS, FRANCE

We are beginning to see some results of our labor among the French people as the full-time serving saints and working saints labor together. In 2008 there were only two native born French saints among us. We now have 20+ native born French saints meeting with us in the Paris area, consisting of university students, young university graduates, working saints and older working saints. Because of the spiritual poverty here everything we do seems to be a major accomplishment. There are a number of areas that have had some spiritual progress since 2008 and we would like to report them to you:

- ⊗ One French university student who is meeting in a home each Wednesday morning has just completed reading through the entire NT Recovery Version in twelve weeks. He was the first student in the Paris area to have accomplished this! He is now beginning to read the NT again with the footnotes.
- ⊗ One of our French young working saints was baptized, attended the live training in Anaheim and the French-speaking conferences in Paris, Belgium and Switzerland. He went to the college conference in London and will attend the International Chinese-speaking Conference in Taiwan. He is planning on attending at least one term of the full time training.

⊗ Another young French university student who has been baptized will be completing his PhD and is planning on attending the full-time training in London. He also attended the young people's camp in Poland as a helper and as a short term trainee in FTTL for one week. He lives in the south of France.

⊗ We had four French brothers attending the Fall ITERO in Baarlo, Netherlands. They are still talking about the wonderful experience they had being among all the brothers and hearing about "The Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery."

⊗ All of the baptisms we have had in Paris have been carried out by brothers from the US and Taiwan. We recently had a French brother help baptize another French brother.

Please pray for us that as we co-labor with all of the saints here in Paris, we will have the Lord's blessing, and that the Lord's recovery will become rooted and grounded in France and throughout all of Western Europe.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints,  
 The serving ones in Paris

## 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

**11<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's  
Lord's Day Table and prophesying  
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and 3

**13<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate  
Tuesday prayer meeting at Hall 1  
(by languages)

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

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

**16<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ Evening Small groups in  
Friday the homes

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

**18<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: "LOVE"

*Pray Over These Key Verses...*

**Exo 20:6:** Yet showing lovingkindness to thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

**Mark 12:30:** And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength."

**John 14:23:** Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make an abode with him.

**1 Cor. 2:9:** But as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man's heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

**Eph. 6:24:** Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

**1 John 4:19:** We love because He first loved us.

*Read Some Helpful Footnotes...*

**Exo 20:6, note 2, note 1:** In order for God and His people to be one, there must be a mutual love between them (John 14:21, 23). The love between God and His people unfolded in the Bible is primarily like the affectionate love between a man and a woman (Jer. 2:2; 31:3). As God's people love God and spend time to fellowship with Him in His word, God infuses them with His divine element, making them one with Him as His spouse, the same as He is in life, nature, and expression (Gen. 2:18-25 and notes). See note 8<sup>1</sup>, pars. 2 and 3, in ch. 19.

The entire Bible is a divine romance, a record of how God courts His chosen people and eventually marries them (Gen. 2:21-24; S.S. 1:2-4; Isa. 54:5; 62:5; Jer. 2:2; 3:1, 14; 31:32; Ezek. 16:8; 23:5; Hosea 2:7, 19; Matt. 9:15; John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-32; Rev. 19:7; 21:2, 9-10; 22:17). When we as God's people enter into a love relationship with God, we receive His life, just as Eve received the life of Adam (Gen. 2:21-22). It is this life that enables us to become one with God and makes Him one with us. We keep the law not by exercising our mind and will (cf. Rom. 7:18-25) but by loving the

Lord as our Husband and thereby partaking of His life and nature to become one with Him as His enlargement and expression.

*Read Some Helpful Ministry...*

Life is a Person, and there is no other way to apply and enjoy this Person but by love. We need to love Him. Some of the saints in past centuries used to pray, "Lord, show me Your love that I may love You." We need to pray the same prayer. Once we see the love of Jesus, we will be so constrained, so captured, and so attracted. We will spontaneously love Him. Then by loving Him, we will enjoy Him. This is life, and since this life is a Person, there is no other way for us to experience Him but by love. Only by loving Jesus can we enjoy Him.

Give yourself to love the Lord. No other way is so prevailing, and no other way is so safe, so rich, and so full of enjoyment. Just love Him. Do not care for anything else... We must continually tell the Lord, "Lord, keep me in Your love! Attract me with Yourself! Keep me all the time in Your loving presence!" If we will pray in this way, we will see what love we will have toward the Lord and what kind of life we will live. We will simply live by the Lord Himself. As long as we love Him from the deepest part of our being, everything will be all right... We must learn to love the Lord Jesus. If we would have such a burning love toward the Lord Jesus, we will enjoy all that He is. Therefore, I do not encourage you to seek anything else. Go to the Lord and ask Him to draw you that you may run after Him. You must realize that the "zoe-life" is such a loving, wonderful Person and that love is the way to deal with Him. (*Life and Building as Portrayed in the Song of Songs*, Chapter 2).

All spiritual experiences start with love in the heart; if we do not love the Lord, it is impossible to receive any kind of spiritual experience (*Dealing with Our Inward Parts for the Growth in Life*, Chapter 4, Section 3).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Chinese-speaking In-reaping Meeting

The South Orange County Chinese-speaking Gospel In-reaping Meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17 in Irvine at Hall 3.

Saints from Huntington Beach and San Juan Capistrano will bring their gospel friends to join Irvine. The meeting will start with a love feast at 6pm, followed by hymns, testimonies and a message at 7pm. The subject of the message is "The Real Good News".

☉ Memorial Meeting for Brother Chao, I-Ho

The memorial meeting for our dear brother Chao, I-Ho will be held today, Lord's Day, December 11, at 2:00pm at Hall 3. The meeting will be held in Chinese. Please bring an FM receiver if you need English translation.