

Weekly Fellowship

December 18, 2011

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- Winter Training
- 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*,

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	916-917	406
Tuesday	918-919	407
Wednesday	920-921	408
Thursday	922-923	409
Friday	924-925	410
Saturday	926-927	411

Morning Revival

We will be covering again
Crucial Elements of the Bible, Week 1.

Word of the Week

Touch

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

Lord's Table Meeting

Hall	Last Week's Attendance
Hall 1	178
Hall 2	101
Hall 3	86
TOTAL	365

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: International Winter Training in Anaheim

- Pray for the full release of the Lord's speaking to the churches that it would minister to the current need in the churches.

- Pray for the saints' reception of the speaking that through the word released the Lord would operate in the churches to advance His move on this earth for the building up of His Body and the consummation of this age.

SAN MARCOS DOOR KNOCKING

The churches in San Diego county will continue door-knocking in the city of San Marcos to find the sons of peace for the Lord's testimony on the following dates: December 17, January 21, February 18, and March 17. The time, 3:00-5:00pm, will remain

the same. All who are burdened to join are welcome.

Please email brother Chris Nerstad at chnerstad@cox.net if you need further information.

"Oh Lord bless this time of blending and increase your testimony through the speaking

WORD OF THE WEEK: "TOUCH"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Matt. 9:21: For she said within herself, **If only I touch His garment, I will be healed.**

Mark 5:30: And immediately Jesus, **realizing in Himself that power had gone out of Him**, turned around in the crowd and said, **Who touched My garments?**

Matt. 14:36: And they begged Him that they might **only touch the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched were completely healed.**

Luke 24:39: See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. **Touch Me and see**, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you behold Me having.

John 20:27: Then He said to Thomas, Bring your finger here and see My hands, and **bring your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.**

1 John 1:1: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and **our hands handled, concerning the Word of life.**

Mark 5:30, note 1 on "power": The Slave-Savior was God incarnated to be a man (John 1:1, 14). His garments signify His perfect behavior in His humanity—His perfection in His human virtues. **To touch His garments was actually to touch Him in His humanity, in which God was embodied (Col. 2:9). By such a touch His divine power was transfused, through the perfection of His humanity, into the one who had touched Him, and it became her healing. The God who dwells in unapproachable light became touchable in the Slave-Savior through His humanity for her salvation and enjoyment.** This was the service of the Slave-Savior, as the Slave of God, to the sick sinner.

1 John 1:1, note 4 on "handled": First, have heard, then have seen; after having seen, beheld, gazed at with a purpose, and handled, touched with hands. **These expressions indicate that the Word of life is not only mysterious but also tangible, because He was incarnated. The mysterious Word of life was touched by man, not only in His humanity before His resurrection (Mark 3:10; 5:31) but also in His spiritual body (1 Cor. 15:44) after His resurrection (John 20:17, 27).** At that time there was a heresy that denied the

Read Some Helpful Footnotes...

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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

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:

This Week

18TH
Lord's Day • 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's
Table and prophesying
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and
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20TH
Tuesday • 7:30-8:30pm Prayer
meetings in the homes

21ST
Wednes-
day • 7:30-9:00pm Ministry
meeting at LSM Campus

22ND
Thursday • 10:00am Sisters' prayer
meeting at Hall 2

23RD
Friday • Evening Small groups in
the homes

24TH
Saturday • 9:30am FTTA Graduation
at LSM Campus in Ana-
heim

25TH
Lord's Day • 9:30am –12:00pm Lord's
Table and prophesying
meetings at Halls 1, 2 and
3

WORD OF THE WEEK: "TOUCH" (CONT'D)

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incarnation of the Son of God (4:1-3). Hence, such strong expressions to indicate the Lord's solid substance in His touchable humanity were needed.

Heb 9:14, note 5: This book does not teach religion; rather, it reveals the living God (3:12; 9:14; 10:31; 12:22). **To touch this living God we need to exercise our spirit (4:12) and have a blood-purified conscience in our spirit.**

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

The Lord is in His Word, and the Lord Himself is the Word. **A person can touch the Lord in two places—the Word and the Spirit.** The Lord is in the Word, and the Lord is the Word. The Lord is also in the Spirit, and He is the Spirit. We thank Him that we have the Word outside of us and the Spirit inside of us. **We have the Lord's Word in our hand, and we have the Lord's Spirit in our spirit. These are the two places where we can contact the Lord.** Even though the Lord is omnipresent, invisible, and intangible, we can surely locate Him in these two places. (*Lessons for New Believers*, Chapter 24)

We must be clear and remember that God is Spirit and that **only the spirit can touch and contact the Spirit. Therefore, if we want to contact and touch God in any matter, we must use our spirit.** Apart from our spirit, we cannot touch God in any spiritual matter. (*The Spirit and the Service in the Spirit*, Chapter 3)

We must first touch God before we can pray. This means that our spirit must touch the Spirit of God. When we are busy with many outward things, there is no way for us to touch God. When we want to pray, we must free ourselves from all affairs, stop our mental activities, and turn our entire being from outward things to our spirit. **We must learn to**

exercise our spirit to touch God's Spirit. Then we will learn to behold God. **Because God is Spirit and dwells in our spirit, it is not difficult to touch Him.** When our entire being is occupied, and we live in our mind, God seems to disappear. However, He has not disappeared; rather, we have turned our backs on Him. We are not beholding Him. **But as soon as we are free from our thoughts and turn from the outward things to our spirit, we touch God immediately. This is to behold God, and this is to touch His presence in our spirit. As soon as we touch God in our spirit, we feel solid within; we feel that we have the anointing and the moving of the Holy Spirit. At this point we can open our mouths to pray.** (*How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God*, Chapter 19)

Sing These Hymns...

Hymn 559

1. Savior, I by faith am touching
Thee, the source of every good;
Virtue now, by faith am claiming,
Through the cleansing of Thy blood.

Touching Thee, new life is glowing
By Thy Spirit's burning flame;
Cleansing, purging, Spirit filling,
Glory to Thy Holy Name!
2. Touching Thee in faith, I take Thee
In Thy riches full and free;
All I am I open to Thee,
All Thou art Thou giv'st to me.
3. Touching now Thine outstretched scap-
ter,
O most mighty King of kings;
Of Thy fulness now receiving,
High I mount on eagle wings.
4. Grace and virtue, strength and wisdom,
All my need, by Thee supplied;
Keep me touching, keep me claiming,
Keep me ever at Thy side.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Young People's Winter Getaway

The Young People will be having their annual winter getaway in 2012. **Please note the dates of the getaway have been changed to February 3-5.** Please sign up for the getaway at irvineyp.com.