

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP February 19, 2012

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ❖ The Lord's Move in Greece
- ❖ GTCA Gospel Trips
- ❖ Districting in Irvine
- ❖ 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 176 & 177*

Bible reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1000-1001	448
Tuesday	1002-1003	449
Wednesday	1004-1005	450
Thursday	1006-1007	451
Friday	1008-1009	452
Saturday	1010-1011	453

Morning Revival

The Crystallization-study of Psalms, Vol. 3, Week 13

Word of the Week

Wait

The full post is available here:
<http://churchinirvine.org/Members/index.php?p=3043>

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: The Lord's Move in Greece

- ❖ Please pray for the following important items: The financial crisis in Greece has produced considerable unrest in society. Please pray that many of the Greek people will turn to the Lord, especially during the next few weeks.
- ❖ This week another visit will be made to some of the contacts in Thessaloniki. Please pray for the establishing of regular ministry reading meetings among these dear ones in their homes. Pray also that a number of the seeking ones will attend the conference/seminar in Athens on Feb. 25.
- ❖ During the week of February 19 several trainees from the full-time training in London will join the local serving saints to preach the gospel and distribute tracts among the students on the university campuses in Athens. A dinner and gospel fellowship will be held on Friday evening. Please pray that the Lord will release at least 1-2 young people with whom the saints in Athens can have regular contact.

Conference/Seminar in Athens, Greece

A conference/seminar will be held in Athens on Feb. 25 for those who have received the free ministry literature from Rhema. More than 200 invitations have been sent to readers. There will be two sessions in which an overview will be given from a chapter in the book *The Economy of God*. Following each overview, the attendees will break up into small groups to read portions from the chapter and fellowship about it using some guiding questions.

- ❖ Please pray that the Lord will gain at least one home in which regular meetings can be held to read the ministry.

National: GTCA Gospel Trips

The GTCA 2012 gospel trips concluded this past week. In the last two weeks, visiting teams and local saints distributed thousands of free copies of the *New Testament Recovery Version* and *Basic Elements of the Christian Life*, vol. 1. They also carried out seminars, follow-up appointments, and home visitations to shepherd the open ones; this labor will continue in the coming months.

Do pray that:

- ❖ The local saints near the 17 cities would be bountifully supplied for the long-term care of the many new ones.
- ❖ The Lord would burden some to migrate to these cities to participate in shepherding the new ones to gain them as remaining fruit and to strengthen His testimony in each place.
- ❖ The word in the distributed Bibles and ministry books would find good ground in the recipients' hearts to grow and bear fruit.

Local: Irvine

- ❖ Pray that the scriptural, God-ordained way to meet and serve would be carried out in every district.
- ❖ Pray that there would be a revival and renewal of the Lord's table meeting, the weekly prayer meeting and the prophesying meeting in each district by every saint being revived every morning and enjoying Christ daily to build up the church.
- ❖ Pray that the spirit of the gospel would become prevailing in every district that the corporate priesthood of the gospel would be built up to contact and shepherd people.
- ❖ Pray for sister Grace Daniel (see report and prayer request below).

CHURCH-WIDE BLENDING MEETING ON MARCH 4

On Lord's Day, March 4, the church in Irvine will have a church-wide blending meeting at UCI in the Student Center from 9:30am-noon. During this gathering we will also hold our annual business meeting. The annual business meeting is held once a year to conduct a few formal matters of the church (such as the election of directors) as required by California law. While seemingly unrelated to spiritual affairs (the realm in which the church mostly exists and functions), the Bible nevertheless charges every person to "be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God" (Rom. 13:1). While the

church holds fast to Christ as its unique Head, for it to subject itself to the state in which it is legally incorporated is actually to recognize God's authority and to respect His government over man.

Following the meeting there will be a church-catered love feast. Due to the financial situation of the church, the saints are asked to provide a small donation toward the love-feast and the parking permits, costs which are normally covered by the church. A donation for the love feast of \$5 per person can be made in the offering boxes. The church will also

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Upcoming Events

☪ Friday, Mar. 30 - Lord's Day, Apr. 1, ITERO, 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

19TH ☪ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

21ST ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meet-
Tuesday ings by districts

23RD ☪ 10:00am Sister's prayer
Thursday meeting at Hall 2

24TH ☪ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes

25TH ☪ 8:30am Brothers' prayer
Saturday and coordination (by dis-
tricts)

26TH ☪ 9:30am -12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day Table and prophesying
meetings by districts

CHURCH-WIDE BLENDING MEETING ON MARCH 4 (CONT'D)

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make available one paid parking permit per household in advance (see district responsible brothers). Those who have the means to

do so can offer an additional \$10 to cover the cost to the church for their parking. To reduce congestion and fees, please carpool as much as possible.

WORD OF THE WEEK: "WAIT"

Pray Over These Key Verses...

Psa. 27:14: Wait for Jehovah; / Be strong, and let your heart be encouraged. / Yes, wait for Jehovah.

Psa. 62:1: My soul waits in silence for God alone; / My salvation is from Him.

Psa. 130:5: I wait for Jehovah; my soul waits, / And in His word I hope.

Isa. 30:18: And therefore Jehovah waits to be gracious to you, / And therefore He remains on high to have compassion on you; / For Jehovah is a God of justice; / **Blessed are those who wait for Him.**

Isa. 40:31: Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; / They will mount up with wings like eagles; / They will run and will not faint; / They will walk and will not become weary.

Read Some Helpful Ministry...

Many people think that they need to wait on God when He does not answer their prayers. Generally speaking, this can be considered as waiting on the Lord. This is an outward waiting. However, we are speaking of the waiting that transpires in our spirit. Suppose we are calm and turn to our spirit, but we do not sense that we have the presence of God. As a spiritual fact God never leaves us, but in our experience we may sense that He is far away or that He is near us. At times we may feel that He is near, but He has not initiated anything. When this happens, we should not say anything

quickly. Rather, we should spend some time to wait in His presence.

God should always take the full initiative in our prayer, and we should simply follow. We should pray according to the feelings He gives us. In the same principle, sometimes He purposely delays His coming so that we learn to wait on Him. We cannot care merely for our convenience. We must care for His convenience and wait. We should never be rash or impatient. For this reason the psalms say that we should wait on the Lord.

This kind of waiting is not an easy matter. We would not consider two hours to be too long to converse with a close friend, but we would consider two hours to be a long time to wait. Waiting requires patience. When we pray, there is also the need to wait on God. Sometimes God likes to test us in our prayer. If He does not seem to be near us after we turn to our spirit, and there are no feelings within, we should not initiate anything. If there is no feeling within, there can be no prayer. We should learn to wait. When He moves, we should follow, and when He does not move, we should wait on Him.

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REPORT & URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FOR SISTER GRACE DANIELL

Please pray for sister Grace Daniell, who was diagnosed with and is currently battling an aggressive form of gall bladder / liver cancer. Sister Grace lives in the University Park area in Irvine and met in Hall 2 for a number of years before "migrating" to Lake Forest to help pioneer the church life there.

Sister Grace had surgery to remove the cancerous tissue in December and another smaller surgery this past Friday to resolve a blocked bile duct due to the spread of the cancer. She will undergo aggressive chemotherapy treatment over the next few months and will need much prayer and support from the saints.

Let us hold our sister Grace and her family during this time in our prayers, and especially that:

1. Her doctors would prescribe an effective treatment to deal with this cancer.
2. That our sister would be strengthened and bountifully supplied to receive the treatment.
3. That their hearts may be comforted in the Lord and kept at peace.

Those saints who desire to visit sister Grace are most certainly encouraged to do so, but should call her beforehand prior to visiting. If any are interested in participating in practical care, assistance, or meal preparation for our sister, please contact Kathy Beckman.

May the Lord supply our sister in and through His Body for His will to be fully carried out in her!