

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 23, 2014

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ International Thanksgiving Conference
- ⊗ Seminars in London
- ⊗ College Conference—Follow-up

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

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

The Heavenly Vision, Week 6
(2014 Memorial Day Conference)

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

- International: International Thanksgiving Conference (San Antonio, Texas)**
- ⊗ Pray that many of the contacts will desire further home visitations and meetings.
 - ⊗ Pray for the full release of the Lord's current burden to the churches.
 - ⊗ Pray for the continuing visitations and inviting of the contacts.
 - ⊗ Pray for the receiving of this word in all the churches that it will operate in the saints to intensify the testimony of Jesus in every locality.
- Local: Southern California College Conference—Follow-Up**
- ⊗ Pray that the word spoken in the recent conference will be effectual to operate in the students that they would be those pursuing Christ and living solely unto Him for His interest on earth.
- Seminars in London (every Lord's Day in November)**
- ⊗ Pray for the new ones to come back for the remaining seminars and for the continued sweet coordination among the saints in shepherding them.

ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND WORKING SAINTS

On Saturday, December 6, 2014, the church in Irvine will host a retreat for young families and working saints from the South Coast churches, including Irvine, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Lake Forest, San Juan Capistrano, and Vista, at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center in Irvine Regional Park. This retreat is for any grad student, serving one, working saint, young married couple, young mother/parent, etc. roughly between the age of 25 to early 40s.

Additional details regarding the retreat were emailed to the saints this past week, including a brochure with the schedule, cost and directions to the retreat. In addition, hard copy versions of the brochure have been printed and are available for distribution in each district.

To attend the retreat, the saints should register as soon as possible, especially if you are a family and intend to bring children needing supervision. To register, please fill out the online form at:

<http://tinyurl.com/YWS-Retreat>

We hope that as many young working saints as possible could attend this retreat for some encouraging exhortation and fellowship. May the Lord richly bless this time!

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving Conference this year will be held in San Antonio, TX. As one of the seven annual feasts of the Lord's recovery, all the saints are encouraged to attend either the conference or participate in the local webcast.

The Lord's speaking in the yearly conferences and trainings is critical for the advance of the churches. To be those who closely follow the ministry (2 Tim 3:10), we need a seeking and aggressive spirit. We pray the saints will acquire a habitual appetite for the word of the ministry and become beneficiaries of the truth and life that are dispensed by it. Remaining under the speaking of the ministry will keep the church healthy, supplied, constituted, up-to-date, and in the way of God's New Testament economy. Those saints who attend the conferences never regret doing so and become a big blessing to the church.

IrvineWebcast Schedule:

- Session 1: Friday, Nov. 28—10:00am
- Session 2: Friday, Nov. 28—7:30pm
- Session 3: Saturday, Nov. 29—10:00am
- Session 4: Saturday, Nov. 29—7:30pm
- Session 5: Lord's Day, Nov. 30—following Lord's Table at 9:30am
- Session 6: Lord's Day, Nov. 30—4:00pm

Webcast Locations:

Hall 3: English and Chinese
Hall 1: Korean

Please note: On Lord's Day morning, November 30, Session 5 will follow the Lord's Table arrangement for each district.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Thurs, Nov. 27 - Lord's Day, Nov. 30** International Thanksgiving Conference, San Antonio, TX
- ❖ **Saturday, Dec. 6** One-day Retreat for young families and working saints, Irvine
- ❖ **Monday Dec. 22 - Saturday, Dec. 27** Winter Training, Anaheim

Church-related Websites

General: churchinirvine.org
Blog: members.churchinirvine.org
Calendar: calendar.churchinirvine.org
Offerings: offerings.churchinirvine.org
YP: youngpeople.churchinirvine.org

This Week

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| 23RD
Lord's Day | ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 25TH
Tuesday | ❖ 7:30–8:30pm Corporate prayer meeting followed by special fellowship concerning India at Hall 1 |
| 28TH
Friday | ❖ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 1 at Halls 1 & 3
❖ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 2 at Halls 1 & 3 |
| 29TH
Saturday | ❖ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 3 at Halls 1 & 3
❖ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 4 at Halls 1 & 3 |
| 30TH
Lord's Day | ❖ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's Table and Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 5 by district arrangement
❖ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 6 at Halls 1 & 3 |

EXCERPT FROM *THE HEAVENLY VISION*

The Kind of Consecration We Need Today

We need to see the vision of this upper-room consecration. You may talk much about consecration, but this may be a consecration at the seashore, not a consecration in the upper room. Yes, at the seashore you gave up something to follow the Lord Jesus, but you may not have yet come to the upper room. What kind of consecration do you have—a consecration at the seashore or a consecration in the upper room?

The time in the upper room in Acts 1 was a turning time. It was a time of the turning of an age, a time of the turning of a dispensation. The turn that took place at that time affected heaven and earth. Do you know what the issue of that consecration in the upper room was? That consecration issued in the church. The church came out of the consecration, the dedication, of the one hundred twenty in the upper room.

During those ten days in the upper room, everything was dedicated in a practical way and was dedicated at any cost—at the cost of their forefathers' religion, at the cost of their country, at the cost of their relationships with neighbors and friends, at the cost of their relatives and families, and at the cost of their lives. The only thing they cared for was the heavenly vision. They were "drunken" with this heavenly vision. They were "married" to this heavenly vision; their whole being was held by this heavenly vision; and they were beside themselves with this heavenly vision. This is the kind of consecration we need today.

Paying the Price for the Heavenly Vision

Have you seen the heavenly vision about which we have been speaking? Have you seen the visions of Christ, the church, the Body, the self, and the world? I believe that you have seen something. Will you be able to stand before the Lord at the judgment seat and tell Him that you have not seen any of these visions? Surely you have seen something concerning Christ, the church, the Body, the self, and the world, and thus you are without excuse in this matter.

Some claim that they have not seen the vision. They say this because they are not will-

ing to be in the upper room. In other words, they are not willing to pay the price for the heavenly vision. They know that there is a cost to admitting that they have seen something. They realize that all these visions are costly, but they are not willing to pay the price.

Regarding this matter of cost, or price, let us read the word of the Lord Jesus in Revelation 3:18: "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see." In this verse the Lord counsels us not to pray nor to ask nor to receive nor to take by faith; He counsels us to *buy*. Here we are concerned only with the third of the three things which the Lord counsels us to buy—eyesalve to anoint our eyes that we may see. Perhaps, in a sense, you have not seen the heavenly vision, but as soon as you are willing to pay the price, to buy the eyesalve, you will see. The crucial matter is the willingness to pay the price. Once you come into the upper room, everything is clear. But if you are not willing to come into the upper room, no matter how many messages you hear, you still will not be able to see.

You need to buy the eyesalve. Do not excuse yourself by saying that you have not seen the vision. Do not say that you are not clear. You may be clear, but you may not be willing to pay the price. If you are not willing to pay the price, you will not dare to say that you have seen the vision. Whether or not you have seen the vision depends on this one matter—whether you are willing to pay the price. Pay the price to buy the eyesalve, and you will see the vision.

I encourage you to pray, saying, "Lord Jesus, by Your mercy I will buy the eyesalve. By Your mercy I am willing to pay the price to be in the upper room." If you say this to the Lord, the heavens will be opened, the scales will fall from your eyes, and you will see the heavenly vision. (*The Heavenly Vision*, chap. 6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ 2015 International Chinese-speaking Conference

The 2015 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from Saturday, February 21, 2015 through Lord's Day, February 22, 2015. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering.

There will be translation into English and other languages as needed. **All saints who plan to attend the conference should complete their registration by November 30, 2014.** This

is a firm deadline, and late registration will not be accepted.

Hospitality arrangements will be provided during the conference, and for church visitation trips before and after the conference.

All saints from Irvine attending the conference should register by contacting brother Jay Cheng at jay_gusa@yahoo.com or at (949) 247-9903.