

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

April 26, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ YP Conference in Germany
- ⊗ Conclusion of BfA Midwest Tour
- ⊗ SC Sixth Grade Conference

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 31 & 32

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

The Main Contents of the Lord's Recovery (International Chinese-Speaking Conference), Week 3

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Young People's Conference in Frankfurt, Germany

On the weekend of May 1-3 there will be the first gathering of all the young people from the German-speaking countries, including Germany, Switzerland, and Austria for a YP conference.

- ⊗ Please pray for a rich release of the word to the young people.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord will gain, establish, and solidify a strong group of seeking young people in the German-speaking world.
- ⊗ Pray that the new ones and young people will not be hindered from coming.

National: Conclusion of Bibles for America Midwest Tour

BfA's Midwest tour concluded this past weekend after distributions across five states and 15 college campuses. Staff members en-

joyed a sweet blending with the saints in each locality as they coordinated together to carry out distributions and shared lunches, dinners, singing, and fellowship.

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord would continue to operate in each recipient and cause them to open and enjoy the free materials they received.
- ⊗ Pray also for the bountiful supply to the saints in the Midwest as they follow up with students who expressed an interest in being contacted again.

Local: Southern California Sixth Grade Conference

- ⊗ Pray for the sixth graders attending that they would have a genuine experience of the Lord's salvation and become lovers of Jesus and give their lives to Him.

2015 SUMMER TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Today is the last day to register for the training. Percent currently registered: 72%

Dates: Monday, June 29, 2015, 4:00pm—Saturday, July 4, 2015, 9:30pm

Donation: Live Training in Anaheim: \$160 per trainee (outline included)

Webcast/Video in Irvine: \$85 per trainee (outline included)

After April 26: Additional \$50 late fee for the Live Anaheim training. After April 26 you may not be seated with the Irvine section.

Registration: Please follow these steps carefully to register. You may register online at: login.churchinirvine.org/training (one login credential per registration). You may also register with a paper form given to your local district responsible brother (who will register for you online).

For problems or questions please email: training_registration@churchinirvine.org or go to login.churchinirvine.org/training.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE SPRING COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The gospel of the kingdom is a complete gospel, which the Lord Jesus preached when He was on the earth: "Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has drawn near." This gospel is not merely the gospel of grace, which emphasizes life and salvation—when you are saved, you receive the eternal life of God, and shall not perish forever. The gospel of the kingdom includes the gospel of grace and also commands the believers to seek and pursue Christ desperately and fervently while they are living on earth. Believers not only enjoy the abundant grace of God, but also need to exercise their spirit (indwelt by the Holy Spirit) to come under God's direct rule, thus carrying out the building work of the church in the age of grace.

I was particularly impressed with Message 3 of the conference, titled "The Exercise and Reward of the Kingdom." My take-away from

this message is that we must faithfully run and finish the Christian race (1 Cor. 9:24-26). The Christian life is a race in which we Christians all run together, and whoever finishes the race will receive the reward at the Lord's return, just like the apostle Paul (2 Tim. 4:7-8). The focus of this race is not how fast we run, but whether we finish it or not while we are on earth. The speaker used a true story to illustrate this point. Once, a father and his young daughter came upon a farm fair in which there was a race held for young children, and the first prize was a huge piece of candy. The daughter was greatly attracted by such a prize, so she entered the race, along with many other children. From the beginning, she set her sights firmly on the candy. As soon as the race started, she ran with all her strength toward the finish line. However, soon she realized that

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Upcoming Events

- ⊗ Friday, May 8 — Lord's Day, May 10 Sixth Grade Conference, Irvine Regional Outdoor Education Center
- ⊗ Friday, May 22 — Monday, May 25 International Memorial Day Conf., St. Louis, Missouri
- ⊗ Monday, Jun 29— Saturday, Jul 4 Summer Training, Anaheim, CA
- ⊗ Monday, Jul 20— Saturday, Jul 25 Summer Bible Camp, Irvine
- ⊗ Monday, Jul 27— Saturday, Aug 1 Summer School of Truth, Irvine

Church-related Websites

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

This Week

26 TH Lord's Day	⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
28 TH Tuesday	⊗ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
29 TH Wednesday	⊗ 7:30-9:30pm Ministry meeting at the MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
30 TH Thursday	⊗ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
1 ST Friday	⊗ Evening Small groups in the homes
2 ND Saturday	⊗ 6:00pm Young People's dinner and meeting
3 RD Lord's Day	⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of Philippians

Message #:	Message 31	Message 32
Title:	Paul's Greetings and His Blessing	Grace, Salvation, the Spirit, and Christ
Scriptures:	Phil. 4:21-23	Phil. 1:7b, 19-21a
Verses to Pray-Read:	Phil. 4:21a, 23—"Greet every saint in Christ Jesus.... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."	Phil. 1:19—"For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ"
Radio Msg:	31	32

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TESTIMONIES FROM THE SPRING COLLEGE CONFERENCE (CONT'D)

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she would not be able to win the first prize because all the other children outran her. Gradually, she slowed her pace and eventually stopped, crying in the middle of the race. This has happened to countless Christians throughout the ages—they started the Christian race joyfully, but stopped mid-way for various reasons. Fortunately for the child in the story, the father picked up his daughter and carried her to the finish line. To her surprise, she also received a piece of candy, just like all the other children who finished the race. In reality, none of us is strong enough to run the race except through the all-sufficient grace of Christ. And the important thing is not how fast we run, but simply that we finish the race. May we all take heed to the gospel of the kingdom, pursue the Lord with a pure heart and run the race with all those who love His appearing. May the Lord bless all those who have begun the race, and shepherd them all their life to the end.—P.C.

As a Christian, the life I lead can be likened to a race. In 1 Corinthians 9:24a, the apostle Paul poses a question to the believers: "Do you not know that those who run on a racecourse all run, but one receives the prize?"

I never fully understood this part of the verse and was in fact discouraged by him saying that only one wins. Does this mean that Jesus already won? Or that Paul, who even declared that he had finished the course in 2 Timothy 4:7, was the winner? However, I was so comforted to read the rest of the verse which says, "Run in this way, that you may lay hold."

Two things here: 1) Paul charges the believers to "run in this way," to run as if there were only one winner, to run to win. 2) If we run with our all, as we would in a track or cross country race, we will lay hold. Lay hold of what? In the following verse, verse 25, Paul speaks of an "incorruptible" crown, which in 2 Timothy is called "the crown of righteousness". In 2 Timothy, this is the ultimate goal to those who have loved God and "who have loved His appearing." Practically, in our daily life and living, running comes in the form of reading the Word, praying to God, and spending time with Him. Something that I'm learning to do more and more is simply inviting Him into whatever I'm doing, whether that's studying, eating, driving, you name it. One thing I know: I will not give up! One day, I want to be able to declare with boldness that I too have fought the good fight!—JH

CHERISHING OUR IRVINE-SENT AND IRVINE-RELATED TRAINEES

We would like to put together care packages for all the Irvine-sent and Irvine-related trainees. Please spread the word among the saints in your district! Please drop off the care packages by **Lord's Day, May 3** to the following:

- ⊗ Hall 1 to Sam Lee
- ⊗ Hall 3 to Isaac Acosta
- ⊗ UCI Districts 1 and 8 to Apphia Freeman

If you are unable to drop-off at those locations, please contact Apphia Freeman at 949-579-0835 no later than 2pm of Lord's day, May 3. Thank you for participating in the care and shepherding of these trainees!

Here are the names of the trainees who are sent from or related to Irvine:

Brothers
 Orlando Ramirez (2nd term)
 Josh Lukius (2nd term)
 Ben Kwan (2nd term)
 Jason Hwang (3rd term)
 Philip Ku (3rd term)
 Abraham Lin (4th term)

Sisters
 Constance Woo (1st term)
 Lexi Jones (1st term)
 Hannah Sayono (1st term)
 Nicole Ho (1st term)
 Deborah Smith (1st term)
 Cici Huang (2nd term)
 Ruby Chen (2nd term)
 Diana Pimentel (2nd term)
 Phillis Chang (2nd term)
 Rebekah Brown (4th term)
 Marissa Geer (4th term)