

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 2, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ Digestion of Exodus
- ⊗ Student Parent Orientations at UCI

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Philippians, Messages 55 & 56

Bible Reading

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Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of Exodus (2),
Volume 3, Week 14*

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Digestion of the Crystallization - Study of Exodus

- ⊗ Pray that the church's digestion of the word released in the recent Summer Training would cause our love for the Lord to be rekindled and we would become in reality the loving seekers of God.
- ⊗ Pray that the love for the Lord in every saint will not grow cold but will be renewed to love the Lord with the first love, giving Him the first place in all things, in every area of our living.
- ⊗ Pray that through such a love the daily life of the saints will be vitalized to be full of the enjoyment of Christ and that the meetings of the church will be fresh and full of the exhibition of Christ.

Irvine: Student Parent Orientation Programs (SPOPs) at UCI

- ⊗ Pray that the SPOPs this summer at UCI will establish solid connections with incoming freshman. Pray for a strong, living coordination among the saints to care for the ones being contacted. Pray that every district will be a channel for the Lord to flow out to others for the enlargement of His expression in Irvine.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH

I enjoyed what brother Sam told us. He gave an example of when you go to Yogurtland. When you go to Yogurtland you already know what flavors you want to get, but you still ask them for samples because they are delicious and you want more. BUT, if you open up and turn to the Lord, you will be able to receive EVERYTHING of Him.—Eileen Z.

What I enjoyed was making new friends and learning and loving Jesus together. This was a very fun and exciting experience and I learned so many great things about God! I'm very willing to come back next year! —Stephanie M.

I enjoyed that the Lord is never dormant within us, and He is always moving and growing within our spirit.—Victoria Q.

I enjoyed that every decision we make determines where we are heading during the millennial kingdom, so we should make sure whatever we do or any decision we are about to make is ok with the Lord. I also enjoyed that we should not be fashioned according to this age but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that we may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well-pleasing and perfect.—Phoebe U.

I enjoyed that we need the essential Spirit inwardly and we need the economical Spirit outwardly which empowers us to speak the gospel. I also enjoyed passing out tracts at UCI. Thank You Lord for the SSOT!—Tyler F.

My eyes were opened when Enosh shared about “passing the ball” in the meeting. The “ball” is the Spirit, so if everyone participates in sharing and releasing our spirit we pass the “ball” around and God has the freedom to move and flow in and flow out (essentially & economically) so everyone enjoys Christ and Satan has no ground.—John G.

I enjoyed that there are two spirits: the Lord's Spirit and our spirit. The Lord went through a process to become the life-giving Spirit so that He can mingle with our spirit. When the Lord mingles with our spirit, we can enjoy all of His riches.—Matthew B.

Upcoming Events

- ⊗ **Saturday, August 22—**
Special Meeting for the Churches in Southern California, Anaheim

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

2ND Lord's Day	⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
4TH Tuesday	⊗ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
6TH Thursday	⊗ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 3
7TH Friday	⊗ <i>Evening</i> Small groups in the homes
9TH Lord's Day	⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

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

<i>Message #:</i>	Message 55	Message 56
<i>Title:</i>	The Unique Mind and the Unique Walk	A Life Full of Forbearance but without Anxiety (1)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	Phil 3:15-16; Gal. 5:25; 6:15-16	Phil. 4:1-7; 1:8; 2 Cor. 10:1a
<i>Verses to Pray-Read:</i>	Phil. 3:15—"Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you."	Phil. 4:5-6a—"Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is near. In nothing be anxious..."
<i>Radio Mgs:</i>	53	N/A

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: www.lsmradio.com/audio/philippians.html

MINISTRY PORTION

GOVERNED BY THE UNIQUE MIND TO HAVE THE UNIQUE WALK

If we have the unique mind, we shall also have the unique walk. As human beings, we are under the control of our mind. It is the mind which directs the walk, not the walk that directs the mind. What we think governs what we say and do. Hence, our thinking directs and controls our entire life. This is the reason we need to be transformed by the renewing of the mind.

We by no means practice mind-bending, but we do promote the renewing of the mind. Our mind needs to be renewed in order to have a proper realization and resolution. Then our Christian walk will be directed by a mind which has been renewed by God.

The Greek word rendered *walk* in verse 16 is not the ordinary word for walk, but the word found also, for example, in Galatians 5:25. It is a very particular word, the verbal form of the noun *element*. At least one translation renders the Greek here as "to observe the elements." The Greek word, *stoicheo*, derived from *steicho*, means to walk orderly, to march in military rank, to keep step. To walk in this way is to walk in a certain lane or path. This is a walk which is regulated like that of soldiers marching in cadence, who walk at the same time and in the same rhythm.

Some may wonder how it is possible for saints with different degrees of experience to walk in the same steps or in cadence. How, for example, can a brother with over fifty years' experience in the Lord walk in the same steps as one who has recently been saved? Do not think that such a walk is impossible. The way of teaching in the Bible is different from that practiced in the worldly educational system. In schools there are different textbooks for students of different ages. As Christians, however, we have the Bible as our unique textbook. Both for those who, spiritually speaking, are in kindergarten and for those who are in graduate school, the Bible is our only textbook.

In verse 15 Paul refers to "as many as are full-grown." This implies that some believers are more mature than others. But in verse 16 Paul goes on to say, "Only this, whereunto we have attained, by the same rule let us walk." The words *whereunto we have attained* indicate that all the saints, regardless of their degree of maturity, are included. We all must walk by the same rule. Even the very youngest of the saints should walk the same path as those who are very mature. Concerning this, God's mind is higher than ours. We all should have "this mind" and walk the same path.

—Message 55, *Life Study of Philippians*

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHURCHES

There will be an important meeting on Saturday, August 22 for all the churches in Southern California. The main burden of this meeting is to present the plan to acquire Oak Glen to the saints. The time and location of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM
 Location: MCC

Translation into Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese will be provided.

There will be no childcare provided during the meeting. Room NW-2 located in the Middle-age Training area will be available as an overflow room with video and English audio for parents with young children.

All the saints are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting. May the Lord richly bless this time of fellowship and His move in Southern California.