

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 13, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ⊗ New Academic Year in European Universities
- ⊗ Chinese Moon Festival
- ⊗ UCI Fall Quarter Orientation

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

## Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of 1&2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, Messages 1 & 2*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1165-1166	379
Tuesday	1167-1168	380
Wednesday	1169-1170	381
Thursday	1171-1172	382
Friday	1173-1174	383
Saturday	1175-1176	384

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of Exodus (2),  
Volume 4, Week 20*

## Oak Glen Project

Deadline	Goal	%
10/1/2015	\$205,000	2.5%
12/31/2015	\$410,000	5.0%
12/31/2016	\$820,000	10.0%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
9/12/2015	\$16,719	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Beginning of a New Academic Year in European Universities

Most universities in the UK and other European countries are beginning their new academic year. This is the most crucial time for making new contacts on campus, especially among the first-year students. Please pray:

- ⊗ To consecrate to the Lord the new academic year, the students, the homes, and the labor on campus
- ⊗ That the Lord will raise up key students to co-labor on many campuses throughout Europe
- ⊗ That the Lord will open the way to contact some seeking ones during this critical time and gain them as remaining fruit.

### Local: Chinese Moon Festival in Irvine - Saturday, Sept. 19

The church in Irvine along with Bibles for America will have booths at this festival being held at the South Coast Chinese Cultural Association in Irvine.

- ⊗ Pray that the Lord will prepare many sons of peace to be contacted during this event,

that this time would be fruitful for the Lord's testimony in Irvine.

- ⊗ Pray that the saints serving at this festival will be richly supplied that the Lord would shine out as the attracting One to draw people to Himself.

### UCI Fall Quarter - Orientation ("O") Week

Monday, Sept. 21 will be the beginning of "O Week" at UCI.

- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would open the hearts of many students, especially freshman and new transfer students, that they could be contacted and connected to the saints during this week.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would flow out and shine out through the saints on the campus that many students would be attracted and drawn to the Lord.
- ⊗ Pray that the enemy would be bound and his house plundered that many young vessels could be released from his kingdom to find the meaning of their human life and be brought into God's purpose.

## NEED FOR HOSPITALITY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BROTHERS CONFERENCE

This year the church in Irvine will again host the High School Brothers Conference from October 30 to November 1 at Hall 1. As the hosting church, we feel this is a great opportunity for us to care for these young people by bringing them into our homes and into our hearts, to love them, cherish them in the Lord, and to attract them to the church life through both the messages and the hospitality.

May we all take advantage of this weekend to set everything else aside and focus our care on the young people to gain them for the Lord's interest on the earth by opening our hearts and homes to receive them.

Please sign up to open your home at [www.irvineyp.com/hospitality](http://www.irvineyp.com/hospitality) or contact Isaac Acosta ([Isaac.acosta@gmail.com](mailto:Isaac.acosta@gmail.com)) or Samuel Lee ([slee17@gmail.com](mailto:slee17@gmail.com)) for details.

## MINISTRY PORTION

### GOD'S DISPENSATION VERSUS DIFFERENT TEACHINGS

With this message we begin a series of Life-Study Messages on 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. In previous Life-studies we have covered six books written by Paul: Romans, Hebrews, Ephesians, Colossians, Galatians, and Philippians. In these six books the basic and crucial truths concerning Christ and the church are revealed. The other four Epistles written by Paul are 1 and 2 Corinthians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians.

Of the fourteen Epistles written by Paul, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Romans, and Hebrews are very basic and may be regarded as a group. First Timothy, 2 Timo-

thy, Titus, and Philemon may also be considered a group. We believe that the arrangement of the books in the New Testament is according to the Lord's sovereignty. In this sovereign arrangement, the four books of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon are put together as a group.

Perhaps you are wondering how the other four of Paul's Epistles—1 and 2 Corinthians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians—relate to the first two groups of writings. The first group, composed of six books, contains the basic revelation concerning Christ and the church, whereas the second group, composed of four books, deals with God's economy regarding the

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## Upcoming Events

- ⊗ **Saturday, Oct. 10**  
Children's Work Conference,  
Diamond Bar
- ⊗ **Friday, Oct. 23—Lord's Day, Oct. 25**  
Junior High School Conferences
- ⊗ **Friday, Oct. 30—Lord's Day, Nov. 1**  
High School Conferences  
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

**13<sup>TH</sup>** ⊗ **9:30am-12:00pm** Lord's  
Lord's Day table and prophesying  
meetings by districts

**15<sup>TH</sup>** ⊗ **7:30-8:30pm** Corporate  
Tuesday prayer meeting at Hall 1

**17<sup>TH</sup>** ⊗ **10:00-11:00am** Sisters'  
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3

**18<sup>TH</sup>** ⊗ **Evening** Small groups in  
Friday the homes

**19<sup>TH</sup>** ⊗ **7:00-9:00pm** Young peo-  
Saturday ple's meeting at Hall 1

**20<sup>TH</sup>** ⊗ **9:30am-12:00pm** Lord's  
Lord's Day table and prophesying  
meetings by districts

## This Week's Truth Pursuit—*Life-Study of 1&2 Timothy*

Message #:	Message 1	Message 2
Title:	God's Dispensation Versus Differing Teachings	Faith and a Good Conscience Needed for the Keeping of the Faith
Scriptures:	1 Tim. 1:1-17	1 Tim. 1:18-20
Verses to Pray-Read:	1 Tim. 1:4—"Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith."	1 Tim 1:19—"Holding faith and a good conscience, <i>concerning</i> which some, thrusting <i>these</i> away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith"
Radio Mgs:	1	2

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: [www.lsmradio.com/audio/1and2timothy.html](http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/1and2timothy.html)

### MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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church. This group covers the dispensation of God with respect to the church. First and 2 Corinthians strengthen both of these groups of Epistles. In these two books we see some further and richer revelation concerning Christ and the church. On the one hand, in 1 and 2 Corinthians we have further riches of Christ; on the other hand, these books strengthen the economy of God concerning the church. Then what about 1 and 2 Thessalonians? In these Epistles Paul shows us our hope, the hope of glory, that is, the appearing of our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUR EPISTLES:

#### FIRST TIMOTHY—TO UNVEIL GOD'S DISPENSATION CONCERNING THE CHURCH

First Timothy unveils to us God's dispensation concerning the church. It is not easy to present such a brief yet all-inclusive summary of this book. Only when we dig into the depths of this Epistle do we realize that this is the

subject. If we get into the depths of this book, we shall see that it can be summarized as a book which speaks of God's dispensation, His New Testament economy, concerning the church.

In 1:4 Paul uses the marvelous term "God's dispensation." This dispensation is an economical administration. Hence, it refers to God's economy. God's economy is revealed in four expressions found in 1 Timothy 3: Great is the mystery of godliness; God was manifested in the flesh; the church is the house of the living God; the church is the pillar and base of the truth. God's dispensation is related to the great mystery of godliness, to the manifestation of God in the flesh, and to the church as both the house of the living God and the pillar and base of the truth. When God's dispensation is put together with these four matters, we see that 1 Timothy does in fact reveal God's economy concerning the church.

—Message 1, *Life-Study of First Timothy*

### CHILDREN'S WORK PERFECTING CONFERENCE

There will be a perfecting conference for parents and serving ones of the children in the churches in Southern California on Saturday, October 10, from 9:00am-3:00pm. The perfecting conference will take place at the church in Diamond Bar meeting hall at 1200 South Brea Canyon Road, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

This perfecting conference will be a continuation and further development of the same conference we began several years ago. In the recent publication, *Raising Up the Next Generation for the Church Life*, we have come to see that our children's work is to produce them to become the seeds of the gospel when they enter into Junior High School. In this perfecting conference we want to consider together how we can prepare our children in such a way that they would become little seeds in their schools.

"Our work for the Lord should have a long-term view. Six years go by very quickly; soon the children in first grade will be young

brothers and sisters. When they enter junior high school, we can preach the gospel to their classmates in junior high. When they enter high school, we can lead many of their classmates to be saved. When they enter college, they will be gospel seeds. In this way the young people will multiply year after year. The benefit from this will be very great. Hence, I am pleading with the elders and the co-workers to promote the children's work, to lead all the sisters to take part, and to select and train some young sisters to be teachers." (*The Collected Works of Witness Lee*, 1967, vol. 1, p. 315)

The saints should plan to stay for all three sessions of the conference as we explore the practical way to work out this aspect of the children's work. The registration donation for this conference is \$25 and lunch will be provided for registered saints. Please register by **October 4** at [SCYP.com](http://SCYP.com) under Event Registration.