

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 20, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

☉ UCI Orientation Week

*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 3 & 4*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1177-1178	385
Tuesday	1179-1180	386
Wednesday	1181-1182	387
Thursday	1183-1184	388
Friday	1185-1186	389
Saturday	1187-1188	390

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of Exodus (2),  
Volume 4, Week 21*

## 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	
9/19/2015	\$42,398.70	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**Local:** UCI Fall Quarter - Orientation ("O") Week

- ☉ Pray that the Lord would open the hearts of many students, especially freshman and new transfer students, that they would be contacted and connected to the saints during this week.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord as the attracting One would be manifested on the campus through the saints to draw men to Himself.

- ☉ 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.
- ☉ Pray for the coordination among all the saints and the strengthening of the "3-fold cord" among the full-timers, students and families that the corporate "net" of the church would be strengthened and enlarged to receive and contain the Lord's blessing.

## 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

### GODLINESS AND GRAVITY

After pointing out that we should pray on behalf of all men, Paul goes on to say that we should pray "on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity." A tranquil and quiet life is one that is peaceable, still, and without disturbance, not only outwardly in circumstances, but also inwardly in our heart and spirit, that we may have an enjoyable church life in godliness and gravity. Godliness is God-likeness; it is to be like God and to express Him. The Christian life should be a life which expresses God and bears God's likeness in all things. Gravity is a qualification of human character which is worthy of utmost respect; it implies dignity and inspires and invites honor. Godliness is the expression of God; gravity is toward man. Our Christian life should express God toward man with an honorable character that invites man's utmost respect.

### OUR SAVIOR, GOD

Verse 3 says, "This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God." In this Epistle Paul emphasizes the Savior God. Hence, in this verse he speaks not of the God of grace, nor of the God of mercy, but of the Savior God, the God who saves us.

### GOD'S DESIRE

In verse 4 Paul says that God desires all men to be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth. We should pray on behalf of all men because God our Savior desires all men to be saved and know the truth. Our prayer is required for the carrying out of God's desire.

God desires all men not only to be saved, but also to have the full knowledge of the truth. Truth means reality, denoting all the real things revealed in God's Word, which are mainly Christ as the embodiment of God and the church as the Body of Christ. Every saved person should have a full knowledge, a complete realization, of these things.

The object of the two Epistles to Timothy is to deal with the church's decline. In the first Epistle the decline crept in subtly through differing teachings (1:3), and in the second, it developed openly and became worse through the heresies (2:16-18). To deal with such a decline the truth must be maintained. The first Epistle emphasizes that God desires all His saved ones to have the full knowledge of the truth and that the church is the pillar and base of the truth (3:15). The second Epistle stresses that the word of the truth should be rightly unfolded (2 Tim. 2:15), and that the deviated ones should return to the truth (2 Tim. 2:25).

—Message 3, *Life Study of 1st & 2nd Timothy, Titus and Philemon*

## 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

## 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

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| 20 <sup>TH</sup><br>Lord's Day | ⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts                      |
| 22 <sup>ND</sup><br>Tuesday    | ⊗ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1   |
| 23 <sup>RD</sup><br>Wednesday  | ⊗ 7:30-9:30pm Wednesday night ministry meeting at MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3 |
| 24 <sup>TH</sup><br>Thursday   | ⊗ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 3  |
| 25 <sup>TH</sup><br>Friday     | ⊗ Evening Small groups in the homes  |
| 26 <sup>TH</sup><br>Saturday   | ⊗ 7:00-9:00pm Young people's meeting at Hall 1   |
| 27 <sup>TH</sup><br>Lord's Day | ⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts                      |

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

Message #:	Message 3	Message 4
<i>Title:</i>	Prayer to Carry Out God's Desire for Man's Salvation	The Normal Life of the Brothers and Sisters in the Church
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Tim. 2:1-7	1 Tim. 2:8-15
<i>Verses to Pray-Read:</i>	1 Tim. 2:1—"I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men."	1 Tim. 2:8—"I desire therefore that men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and reasoning."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	3	4

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

## CHURCH IN IRVINE AUGUST 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Month	Year to Date
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$68,989.60</b>	<b>\$872,244.20</b>
<b>Expense:</b>		
General and Admin Expenses	\$16,921.11	\$143,693.31
Fulltime Support	\$67,447.90	\$463,128.87
Fellowship unto Gospel	\$21,487.55	\$308,544.95
Gifts to Needy Saints	\$ -	\$20,800.00
Other	\$6,832.10	\$54,656.80
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$112,688.66</b>	<b>\$990,823.93</b>
<b>Net Revenue / (Expense)</b>	<b><u>(\$43,699)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$118,580)</u></b>

## 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.