

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 27, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ✿ ITERO
- ✿ UCI Fall Quarter

*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 5 & 6*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1189-1190	391
Tuesday	1191-1192	392
Wednesday	1193-1194	393
Thursday	1195-1196	394
Friday	1197-1198	395
Saturday	1199-1200	396

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-Study of Exodus (2),  
Volume 4, Week 22*

## 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	
9/26/2015	\$82,419.70	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International:** International Training for Elders and Responsible One's in Aguas de Lindoia, Brazil —Oct. 1-3

- ✿ Pray for the full release of what is within the Head of the Body for the churches that the word ministered will meet the current need in His recovery.
- ✿ Pray that through this time there will be a rich dispensing of the life supply of the Triune God to the churches that the one accord among all the churches will be strengthened.
- ✿ Pray that the one flow of the one Spirit will reach and bring all the saints and churches in South America into the one

universal fellowship of the one Body of Christ.

**Local:** UCI Fall Quarter

- ✿ Pray for the continued contact and shepherding of those students contacted during "O week" at UCI that they would be captivated and drawn to seek the Lord and be enlightened to see God's eternal 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 to care for all the new students being contacted.

## 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

If we would be a Timothy, we must take the lead not to argue, gossip, or criticize, but to pray. Whenever we hear some news, good or bad, concerning a particular church, we should pray. Do not discuss the situation, do not gossip about it, and do not criticize. Just pray! Likewise, if you hear something about a saint or about an elder, pray for that one. The first requirement to have a proper church life is to pray. Oh, we all need to practice this! If we exercise ourselves to have a prayer life, the church will be living and uplifted. If some would be today's Timothys to take the lead to pray, the others will follow. This can be illustrated by the way a flock of sheep follows the few who take the lead. If you, as a Timothy, take the lead to pray, the congregation in your locality will follow.

Instead of talking so much and even instead of working so much, we should pray more. Should you hear that a saint is weak or backsliding, do not talk about that person, and do not criticize him. Moreover, do not immediately go to visit him. Instead, pray for him. Whether or not you should visit him depends on the Lord's leading. After you pray about the matter, if the Lord leads you to visit that one,

simply follow the Lord and visit him. But do not do anything presumptuously. If the Lord does not lead you to visit a backsliding saint, you should not visit him on your own. It is possible that even in visiting the saints we may be presumptuous. Yes, visiting a backsliding saint is a presumptuous sin if it is done in ourselves apart from prayer and the Lord's leading. But if through our prayer the Lord definitely leads us to visit a certain one, that visitation will be effective.

We should also pray whenever we hear of problems among the saints. We should not presume that we are experienced and qualified to solve problems. Such an attitude is not only presumptuous; it is also blasphemous, for it is to consider ourselves as God. If we learn about a problem between brothers, we should bring this matter to the Lord in our prayer.

The first thing the elders should do in caring for the church is pray. Do not make decisions without praying. Do not either criticize someone or praise him without first praying for him. Before doing anything, we need to pray. Furthermore, our prayers should not be

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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

## 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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| <b>27<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord's Day | ⊗ <b>9:30am-12:00pm</b> Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| <b>29<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Tuesday    | ⊗ <b>7:30-8:30pm</b> Prayer meeting by districts                           |
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b><br>Thursday    | ⊗ <b>10:00-11:00am</b> Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 3                   |
| <b>2<sup>ND</sup></b><br>Friday      | ⊗ <b>Evening</b> Small groups in the homes                                 |
| <b>3<sup>RD</sup></b><br>Saturday    | ⊗ <b>6:30-9:00pm</b> Young people's meeting at Hall 1                      |
| <b>4<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord's Day  | ⊗ <b>9:30am-12:00pm</b> Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |

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

Message #:	Message 5	Message 6
<i>Title:</i>	Overseers and Deacons for the Church's Administration	The Function of the Church
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Tim. 3:1-13	1 Tim. 3:14-16
<i>Verses to Pray-Read:</i>	1 Tim. 3:1—"Faithful is the word: If anyone aspires to the overseership, he desires a good work."	1 Tim. 3:15—"But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	5	6

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

## MINISTRY PORTION

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light or superficial; they must be thorough. Only after we have prayed for a matter thoroughly should we make a decision concerning it, not by ourselves independently, but in oneness with the Lord and according to His leading. If the elders practice in this way the

church life in our locality will be uplifted and proper.

—Message 3, *Life-Study of 1st 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 bene-

fit 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⊗ **Family Gathering at University Community Park**

On Saturday, October 17, there will be a special gathering for the children (K-6 grade) and their families from **2:30-4:30pm** at University Community Park (1 Beech Tree Lane).

Together we will enjoy a time of singing, a lesson, activities and snack. This is an excellent opportunity to invite new contacts and friends. More details to follow.