

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 22, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ International Thanksgiving Conference
- ☉ Mass Migration out of the Middle East

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Titus, Messages 1 & 2

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1285-1286	439
Tuesday	1287-1288	440
Wednesday	1289-1290	441
Thursday	1291-1292	442
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Saturday	1295-1296	444

Morning Revival

The Need for a New Revival (Memorial Day Conference 2015), Week 6

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	
11/21/2015	\$286,400.70	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: International Thanksgiving Conference in Jacksonville, Florida - Nov. 26-29

- ☉ Pray for the Lord's cherishing and nourishing to the churches in this time through the ministry of the word and the fellowship among the saints.
- ☉ Pray that the speaking brothers would be one with the speaking Spirit and be given the utterance to release the Lord's burden.
- ☉ Pray for the appetite of the saints to seek the Lord's fresh speaking that the Lord would gain more ground within us for His testimony and move through us in these days.

Mass Migration out of the Middle East into Europe

As a result of much fellowship, a team of approximately 15 saints is spending 10 days in Germany to contact the migrants from the

Middle East and also the German people. Please continue to pray:

- ☉ For the Lord's clear leading concerning the way to go forward in a coordinated way.
- ☉ For the free mass distribution of literature and the shepherding of the seeking ones.
- ☉ For the participation of brothers and sisters who have an adequate knowledge of the truth and a proficiency in the Arabic and Farsi languages.
- ☉ For the salvation and gaining of the Lord's chosen and called ones, especially the useful ones and the young ones.
- ☉ For the Lord's protection of His present move from the attack of the evil one, Satan.

MINISTRY PORTION

THE APOSTLE'S CHARGE

Titus 1:5 says, "For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in each city, as I charged you." The words "each city," compared with "in every church" in Acts 14:23, indicate not only that the jurisdiction of a local church is that of the city in which it is located, but also that in one city there should be only one church. The eldership of a local church should cover the entire city where that church is. Such a unique eldership in a city preserves the unique oneness of the Body of Christ from damage. One city should have only one church with one eldership. This practice is illustrated, beyond any question and doubt, by the clear pattern in the New Testament (Acts 8:1; 13:1; Rom. 16:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Rev. 1:11), and is an absolute prerequisite for the maintenance of proper order in a local church. Because of this, the first thing the apostle charged Titus to do in setting things in order was to appoint elders in each city.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ELDERS

In verses 6 through 9 Paul lists many of the qualifications of the elders: unprovable, the husband of one wife, having believing children, not accused of dissipation, not unruly, being the overseer as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not an excessive drinker, not a striker, not seeking gain by base means, hospitable, a lover of good, one with a sober mind, righteous, holy, and self-

controlled. We have considered many of these qualifications in detail in the message entitled "Overseers and Deacons for the Church's Administration," Message 5 in the Life-study of 1 Timothy.

In verse 9 Paul says, "Holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort by the healthy teaching and to convict those who contradict." The elders are appointed to administrate God's government in a local church that good order may be maintained in the church. To accomplish this, the elders need to hold to the faithful word, which is according to the apostles' teaching, that they may be able to stop troublesome talkers and calm a tumultuous situation (vv. 9-14).

The "faithful word" is the trustworthy, reliable, and true word which was taught in the churches according to the apostles' teaching. The elders in a local church should hold to this kind of healthy word that they may fulfill their duty in teaching (1 Tim. 3:2; 5:17).

The teaching referred to here is the apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), which eventually became the New Testament. This indicates that the churches were established according to the apostles' teaching and followed their teaching. It also indicates that the order of the churches was maintained by the faithful word, which was given according to the apostles' teaching. The disorder of the church was mainly due to deviation from the apostles'

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ Mon, Dec. 21 - Sat, Dec. 26
Winter Training, Anaheim, CA

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

- 22ND** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm
 Lord's Day Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
- 24TH** ☉ 7:30-8:30pm
 Tuesday Prayer meeting by districts
- 27TH** ☉ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 1 at Halls 1 & 3
 Friday ☉ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 2 at Halls 1 & 3
- 28TH** ☉ 10:00am Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 3 at Halls 1 & 3
 Saturday ☉ 7:30pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 4 at Halls 1 & 3
- 29TH** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's Table and Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 5 by district arrangement
 Lord's Day ☉ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Conference webcast session 6 at Halls 1 & 3

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

Message #:	Message 1	Message 2
Title:	Establishing the Authority of the Church	Dealing with the Influence of Judaism and Gnosticism
Scriptures:	Titus 1:1-9	Titus 1:10-16
Verses to Pray-Read:	Titus 1:9—"Holding to the faithful word, which is according to the teaching of the apostles, that he may be able both to exhort by the healthy teaching and to convict those who oppose."	Titus 1:10—"For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,"
Radio Msg:	1	2

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MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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teaching. To counter this, we must hold to the faithful word taught in the churches according to the apostles' teaching. In a darkened and confused situation, we must cleave to the enlightening and ordering word in the New Testament—the apostles' teaching. To maintain the order of the church, the word accord-

ing to God's revelation is needed in addition to the eldership.

—Message 1, *Life-Study of Titus*

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

The Thanksgiving Conference this year will be held in Jacksonville, FL. As one of the seven annual feasts of the Lord's recovery, all the saints are encouraged to attend either the conference or participate in the local webcast.

The Lord's speaking in the yearly conferences and trainings is critical for the advance of the churches. To be those who closely follow the ministry (2 Tim 3:10), we need a seeking and aggressive spirit. We pray the saints will acquire a habitual appetite for the word of the ministry and become beneficiaries of the truth and life that are dispensed by it. Remaining under the speaking of the ministry will keep the church healthy, supplied, constituted, up-to-date, and in the way of God's New Testament economy. Those saints who attend the conferences never regret doing so and become a big blessing to the church.

Irvine Webcast Schedule:

- Session 1: Friday, Nov. 27—10:00am
- Session 2: Friday, Nov. 27—7:30pm
- Session 3: Saturday, Nov. 28—10:00am
- Session 4: Saturday, Nov. 28—7:30pm
- Session 5: Lord's Day, Nov. 29—following Lord's Table at 9:30am
- Session 6: Lord's Day, Nov. 29—4:00pm

Webcast Locations:

Hall 3: English and Chinese
 Hall 1: Korean

Please note: On Lord's Day morning, November 29, Session 5 will follow the Lord's Table arrangement for each district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ☉ **Special Gathering for Prayer and Fellowship Regarding the Neighborhood Children's Meeting**

As a follow-up to the times of fellowship regarding the Lord's burden for our children, we would like to invite the saints who are currently hosting neighborhood children's meetings, and those who have some feeling to start neighborhood children's meetings, to a time of prayer and fellowship for the mutual learning, encouragement, and coordination.

We will meet on **December 13 at Hall 1 (house) at 3:30pm**. May the Lord, our Chief Shepherd, gain the children outside the

church and their families through our cooperation for the increase of the church.

- ☉ **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting**

There will be no ministry meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 25th, due to the Thanksgiving Conference. Meetings will resume on December 2nd.