

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 29, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Prayer Items

- ☉ Thanksgiving Conference
- ☉ Immigrants from Syria and Afghanistan

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

## Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of Titus, Messages 3 & 4*

## Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1297-1298	445
Tuesday	1299-1300	446
Wednesday	1301-1302	447
Thursday	1303-1304	448
Friday	1305-1306	449
Saturday	1307-1308	450

## Morning Revival

*The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today, Week 1 (Fall ITERO 2015)*

## 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	
11/28/2015	\$291,705.70	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International: Thanksgiving Conference: The Church as the Temple of God - The Goal of God's Eternal Economy** Immigrants from Syria and Afghanistan Entering Greece

☉ Pray that the word released in the recent Thanksgiving conference will operate in the saints in the churches to cause an intensified pursuing of Christ that our experience of Christ will be increased and enlarged to issue in the temple church life for the Lord's enlarged expression.

☉ Pray that the saints in the churches will aspire to go on from a tabernacle church life in the wilderness of the soul to the temple church life by walking and living in Christ as the reality of the good land in our spirit.

There are currently teams of saints serving for 2 weeks at a time in Greece to contact immigrants from Syria and Afghanistan and to give them "care packages" which include not only food but ministry materials in Arabic and Farsi. The immigrants are traveling through Greece to more northern parts of Europe such as Germany.

☉ Pray that the Lord will use this service of the saints to call His chosen ones and bring them into His purpose through the saints' contact of them.

☉ Pray that God's kingdom would spread among the Arabic- and Farsi-speaking people through this labor.

## MINISTRY PORTION

### BRINGING THE SAINTS OF DIFFERENT AGES INTO AN ORDERLY LIFE

In 2:1-8 the word healthy is used three times. In verse 1 Paul says, "But as for you, speak the things which are fitting to healthy teaching." In verse 2 Paul speaks of being healthy in faith, love, and endurance. In verse 8 Paul refers to "healthy speech that cannot be condemned." Titus was to speak the things which are fitting to healthy teaching and show himself a pattern of healthy words, and the elderly men were to be healthy in faith, love, and endurance. It is significant that in these verses, a portion of Titus in which the saints are charged to live an orderly life in the church, Paul uses the word healthy three times. If we study the verses where this word is used, and especially if we pray-read them, we shall be richly nourished. I would encourage you to pray over Paul's word concerning healthy teaching, being healthy in faith, love, and endurance, and healthy speech. If you do this, you will enjoy an excellent spiritual meal.

### TO SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH ARE FITTING TO HEALTHY TEACHING

Titus 2:1 says, "But as for you, speak the things which are fitting to healthy teaching." This verse opens with the word "but" to show that it is in contrast to 1:16. In contrast to those who profess to know God, but by their works deny Him, Titus was to speak the things which are fitting to healthy teaching.

The healthy teaching is always according to the truth (1:14) of the faith (1:13). It is the content of the apostles' teaching, the content of God's New Testament economy. It not only

ministers the life supply to the believers and heals the spiritual diseases, but in so doing also brings the church into a sound condition with a good order. Hence, it is very much stressed in these three books, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, books dealing with the disorder and decline of the church. In 2:1 Paul charged Titus not to deviate from the healthy teaching, from the apostles' teaching. He should not be like the gainsayers, the vain talkers, those who teach differently and make the church subject to the influence of Judaism and Gnosticism.

We also should be reminded to speak the things which are fitting to healthy teaching. The word healthy points to that which is hygienic and which can both inoculate others against spiritual poison and also supply them with life. Our teachings should not merely pass on knowledge to others, but should supply them with life. Often when I have been tempted to speak about a certain subject, I was stopped. I had the sense that there was not much of the hygienic element in what I planned to say. We need to remind ourselves and be reminded by the Spirit to give forth healthy teaching.

Healthy teachings do not provoke debates or arguments. If we give adequate attention to feeding on the Lord, we shall not care to argue. A dining table is not a place for debate or argument; it is a place for feasting and nourishment. In the church life we should not exchange the dining table for a desk. We all need to learn how to put healthy "dishes" on the dining table to feed the saints.

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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

**29<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 9:30am–12:00pm Lord's  
Lord's Day Table and Thanksgiving  
 Conference webcast ses-  
 sion 5 by district arrange-  
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 ☉ 4:00pm Thanksgiving Con-  
 ference webcast session 6  
 at Halls 1 & 3

**1<sup>ST</sup>** ☉ 7:30–8:30pm  
Tuesday Prayer meeting by districts

**2<sup>ND</sup>** ☉ 7:30-9:00pm  
Wednesday Ministry meeting at MCC  
 and simulcast at Hall 3

**3<sup>RD</sup>** ☉ 10:00–11:00am  
Thursday Sisters prayer meeting at  
 Hall 3

**4<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ Evening  
Friday Small groups in the homes

**5<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 6:30-9:00pm  
Saturday Young people's meeting at  
 Hall 1

**6<sup>TH</sup>** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm  
Sunday Lord's table and prophesying  
 meetings by districts

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

Message #:	Message 3	Message 4
Title:	Bringing the Saints of Different Ages into an Orderly Life	Charging Slaves to Behave Well in the Social System of Slavery
Scriptures:	Titus 2:1-8	Titus 2:9-15
Verses to Pray-Read:	Titus 2:1—"But you, speak the things which are fitting to the healthy teaching.	Titus 2:11-12—"For the grace of God, bringing salvation to all men, has appeared, training us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in the present age"
Radio Msg:	3	4

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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### Healthy

#### 1. In Faith

If we would be healthy in faith, we need daily to be under the transfusion which comes through the organic union between us and the Triune God. The word faith in verse 2 does not refer to the objective faith, to the things we believe, but to our activity of believing. In our daily living we need a faith which keeps us in the organic union. In order to be healthy in faith, we need to come to the Word and contact the Lord by praying in a living way with our spirit. Then we shall have faith, the infusion of the living God into us through our contact with the Word in the spirit. Faith, therefore, is a living Person infused into us. The more we remain in the organic union with this divine Person, the more healthy we shall be in faith.

#### 2. In Love

If we are healthy in faith, we shall automatically be healthy in love. It is possible to love others too much or too little. In either case, our love is not healthy. Instead, we are somewhat sick in our love.

Why do you love a certain brother very much and another brother hardly at all? It is because you love others according to your own taste. In Philippians 2:2 Paul says that we should have the same love. This means that our love for all the saints should be on the same level. To have a different love for differ-

ent saints is to be unhealthy in love. But to have the same love for all is to be healthy in love.

#### 3. In Endurance

According to Titus 2:2, aged men should also be healthy in endurance. If we have adequate endurance, we shall be able to bear the things which bother us and trouble us. We have pointed out that it is rather easy for an elderly person to be bothered. As one who has many children and grandchildren and who is involved with so many churches and co-workers, I can testify of the need for endurance. For example, I need endurance simply to care for all the mail I receive day by day. I receive so much mail that I have developed a filing system to categorize and arrange it. Even this takes endurance. If I were short of endurance, I would not know what to do with all this mail.

Especially those of us who are elderly need endurance. The older we become, the greater is our need of endurance. In particular, the elders in a church need endurance. For example, sometimes telephone calls come late at night. To take care of such a call in a proper way requires endurance.

Once again I wish to emphasize the fact that in the church life we aspire to live a proper human life, with all the human virtues. We do not want to be angelic. Our desire is to be genuinely human.

—Message 3, *Life Study of Titus*

## 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 mutual learning, encouragement, and coordination.

We will meet on **December 13 at Hall 1 (in the 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.