

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP December 20, 2015

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

❖ Winter Training

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

Truth Pursuit

2015 Winter Training on the
Crystallization-Study of Exodus (3)

Morning Revival

2015 Winter Training on the
Crystallization-Study of Exodus (3)

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	
12/19/2015	\$350,250.70	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

❖ Winter Training — Crystallization-Study of Exodus (Dec. 21-26)

- ❖ Pray for the release of the Lord's speaking that would cause an advance and increase in the measure of Christ in all the churches.
- ❖ Pray for those speaking that they would have the utterance to release all the Lord desires to speak and pray for the saints hunger to receive the word and enter into the experience of Christ for His Body through the word released.

- ❖ Pray for the Lord's covering of all the practical services, the saints going and coming and that all the hospitality and study times would be profitable for entering into the burden of the word released.

WINTER TRAINING 2015

One of the greatest blessings to the Lord's recovery has been the semi-annual trainings. This week we will enjoy the 2015 Winter Training to be held in Anaheim and by simulcast in Irvine (Hall 3 for English & Korean-speaking; Hall 1 for Chinese-speaking). As a reminder to all those who are registered, the afternoon and evening sessions start at 4:00pm and 7:30pm, respectively.

Due to the special nature of the trainings (as opposed to church conferences), specific regulations do apply. For instance, we are required to be in our seats 5 minutes early. If we are unable to participate in a training session, we must notify in advance the brothers designated as "attendance coordinators."

Saints participating in the training are also required to study the training messages in groups of 8-10. Where the situation permits, these study times should take place in a nearby home, but those who are unable to study in the homes can study at Hall 1 throughout the

week from 9am-12pm.

All college and high school students participating in the training must attend a study session held daily at the LSM campus in Anaheim from 9:00-11:30am.

May the Lord bless the upcoming training with His fresh and up-to-date speaking!

MINISTRY PORTION

As the conclusion of the Life-study of Exodus, in this message and the following we shall consider 40:1-38.

In Exodus we have the record of God's revelation concerning the tabernacle and its furniture and also the record of the making of the tabernacle and its furniture. In chapter forty of Exodus we have two records. The first is God's commandment concerning the erecting of the tabernacle and the placement of the furniture and utensils. The second record describes how Moses did everything according to God's commandment. These two records, of course, are almost exactly the same. In the book of Exodus there are actually four records related to the tabernacle and its furniture and utensils. In the foregoing message we pointed

out the reason for the difference in sequence between the record of the revelation of the tabernacle and its furniture and the record concerning the making of the tabernacle and its furniture. Here I would like to point out that in each of the four records the most important matter is the ark of the testimony.

GOD'S SIDE AND OUR SIDE

We have seen that the revelation of the tabernacle and its furniture begins with the ark of the testimony. God begins with the ark of the testimony and then proceeds outward to the outer court. But according to our experience, we begin with the altar of burnt offering and proceed onward until we reach the ark. Here we see the contrast between God's view-

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Thurs, Dec. 31**
Corporately Praying in the New Year

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

20 TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
21 ST Monday	❖ 4:00-6:00pm Winter Training Message 1 ❖ 7:30-9:30pm Winter Training Message 2
22 ND Tuesday	❖ 4:00-6:00pm Winter Training Message 3 ❖ 7:30-9:30pm Winter Training Message 4
23 RD Wednesday	❖ 4:00-6:00pm Winter Training Message 5 ❖ 7:30-9:30pm Winter Training Message 6
24 TH Thursday	❖ 4:00-6:00pm Winter Training Message 7 ❖ 7:30-9:30pm Winter Training Message 8
25 TH Friday	❖ 4:00-6:00pm Winter Training Message 9 ❖ 7:30-9:30pm Winter Training Message 10
26 TH Saturday	❖ 4:00-6:00pm Winter Training Message 11 ❖ 7:30-9:30pm Winter Training Message 12
27 TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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point and our viewpoint, between God's end and our end. God begins with the ark of the testimony, and we begin with the altar of burnt offering.

If we compare the books of Romans and Ephesians, we shall also see a contrast between God's side and our side, between God's end and our end. The book of Romans begins with our side, with the situation of fallen man. In Romans 1 there is detail concerning the sinful things, and in Romans 3 we see the altar. Ephesians, however, begins from God's side. Even in the first chapter of Ephesians we can see God's intention. This means that in Ephesians 1 we see Christ as the ark of testimony.

As far as the tabernacle and its furniture are concerned, the book of Exodus does not begin from our side and proceed to God's side. Rather, it begins from God's side and proceeds to our side.

God is in the heavens, and we are on earth. We need to ask not only how we can reach God, but also how God can reach us. It is not an easy matter for God to reach us. However, some may say that because God is sovereign and almighty, He can do whatever He desires and can easily reach us. It is, of course, true that God is sovereign and almighty. But we need to remember that God is not lawless; rather, He is a God of law, regulation, and order. Because God is an orderly God, He cannot act contrary to His nature. He cannot do anything that is contrary to His righteous way. In order for the holy and righteous God to reach man, He must act in a way that matches His holiness and corresponds to His righteousness. Therefore, in order for God to come from heaven to earth to reach us, His righteousness must be upheld, and His holi-

ness must be honored. This means that God cannot come to us in a careless way. God's coming requires a number of steps, or turns, from the ark in the Holy of Holies to the altar in the outer court. These turns can be compared to the turns one makes in driving a car. The driver of a car may first turn right and then left, but all these turns are necessary for him to reach his destination. Likewise, within the tabernacle there are a number of turns.

—*Life-Study of Exodus*, Message 184

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Fellowship Regarding our Children for Districts Meeting at UCI**

There will be a time of fellowship for the districts meeting at UCI on **Lord's Day, Jan. 3, at Hall 1**, regarding the Lord's burden for our children to prepare them as vessels unto honor and for His desire to gain increase through them.

The fellowship time will take place during the morning meeting, after the Lord's table. We encourage all the saints to stand with the brothers for this important fellowship.

- ❖ **Corporately Praying in the New Year (2016)**

For many years, the church in Irvine has maintained the practice of an evening prayer on New Year's Eve to "pray in the new year." This year is no exception. We would like to gather together on **Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, from 10 pm-12 midnight at Hall 1 for an evening of prayer.**

There is no better way to begin a new year by freshly consecrating ourselves to Him for the building up of His Body that 2016 will bring us one year closer to fulfilling God's eternal purpose--to gain His enlarged corporate expression and fully build up His dwelling place on earth!