

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 21, 2016

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Gospel trips to Europe
- ☉ Pre-training of the FTTA
- ☉ Local saints visiting India

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, Messages 13 & 14

Bible Reading

| | OT Pages | NT Page |
|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Monday | 1405-1406 | 499 |
| Tuesday | 1407-1408 | 500 |
| Wednesday | 1409-1410 | 501 |
| Thursday | 1411-1412 | 502 |
| Friday | 1413-1414 | 503 |
| Saturday | 1415-1416 | 504 |

Morning Revival

The Crystallization-Study of Exodus, Volume 5, Week 26

Oak Glen Project

| Deadline | Goal | % |
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| 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 | |
| 2/13/2016 | \$409,197.32 | |

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Gospel trips to Europe (beginning January 21 and continuing through June)

The first in a series of seven two-week gospel trips to follow-up the FTTA gospel trip began on February 14. Please pray for:

- ☉ The follow-up and continuing care of all the positive contacts from the FTTA gospel trip.
- ☉ The coordination and strengthening of all the follow-up gospel trips and the ongoing participation of the local saints in the gospel and shepherding labor.
- ☉ The positive translators to be gained as real co-laborers in the gospel.
- ☉ The full-time serving ones who are moving to Germany from the UK to find favor with the German government and obtain visas to live in Germany long term.

Regular reports: Regular reports and updates can be found at: [facebook.com/germanyupdate](https://www.facebook.com/germanyupdate).

National: Pre-training of the FTTA

The Full-Time Training in Anaheim will resume starting on Monday and continue throughout the week.

Please pray for:

- ☉ The refreshing of the vision of the trainees as they return from their winter break.
- ☉ The large number of first term trainees joining the 2016 Spring Term (60+).
- ☉ The strengthening and supplying of the FTTA serving ones as they shepherd and perfect a growing number of trainees.

Local: Local Saints Visiting India

- ☉ Pray for the eight local saints who are in India to minister to, fellowship and blend with the four major churches in India: Dave Beckman, Sydney & Lina Kwan, Tony Barba, Noah & Huong Lee, Phil Bates, and Antoine Charles.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord would strengthen the saints from Irvine into their spirit, soul, and especially body, and that they would be protected from sickness throughout their travels.
- ☉ Pray that the saints' visitation would encourage and strengthen the churches in India through the fellowship in the Body, and that the church in Irvine would also be encouraged by the saints from India's vitality and progress in the Lord.

MINISTRY EXCERPT

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SON OF GOD

In 1:9 Paul says, "God is faithful, through Whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Do not make the mistake of thinking that the expression "the fellowship of His Son" is insignificant. Many Christians today use the word fellowship in a very common way. But in the Bible fellowship denotes a matter of great significance. In the Old Testament there was not such a thing as fellowship. At most, there was the unity of the brothers spoken of in Psalm 133. Verse 1 of this psalm declares, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" This unity, however, is outward, whereas fellowship is inward. It is possible to have a certain kind of unity without life. For example, those who are members of a labor union may have a particular kind of unity. But such a unity is absolutely devoid of life. Fellowship requires life. Without life, we cannot have fellowship. Fellowship is an inward matter which we may describe as the intercommunication of life.

The word fellowship is used for the first time in Acts 2:42, where we are told that those who were saved and added to the church on

the day of Pentecost continued steadfastly in the teaching and the fellowship of the apostles. The apostles had preached the gospel to them, and this gospel preaching brought them into something which the Bible calls fellowship.

I doubt that there is in any language an equivalent of the Greek word for fellowship, *koinonia*. This word implies oneness and also a mutual flowing among the believers. When we enjoy fellowship with one another, there is a flow among us. Although electrical current is not living, it can be used to illustrate what we mean by a flow in fellowship. The flowing of electricity produces oneness. The flow, the current, we have in our spiritual fellowship involves both oneness and life. Our fellowship is a flow in oneness; it is an intercommunication among us as believers in Christ.

In the New Testament fellowship describes both the flowing between us and the Lord and between us and one another. First John 1:3 says, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." In 1 John we have life (1:1-2) and then

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Upcoming Events

- ⊗ **Sat, Mar 5 - Lord's Day, Mar 6**
Local Perfecting Conference, Hall 1
- ⊗ **Lord's Day, Mar 6**
Annual Business Meeting, Hall 1
- ⊗ **Fri, Mar 18 - Lord's Day, Mar 20**
High School Brothers Conference, Oak Glen
- ⊗ **Fri, Mar 25 - Lord's Day, Mar 27**
Junior High Brothers Conference, Oak Glen
- ⊗ **Fri, Apr 1 - Lord's Day, Apr 3**
Junior High Sisters Conference, Oak Glen

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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| 21ST Lord's Day | ⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 23RD Tuesday | ⊗ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts |
| 25TH Thursday | ⊗ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3 |
| 26TH Friday | ⊗ <i>Evening</i> Small groups in the homes |
| 27TH Saturday | ⊗ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's meeting at Hall 1 |
| 28TH Lord's Day | ⊗ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |

This Week's Truth Pursuit—*Life-Study of 1 Corinthians*

| Message #: | Message 13 | Message 14 |
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| Title: | Experiencing Christ as Wisdom to Us from God | The Fellowship of Christ Issuing in the Experience of Him |
| Scriptures: | 1 Cor. 1:24, 30 | 1 Cor. 1:9-12, 23-24, 30 |
| Verses to Pray-read: | 1 Cor. 1:30—"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption." | 1 Cor. 1:10—"...that you all speak the same thing...that you be attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion." |
| Radio Msg: | N/A | 9 |

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/1corinthians.html>

MINISTRY EXCERPT (CONT'D)

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fellowship. There is a flow, a current, vertically between us and the Father and the Son and horizontally between us and other believers. Praise the Lord that on earth today there is something called fellowship, a fellowship among the children of God and a fellowship of the children of God with the Triune God!

Since the day of Pentecost a current has been flowing horizontally among the believers. This flow crosses space and time. As far as time is concerned, this fellowship has been

flowing from generation to generation. As far as space is concerned, this fellowship is worldwide; it flows among believers throughout the globe. Because we are in this one flow, we cannot be separated by space. No matter where we may be, we are all in the flow; that is, we are all in the one fellowship.

—*Life Study of 1 Corinthians*, message 14

FIRST LORD'S TABLE MEETING OF THE CHURCH IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Dear brothers and sisters,

It is with great joy that the saints meeting in Budapest, Hungary announce to you the date of the first Lord's Table meeting of the church in Budapest. We thank the Lord and you, dear saints, for all the prayers offered, seeking His timing for the establishment of His table here. We take this step after much prayer and in fellowship with the Body. Our feeling is to have the first table on March 13, 2016.

For those who feel led of the Lord to join us for this gathering, arrangements have been made to meet at Hotel Benczur, located at Benczur 35 in district 6 of Budapest. If hotel accommodations are needed for one or more nights, you can make the arrangement at the discounted group price that has been extended by the hotel. The buffet dinner on Saturday and lunch on the Lord's Day are joyfully provided for by the local saints. It is our prayer

that the Lord will bless this gathering of the taking of the ground in Budapest and will establish His table here as a shining local testimony of His one Body on the earth, declaring His death until He comes.

"In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit." Ephesians 2:21-22

If you will be attending, please respond to us in Hungarian or English at no-vak@beltav.hu, telling us if you will be with us for the meals on Saturday and/or the Lord's Day so that we will know how many to expect for meals. We can also direct you concerning free car parking from this address. If you will fly into Budapest, shuttle service between the airport and the hotel can be arranged online at www.airportshuttle.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ **Local Perfecting Conference and Annual Business Meeting—March 5-6**

The church in Irvine will have a local perfecting conference the weekend of March 5-6. The saints are encouraged to make themselves available to attend to receive supply, nourishment and strengthening to follow the current direction of the church. Exact times of the conference to be announced.

On Lord's Day, March 6, the church will also hold its annual business meeting as a corporation. The business meeting will follow immediately after the morning Lord's Table meeting and perfecting conference fellowship.