

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

June 12, 2016

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ EU Referendum in the UK
- ⊗ Follow-up Trips in Germany
- ⊗ Increase of Christ in the Churches

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, Messages 45 & 46

Bible Reading

| | OT Pages | NT Page |
|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Monday | 1597-1598 | 595 |
| Tuesday | 1599-1600 | 596 |
| Wednesday | 1601-1602 | 597 |
| Thursday | 1603-1604 | 598 |
| Friday | 1605-1606 | 599 |
| Saturday | 1607-1608 | 600 |

Morning Revival

Special Morning Revival—Outlines from the Memorial Day Conference

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 | |
| 6/11/2016 | \$435,307.32 | |

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: EU Referendum in the UK on June 23

On 23 June a referendum will be held in the United Kingdom to decide whether the UK will remain in the European Union. The result will affect everyone, and the potential impact on the Lord's interests could include freedom of movement (for trainings at Bower House) and visa regulations (for saints moving to Europe).

- ⊗ Please pray for the heavens to rule over the outcome of the referendum for the sake of the Lord's move in Europe.

Follow-Up Gospel Trips in Germany

Follow-up trip #7 will start on June 20 and conclude on July 2. Please pray:

- ⊗ For the one accord that commands the Lord's blessing. May there be a wonderful harmony through blending prayer and fellowship.
- ⊗ For the translators to be raised up and perfected to be our co-workers. The Lord needs these translators to be channels of

life to the refugees. Also pray that our own brothers and sisters who can translate will be able to come to Germany either by visitation or migration.

- ⊗ For meeting halls in Berlin and Düsseldorf that are in the best location and adequate to meet the ongoing need.
- ⊗ That the Lord will continue to bless the distribution of the Bible and to bring in remaining fruit through this distribution.

The Increase of Christ in the Churches

- ⊗ Pray that Christ as the word of God would grow within the hearts of the saints by our having a hunger to be nourished with Him and by allowing Him the full ground within our heart.
- ⊗ Pray that through this growth of Christ within as the Word there would be the multiplication of Him as the Word without by new believers being "added to the Lord" as members of His Body (Acts 6:7,12:24).

MINISTRY PORTION

We have pointed out that 9:1-15 reveals how pure Paul was. When we use the word pure here, we use it in a biblical sense. For example, the Lord Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). In this verse to be pure means to be single in motive in seeking after God. If our motive is single, we are pure. Otherwise, we are impure. When we say that Paul was pure and that the Corinthians were impure, we mean that Paul had a single motive in seeking after God, but that the Corinthians had mixed motives. Because they were not pure, they even doubted Paul's apostleship and wanted to examine him. Second Corinthians 12:16 indicates that some of the believers at Corinth thought that Paul was gaining material profit from them through craft. They could think this way about Paul because their motives were not pure.

Whether or not we are pure depends on our motive. Our motive may be related to our personal benefit, to something which would be a profit to us. The problems in the churches are often related to the seeking of some kind of personal gain. If a particular aspect of the church life is a benefit to you, you may be happy and very much for the church. However, if there is no personal gain for you in the church, you may be unhappy and find fault with the church. When we fail to receive what we expect, we may be unhappy with the church, the elders, or the saints. This indicates that we are

not pure, that our motive is for our personal benefit.

We all love the Lord and the recovery. We may even stand up in a meeting and declare that we consecrate ourselves to Christ and the church. We may say that Christ is marvelous and that the church is wonderful. But if our motives are not pure, we may begin to have problems with the church after making such a declaration and consecration. Regarding our motives, we need to be crucified with Christ. We need the cross to touch our motives.

Paul was pure because he knew experientially what it was to be crucified with Christ and to be one spirit with the Lord. He lived a crucified life, and he practiced being one spirit with the Lord. Therefore, he did not have any motive related to personal gain. His motive was wholly in Christ and for Christ. This was the reason Paul could be so pure. Because he was so pure, he could speak in 9:1-15 in a bold, frank, strong, and direct manner. Like a surgeon who has been cleansed of all bacteria, he could operate on the Corinthians. If Paul had not been pure, his impurity would have been imparted to the Corinthians. But because he was pure, he could perform spiritual surgery on the believers at Corinth without contaminating them.

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ **Lord's Day, June 26**
Church-wide Picnic, Shelter 1 @
Mason Regional Park
- ☉ **Mon, July 4 - Sat, July 9**
Summer Training, Anaheim, CA
- ☉ **Mon, July 11 - Lord's Day, July 17**
Summer College Training, Oak Glen
- ☉ **Mon, July 18 - Sat, July 23**
Summer Bible Camp, Irvine, CA
- ☉ **Lord's Day, July 24 - Sat, July 30**
Summer School of Truth, Irvine, 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

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| 12TH Lord's Day | ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Church-wide Lord's table and blending meeting at Hall 1 |
| 14TH Tuesday | ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts |
| 15TH Wednesday | ☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC and simulcast at Hall 3 |
| 16TH Thursday | ☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3 |
| 17TH Friday | ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes |
| 18TH Saturday | ☉ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's meeting at Hall 1 |
| 19TH 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 45 | Message 46 |
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| <i>Title:</i> | Dealing with Eating of Sacrifices to Idols (2) | Dealing with Eating of Sacrifices to Idols (3) |
| <i>Scriptures:</i> | 1 Cor. 9:1-15 | 1 Cor. 9:16-27 |
| <i>Verses to Pray-read:</i> | 1 Cor. 9:13—"Do you not know that those who labor on the sacred things eat the things of the sacred temple, that those who attend to the altar have their portion with the altar?" | 1 Cor. 9:16—"For if I preach the gospel, I have no boast, for necessity is laid upon me; for woe to me if I do not preach the gospel." |
| <i>Radio Msg:</i> | 37 | 38 |

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

MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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HIS FAITHFULNESS *Necessity Laid upon Him*

Having seen Paul's purity in 9:1-15, let us go on in 9:16-23 to see his faithfulness. In verse 16 Paul says, "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; for woe to me if I do not preach the gospel." By necessity Paul means a burden which becomes a pressure. Such a necessity, such a pressing burden, to preach the gospel was laid upon him. Thus, he could say, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel." Paul did not care how the Corinthians treated him or how they reacted to him. He had a burden which pressed upon him to carry out the work of his ministry. His ministry to preach the gospel was a necessity. Paul knew that if he did

not preach, he would suffer loss. This indicates Paul's faithfulness.

Like love, faithfulness can make us blind. If we are keen to know the attitude and reaction of others toward us, we may not be faithful. It is not faithful to preach the gospel only if others give us a favorable reaction. If we are faithful in preaching the gospel, we shall not care for the way others react or for the way they treat us, because we have a burden, a necessity, to fulfill our ministry. This faithfulness blinds the faithful one to the reaction of others.

—Message 46, *Life-Study of 1 Corinthians*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ **Church-wide Picnic—June 26**

On Lord's Day, June 26, the church in Irvine will have a church-wide picnic starting at 12noon at Shelter 1 in the William R. Mason Regional Park. While the church will still meet by districts that Lord's Day, all districts will end early at 11am in order to allow the saints time to change clothes and travel to the park.

☉ **Summer School of Truth**

We are pleased to announce the 2016 Summer School of Truth (SSOT). The dates of the SSOT this year will be from Lord's Day evening **July 24** to Saturday night **July 30**. The young people as well as any burdened parents or saints may register for the SSOT on our website at www.irvineyp.com.

The purpose of the Summer School of Truth is in accord with our Savior God's desire that all men would not only be saved but also come to the full knowledge of the truth. Please plan your summer accordingly for this important time. May all our young people be prepared by the Lord to be His useful vessels, fully equipped unto every good work.

☉ **Summer Bible Camp**

The dates of this year's camp are July 18-23, from 3:30-6:00pm Monday to Friday, and then 4-6pm on Saturday for a family picnic.

The saints can register for the 2016 Summer Bible Camp at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/YPghUqJx6k>.

There is also a coordination meeting for all serving ones and burdened saints **TODAY from 3-4pm in the Hall 1 house.**