

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 24, 2016

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ⊗ European YP conference
- ⊗ Summer school of truth

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, Messages 53 & 54

Bible Reading

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1645-1646	619
Tuesday	1647-1648	620
Wednesday	1649-1650	621
Thursday	1651-1652	622
Friday	1653-1654	623
Saturday	1655-1656	624

Morning Revival

The Increase of Christ for the Building Up of the Church, Week 2
(2016 Memorial Day Conference)

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
6/30/2016	\$512,500	62.5%
12/31/2016	\$615,000	75.0%
6/30/2017	\$717,500	87.5%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
7/23/2016	\$468,360.27	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: European young people's conference in Male Ciche, Poland (Jul 29-Aug 4)

Young people from all over Europe and from countries outside Europe, along with parents and families, will attend this annual conference.

- ⊗ Please pray that the Lord will release a timely word that will meet His present need among the young people of Europe and that will strengthen His move throughout Europe.

Local: Summer School of Truth

- ⊗ Pray that those attending will be infused with the living Person of Christ in every session and be brought further into the realization of the Lord's supreme preciousness and surpassing worth to become the genuine lovers and pursuers of Christ.

- ⊗ Please pray that the serving ones would be blended, built and in coordination through much prayer to be the corporate priesthood serving the young people and bearing them as one during the SSOT.

- ⊗ Please pray that the young people would gain a rich deposit this week and that every lesson and group time would hit the mark.

- ⊗ Pray that a good deposit of God's living word would be imparted into the young people that they would be further separated unto the Lord for His purpose and become living witnesses of Christ to the young people in their community and schools.

- ⊗ Please pray for an uplifted atmosphere and a memorable and enjoyable time for each young person so that they would grow to cherish the church life.

2016 SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH

We are pleased to remind you all that the 2016 Summer School of Truth (SSOT) will begin this evening, Lord's Day, July 24th and end on Saturday night July 30th. In preparation for the Summer School of the Truth starting this evening we would like to invite all the parents to an important time of prayer and fellowship tonight from 7pm to 8pm at Hall 1 of the Church in Irvine.

At the same time the young people will have a separate time of singing and orientation for the SSOT. During their singing time the serving ones and parents will have a meeting to first of all pray together for the Lord's blessing over the SSOT. We will fellowship

over how we can all participate to uplift and maintain the atmosphere of the SSOT. After our meeting you are welcome to stay and join the young people.

We hope many parents would be able to make it to this time.

May all our young people be prepared by the Lord this week to be His useful vessels fully equipped unto every good work.

MINISTRY PORTION

THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Concerning the remembrance of the Lord, Paul uses the term "the table of the Lord" in 10:21 and "the Lord's supper" in 11:20. There is an important difference between the Lord's table and the Lord's supper. We should not take these terms for granted. Rather, we should ask why Paul speaks of the Lord's table in chapter ten and the Lord's supper in chapter eleven.

The Lord's table refers to the enjoyment of the Lord in fellowship. Hence, the significance of the Lord's table is enjoyment for participation, enjoyment for fellowship.

When we say that we take the Lord's table, we mean that we enjoy the Lord in the fellowship of Him. This is for our enjoyment and satisfaction. The Lord's supper, however, is for His satisfaction. It is for the remembrance of Him. Regarding the Lord's table and the Lord's supper, there is mutuality. The Lord's table is for our enjoyment, but the Lord's supper is for His enjoyment. Sometimes we may say, "Lord, we come to Your table and partake of it." This indicates that we are enjoying the Lord. At other times we may say, "We thank You that we can have Your sup-

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Upcoming Events

- ☉ 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

- 23RD** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
Lord's Day
- 25TH** ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate prayer meeting at Hall 1
Tuesday
- 27TH** ☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
Thursday
- 28TH** ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
Friday
- 30TH** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
Lord's Day

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

Message #:	Message 53	Message 54
<i>Title:</i>	Dealing with Head Covering	Dealing with the Lord's Supper (1)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Cor. 11:2-16	1 Cor. 11:17-34
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	1 Cor. 11:3—"But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ."	1 Cor. 11:26—"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you declare the Lord's death until He comes."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	43	44

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per." This indicates that we are remembering the Lord for His enjoyment and satisfaction.

THE PHYSICAL BODY AND THE MYSTICAL BODY

In 11:29 Paul uses the expression "the body." In the New Testament the Body denotes the mystical Body of Christ in the Spirit. However, since Paul in this portion is speaking about the Lord's supper, the body here must also denote the body of Jesus. In verse 24 Paul quotes the word of the Lord Jesus: "This is My body, which is for you; this do for the remembrance of Me." Does this refer to His physical body or to the mystical Body? The words "for you" indicate that the body here denotes the Lord's physical body. His physical body is for us, whereas the mystical Body of Christ is for Him. The church today as the mystical Body is not for us—it is for Christ. But the physical body of Jesus which was crucified is for us. Therefore, in remembrance of the Lord we partake of the bread which signifies His physical body.

First Corinthians 11:25 says, "Similarly also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood; this do, as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of Me." The blood here surely refers to the physical blood, not to the mystical blood. We partake of the cup also in remembrance of the Lord.

Although the body in 11:24 denotes the physical body of Jesus, Paul uses the expression, "not discerning the body," in verse 29 to denote also the mystical Body. Some may argue that discerning the body in this verse means to discern only the physical body of Jesus from ordinary food. In this verse Paul mentions eating and drinking. Eating is related to the physical body and drinking to physical blood; however, at the end of verse 29 Paul does not speak of not discerning the blood and the body nor of not discerning the body and the blood. Rather, he speaks only of not discerning the body. Therefore, this discernment does not refer only to the discernment of the physical body and blood of Jesus from ordinary food and drink. The meaning

of discerning the body here involves something more.

The physical body of Jesus was given on the cross to accomplish redemption for us. But that body has nothing to do with God's present administration. It is the mystical Body of Christ which is thoroughly and absolutely related to God's administration today. Apart from the mystical Body of Christ, God has no way, no means, to carry out His administration. This means that God's administration is being carried out through the mystical Body of Christ. What are we doing on earth as the mystical Body of Christ? We certainly are not working for the accomplishment of redemption, for redemption has been accomplished once for all by the Lord Jesus. Redemption has been fully accomplished by the offering of the physical body of Jesus on the cross. But Christ today has a mystical Body, and this Body is for the carrying out of God's administration.

When we come to the Lord's table, our concern is neither redemption nor the divine administration; our concern is for enjoyment. We all come to the Lord's table to enjoy the Lord in fellowship. We probably do not have any thought of God's administration. The Lord's supper, however, is related to the Lord's enjoyment and satisfaction. We should not only care for our enjoyment at the table, but also care for the Lord's enjoyment at the supper. We may have a heart for our enjoyment of the table, the feast, but not have much of a heart for the Lord's remembrance. We may care for our satisfaction, but not care for the Lord's satisfaction. Therefore, we need more light from the Lord concerning the Lord's supper. This will cause our meetings around His table to be improved. We shall praise the Lord that the supper is for His remembrance, enjoyment, and satisfaction. We shall realize that we are not only for our satisfaction, but even the more for God to be satisfied by Him.

—Message 54, *Life-Study of 1 Corinthians*