

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 14, 2016

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Prayer Items

- ☉ Training at Bower House
- ☉ FTT Fall Term
- ☉ UCI SPOP
- ☉ Labor of the Small Groups

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

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Corinthians, Messages 59 & 60

Bible Reading

| | OT Pages | NT Page |
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| Monday | 1681-1682 | 637 |
| Tuesday | 1683-1684 | 638 |
| Wednesday | 1685-1686 | 639 |
| Thursday | 1687-1688 | 640 |
| Friday | 1689-1690 | 641 |
| Saturday | 1691-1692 | 642 |

Morning Revival

The Increase of Christ for the Building Up of the Church, Week 5 (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 | |
| 8/13/2016 | \$471,100.27 | |

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: University Training at Bower House, London (August 15-21)

- ☉ Please pray for the attendance of the students, the atmosphere in the meetings, the unveiling of the heavenly vision, and the gaining of many new young students for the Lord's move in Europe.

Beginning of FTTA and FTTL Fall Term (August 15)

- ☉ Please pray that the Lord will carry out His perfecting work in all the first-term and returning trainees by giving them a controlling vision of God's economy, by growing in them day by day, and by raising them up to be living and functioning members of His Body for His move on this earth.

Irvine: UCI Student Parent Orientation Programs (SPOP) This Summer

- ☉ Pray that a number of freshmen, who are sons of peace, at each SPOP would commit to reading the gospel of John with us

over the summer and through this a solid relationship with us would be developed that they would not want to lose the coming school year.

- ☉ Pray for all the students and full-timers laboring to each gain a lamb and a fish through this labor.

The Labor of the Small Groups

- ☉ Pray that every small group in Irvine would be brought into the genuine one accord and have names of saints to bear on their hearts and shoulders to care for and names of unbelievers to contact that they may be saved.

- ☉ Pray that both the "defensive" and "offensive" functions of the small groups would be carried out in every small group in Irvine for the increase of Christ.

LETTER TO THE SAINTS IN IRVINE

O never speak of sacrifice, a privilege untold,

Is to be His at any price,

No mortal tongue can e'er describe the freedom of the soul,

All things are His, yes life and death, things present or to come,

Arise the holy bargain strike

Eventually we too married in the Irvine meeting hall and began to raise our children in the church here. Now as the last of our four children have gone away to college, we cannot help but praise and thank the Lord for His mercy in preserving us in such a healthy, stable, and rich church life, one in which our whole family has been shepherded to this day.

Our decision to migrate to Europe began when we consecrated ourselves in the early 1990's, when the call was sounded of the Lord's need. At the time we were a young couple with 4 young children. Even though we had the willingness to go, it seemed like there was not a way for us to go practically. Years passed and as the children began to grow and settle into their teenage years, making such a move seemed even more impossible and improbable. When we would suggest such a move, the children's response was "you can move when we graduate." Additionally, at the time our practical situation still did not seem to allow it.

As the children began to graduate, the Lord led and afforded us the opportunity to attend the Middle Age Training in Anaheim as a couple. What a blessing that was to us! For one year we were flooded with the riches in His Word, and were able to blend with a number of saints.

We went to the training with the hope that the Lord would make us more send-able.

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Upcoming Events

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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| 14TH Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| 16TH Tuesday | ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts |
| 18TH Thursday | ☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3 |
| 19TH Friday | ☪ <i>Evening</i> Small groups in the homes |
| 21ST 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 59 | Message 60 |
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| Title: | Dealing with the Gifts (3) | Dealing with the Gifts (4) |
| Scriptures: | 1 Cor. 12:23-31 | 1 Cor. 13:1-13 |
| Verses to Pray-read: | 1 Cor. 12:23—"And those <i>members</i> of the body which we consider to be less honorable, these we clothe with more abundant honor; and our uncomely <i>members come to</i> have more abundant comeliness" | 1 Cor. 13:8—"Love never falls away. But whether prophecies, they will be rendered useless; or tongues, they will cease; or knowledge, it will be rendered useless." |
| Radio Msg: | 47 | 48 |

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

LETTER TO THE SAINTS IN IRVINE (CONT'D)

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However, as we were finishing the training in 2014, it was still unclear as to where and when the Lord would send us. We signed up for a gospel trip with the FTTA to Europe that was to occur in January 2016, with the hope that the Lord would burden us with a place. Because of the situation with the refugees, the trainees were mainly sent to Germany. At the conclusion of the trip, we were quite clear, the time was ripe for us to go to Germany. Through fellowship with various members in the Body, and in consideration of our practical situation, we felt that the Lord was leading us to make the move now.

We consider it a privilege that we can cooperate with the Lord at this time, while we are still able. It is a "holy bargain", and so freeing to be His at any price. We thank the Lord for the prayers and supply in the Body that has upheld us for this move. We also would like to thank the saints in Irvine for all their supply and shepherding. May the Lord gain what He is after in all of us for His move today.

—Sydney and Lina Kwan

MINISTRY PORTION

THE EXCELLENT WAY FOR EXERCISING THE GIFTS

THE NEED OF LOVE

Paul takes a whole chapter to emphasize the crucial matter of love. His first emphasis, on speaking, occupies just three verses; his second emphasis, on the Spirit, occupies nine or ten verses; and the third and fourth matter he emphasizes, the Body and administration, occupy sixteen verses and three verses respectively. But when Paul comes to the crucial matter of love, he devotes an entire chapter to it. This shows how important love is.

Love is a matter of life. Certain gifts are also related to life, for they are developed from the initial gifts: the Holy Spirit and the divine life. However, other gifts, especially miraculous gifts such as speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, works of power or miracles, and healings, are not developed out of life. For this reason, Paul opens chapter thirteen by saying, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal." Sounding brass and clanging cymbals give sounds without life. This is a genuine illustration of tongue-speaking. In chapters twelve and fourteen Paul places tongues and interpretation of tongues last. But here he mentions

tongue-speaking first, but in a negative way that indicates that it is not a matter of life.

In the same principle, divine healing may not be a matter of life. There is a healing which comes by gift and a healing which comes by grace. This latter kind is of life, even of resurrection life. During my Christian life I have experienced the gift of healing. But I wish to testify that many times I have enjoyed healing by grace. For two and a half years, from September, 1943, until the spring of 1946, I was seriously ill with tuberculosis. For many months I was confined to bed. Every day I prayed to the Lord and was dealt with by Him. I did not pray for the church or for the work, but for my own situation. Eventually what mattered most was not that I would be healed, but that I would be thoroughly cleansed and purified. I can testify that during that period of time, my motives, intentions, and every part of my inner being were dealt with. Then the Lord healed me not by a gift in power, but by grace in life. That healing was thorough and absolute. I draw on my experience to point out that to receive healing by means of a gift has nothing to do with life. However, there is a healing by grace in life.

—Message 60, *Life Study of 1 Corinthians*