

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 13, 2016

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Morning Revival

*Crystallization-study of Exodus* (Vol. 8),  
Week 44 (2016 Summer Training)

## NT Reading Challenge

(1 chp. per day / 6 days per week)

The Gospel of Mark, Chapters 3-8

## Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	29-30	709
Tuesday	31-32	710
Wednesday	33-34	711
Thursday	35-36	712
Friday	37-38	713
Saturday	39-40	714

## Truth Pursuit

(3 messages per week / 9 weeks)

*Life-Study of Ezekiel*, Messages 13-15

## 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	
11/12/2016	\$542,874.27	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International:** Autumn University Students Conference, Cefn Lea, Wales (Nov 18 -20)

- ☉ Please pray for the attendance of the university students from all the European countries.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord's timely speaking to them will stir them up to love Him and consecrate themselves to Him more deeply for the building up of His Body and the consummating of the age.

Southern California College Conference, Oak Glen (Nov 18 - 20)

- ☉ Pray that all those the Lord desires to gather to this time will cooperate with Him and attend this conference.

- ☉ Pray that this time will be richly anointed by the Lord to impart a vision that would lay hold of and further gain those attending for the carrying out of God's purpose.

**Local:** The Increase of Christ through the Small Groups

- ☉ Pray that every small group would be burdened and labor by the Lord's grace in prayer and in contacting unbelievers, gospel friends and dormant saints for the increase of Christ.

## BLENDING TRIP TO INDIA (JAN 2017)

In February of this year, a number of saints from Irvine had the opportunity to participate in a blending trip to India, visiting various churches throughout the sub-continent. Those who participated can testify of the blessing and joy they experienced in being able to fellowship and blend with the dear saints there.

The leading brothers in Irvine have the desire and burden that this blending fellowship with the churches in India would continue for the building up of the Lord's Body. To this end, another visit is being planned for January 2017. We would like to open this mat-

ter to all the saints and ask you to pray and seek whether the Lord would burden you to participate in this blending trip.

The approximate dates are January 12- 24 (this includes travel time) and the estimated cost would be around \$2,200.

Please contact Tony Barba (949-350-5797) or Dave Beckman (949-300-7451) if you would have any feeling to participate in this trip or to inquire further.

In Him,  
The coordinating brothers

## LETTERS FROM TRAINEES

*Our Irvine-sent and Irvine-related trainees write regarding their enjoyment and experience in the FTTA for the encouragement of all the saints.*

Dear saints,

Hope you're doing well! Recently in the Wednesday night ministry meeting, we have been covering the line of "The Overcomers in the Church." A recurring word and principle has been: In the coming age, the overcomers will enjoy the reward. In order to receive the reward in the coming age, we need to enjoy Christ faithfully in this age. My prayer is "Lord I want to enjoy You more today than I ever have in my entire life."

Isa 57:20 footnote 1 says "[t]he evil condition of the wicked is that they do not come to the Lord to eat and enjoy the Lord. They do many things, but they do not come to contact the Lord, to take Him, to receive Him, to taste Him, and to enjoy Him. In the sight of God,

nothing is more evil than this." This word exposed me. If I'm not enjoying the Lord in the midst of whatever I'm doing, it is evil in His sight! The primary matter is to enjoy Him as our life supply. We need to overcome all the distractions to eat the Tree of Life today. Then, we will be rewarded with the eating of the tree of life in the coming age!

One word from our Full Ministry class weeks ago that has been helpful to me is: No one can stop you from enjoying the Lord, and no one can stop you from ministering to people. As long as you are enjoying the Lord and ministering Christ to people, you are in the central lane of God's economy. May we not let anyone or anything stop us from enjoying the present Christ in this age!

—Michelle C.

## Upcoming Events

- ❖ Sat, Dec 3  
Special Gathering for Sisters, Hall 1
- ❖ Thurs, Nov 24 - Lord's Day, Nov 27  
Thanksgiving Conference, San Jose, CA
- ❖ Mon, Dec 26 - Sat, Dec 31  
Winter Training, Anaheim, 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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| <b>13<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Lord's Day</small> | ❖ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| <b>15<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Tuesday</small>    | ❖ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts                           |
| <b>16<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Wednesday</small>  | ❖ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC and simulcast at Hall 3       |
| <b>17<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Thursday</small>   | ❖ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3                    |
| <b>18<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Friday</small>     | ❖ Evening Small groups in the homes                                 |
| <b>19<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Saturday</small>   | ❖ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's meeting at Hall 1                      |
| <b>20<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Lord's Day</small> | ❖ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |

## This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of Ezekiel

Message #:	Message 13	Message 14	Message 15
<i>Title:</i>	The Degradation of God's People	God's Judgment Upon His People	God's Judgment Upon the Nations
<i>Scriptures:</i>	Ezek. 20:6; 6:9; 11:12b; 13:4-5, 17-18; 14:3, 5; 22:25-30; 3:7; 2:3-4, 6; 22:13-19	Ezek. 8:2-4; 9:3a; 11:22-24; 10:2; 22:20-22; 14:21; 12:15; 7:21; 33:21; 3:17; 9:4; 6:8; 11:16-17; 20:40; 17:22-23; 21:10, 27; 29:21	Ezek. 25:2-3, 7-8, 12-16; 26:2, 4; 28:21-22, 24, 26; 29:3, 6-7, 16; 30:6, 10; 31:16, 18
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	11	12	13

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

Note: The topic of the 2016 Winter Training will be the *Crystallization-Study of Ezekiel*. The *Life-Study of Ezekiel* is comprised of 27 messages. By reading 3 messages per week (pausing one week for the 2016 Thanksgiving Conference), we will be able to cover the entire *Life-Study of Ezekiel* in advance of the training (with an extra two weeks for catch-up and review).

## MINISTRY PORTION

### THREE STAGES OF THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST

In the Old Testament Israel was God's chosen and elect people. God had delivered the people of Israel out of Egypt and had brought them into the good land. God's putting the people of Israel into the good land typifies God's putting us into Christ, who is our good land today. Ezekiel 20:6 says that the good land is the glory of all lands. Christ is the glory on earth, and God has put us into the glorious Christ, who, in His unsearchable riches, is a land flowing with milk and honey.

The people of Israel experienced three stages of the enjoyment of Christ. In the first stage they enjoyed Christ in Egypt as the Passover with the unleavened bread and the bitter herbs. In the second stage they enjoyed Christ while they were wandering in the wilderness as the heavenly manna and the living water. In the third stage they enjoyed Christ as the land, full of rich produce.

These three stages match our experience today as believers in Christ. When we were saved, we enjoyed Christ as the Passover Lamb. Afterward we began to enjoy Christ as our daily portion, our daily manna. However, this is not the ultimate enjoyment of Christ. The ultimate enjoyment of Christ is to enjoy Christ in the church as the good land with all His unsearchable riches.

Concerning Christ as the good land, Ezekiel 20:6 says, "In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands." Milk and honey, both of

which are the product of the mingling of the plant life and the animal life, represent the riches of the good land of Canaan. In Christ there are both spiritual food (honey) and spiritual drink (milk). Both milk and honey are the issue of Christ being two kinds of life: the redeeming life, typified by the animal life, which has blood, and the generating, or multiplying, life, typified by the plant, or vegetable, life. On the one hand, the life of the Lord Jesus is a redeeming life—a life which has the blood that was shed for our redemption. On the other hand, the life of the Lord Jesus is a producing and generating life—a life that was released through His death on the cross for His multiplication and increase. These two aspects of His life have been blended to produce milk as our spiritual drink and honey as our spiritual food. Christ is now our milk and honey, and as such He is our supply and enjoyment. If we abide in Him as our good land, we will enjoy the riches of His supply.

Eventually, Israel, God's chosen people, were living in the good land with a temple and a city. The temple signifies God's house, and the city signifies God's kingdom. God's presence is in His house, and God's authority is in His kingdom. In the church life today, we enjoy Christ as our good land, and therefore we have God's presence and God's authority. Because we are God's elect living in Christ and enjoying all that He is, in the proper and normal church life, we have God's temple with His presence and God's kingdom with His authority.

—*Life Study of Ezekiel*, Message 13

## THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE CHILDREN'S SERVICE

The church in Irvine will help take care of the children's service during one meeting of the Thanksgiving Conference in San Jose, CA. Irvine has been asked to provide serving saints for the evening meeting on Saturday, November 26. Service areas include the 6th

grade class and opening time. If you will be attending the conference and are able to serve, **please sign up by Monday, November 14** using this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/childrens-service>