

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 30, 2017

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

Knowing Life and the Church, Week 3
(2017 Memorial Day Conference)

NT Reading Challenge

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

2 Peter 2-3

1 John 1-4

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	424-425	907
Tuesday	426-427	908
Wednesday	428-429	909
Thursday	430-431	910
Friday	432-433	911
Saturday	434-435	912

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 2 Corinthians,
Messages 55-56

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	
07/30/2017	\$686,744.51	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Polish New Testament Recovery Version Proofreading Project (Beginning August 14)

- ☉ Pray that more Polish and English-speaking saints will be released to participate in this six-week proofreading project as there is still a shortage.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord will cover all the practical preparations related to the location where this project will be carried out.
- ☉ Pray that more saints will be available for practical service (cooking, cleaning, transportation).

The Lord's Move in India

- ☉ Pray for the gospel propagation on the college campuses that the Lord would capture many students with a vision of God's eternal purpose.

- ☉ Pray that more young people would attend the Full-Time Training in New Delhi and become useful vessels for His move in India.

Local: UCI - Student Parent Orientation Program (SPOP) This Summer

Throughout this summer saints will be contacting incoming freshman through SPOP's at UCI.

- ☉ Pray that the Lord would arrange many connections with these freshman and that they would become remaining fruit for the Lord's increase in Irvine.

INVITATION FOR THE 2017 HOUSTON CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

Dear saints,

In fellowship with the co-workers in the Lord's recovery, we warmly invite all the saints in the churches to join us for a conference in Houston, Texas on the weekend of September 1-3, 2017. The burden of the conference is the gospel to all the nations (Matt. 24:14), with a view of reaching African Americans, as well as others of African descent, for the Lord's testimony. All saints are invited to come, but the saints in the churches who are of African descent are especially needed to carry out the work of contacting, shepherding, and building up the new ones that we will meet in the coming days. Hence, the saints who are of African descent are specifically encouraged to come, bringing their friends, relatives, and colleagues with them.

The matter of reaching African Americans has been a burden with many saints and co-workers in the Lord's recovery for a number of years, and it has led to much prayer and fellowship among the churches. Beginning in 2013 some brothers began to pray more definitely for this burden and in the spring of 2015 a conference was held in Houston to fellowship this burden and to labor on the gospel for this beloved community of people. A second conference followed in New York City in May 2016 and a third in September 2016 in Houston. In May of this year, the fourth conference was held in Atlanta, GA. More than 200 saints of African descent attended the conference along with 300 saints of other ethnicities providing a real taste of the one unique Body of Christ and the one new man. Sixty-six came to their first meeting on that weekend and a number of these live in

and around the city of Atlanta. The encouragement of the saints expressed through their testimonies after these gatherings confirmed that this was surely something under the Lord's blessing.

Because this burden for the gospel is a move of the Body of Christ under the direction of Christ the Head, all the saints are needed to pray and participate, regardless of ethnicity. Although it may seem that this burden is a matter of race, in fact, it is a matter of the ratio of African Americans currently meeting in the churches in North America (less than 1%) compared to the general population of African Americans in the United States of America (approximately 12.6%).

Our burden is to find a way to reach, contact, and reap a number of people of African descent both from the college campuses and from the community at large. We pray that the Lord would reap some families from these communities throughout the United States and Canada for the expression of His Body, the preparation of the bride of Christ, and the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The conference schedule will be:

- ☉ Friday, Sept 1, at 7:30 PM
- ☉ Saturday, Sept 2, at 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM;
- ☉ Lord's Day, Sept 3, at 9:30 AM

All conference meetings will be held at the meeting hall of the church in Houston, located at 63559 Windswept Lane, Houston, Texas 77057. Detailed information regarding transportation, the availability of hospitality, and

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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

30 TH Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
1 ST Tuesday	☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
3 RD Thursday	☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
4 TH Friday	☪ Evening Small groups in the homes
6 TH Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by district

This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of 2 Corinthians

Message #:	Message 55	Message 56
Title:	Paul's Vindication of His Apostolic Authority (6)	Paul's Vindication of His Apostolic Authority (7)
Scriptures:	2 Cor. 12:1-10	2 Cor. 12:11-18
Verses to Pray-read:	2 Cor. 12:2a, 5—"I know a man in Christ...On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on behalf of myself I will not boast, except in my weaknesses."	2 Cor. 12:11—"I have become foolish; you yourselves have compelled me. For it is I who should have been commended by you; for in nothing am I inferior to the super-apostles, even though I am nothing."
Radio Msg:	51	52

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/2corinthians.html>

INVITATION FOR THE 2017 HOUSTON CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE (CONT'D)

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hotel information is available. All inquiries regarding this conference can be addressed to: churchinhouston@gmail.com.

Please feel free to pass this notice on to any saints who would be burdened with this matter. We regret that this notice is late, but we hope that it could be passed on in a timely

way so that the saints who attend could make the appropriate arrangements for travel and accommodations.

MINISTRY PORTION

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

In verse 11 Paul says, "I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing I am inferior to the super-apostles, even if I am nothing." Here Paul says that the Corinthians compelled Paul to become foolish. They bore the responsibility for this. They should have commended Paul, but they were distracted and withheld their commendation. Their silence was wrong. They should have done something to commend Paul, for it was not fitting for him to be compelled to speak concerning himself. This, no doubt, was the feeling in Paul's spirit as he wrote verse 11.

We should learn from this verse that there are occasions when we need to say something on behalf of the elders or those in the ministry. If a certain brother is the target of attack or opposition, he may not be able to say anything to defend himself. In such a situation we need to speak up and commend him. For example, years ago when Brother Nee was the target, I did something to vindicate him. The young ones especially need to learn to commend someone in such a situation. They should be bold to speak out. They should not be silent, and they should not be held back.

In verse 11 Paul was compelled to point out to the Corinthians that in nothing was he inferior to the super-apostles. It certainly was not pleasant for Paul to say this on his own behalf. It should not have been necessary for such a word to be uttered by him, since he was

the target of the opposition. A number of those in Corinth should have said this for Paul. They should have declared, "You Judaizers must realize that Paul is not inferior to you in any way." As we have pointed out, Paul had received transcendent visions and revelations. He surely was not inferior to those arrogant, boastful, self-commending Judaizers. But because of the silence of the Corinthians, Paul was compelled to say something on his own behalf. He said forthrightly that in nothing was he inferior to the boastful Judaizers.

In verse 11 Paul says that he was not inferior to the super-apostles, even if he were nothing. Of course, it is not true that Paul was nothing. He really was something. However, he could not say this about himself. Hence, he was compelled to point out that, even if he were nothing, he was not inferior to the Judaizers.

—Message 56, *Life-Study of 2 Corinthians*