

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 6, 2017

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

Knowing Life and the Church, Week 4
(2017 Memorial Day Conference)

NT Reading Challenge

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

1 John 5
2-3 John 1
Jude 1
Revelation 1-2

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

| | OT Pages | NT Page |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| Monday | 436-437 | 913 |
| Tuesday | 438-439 | 914 |
| Wednesday | 440-441 | 915 |
| Thursday | 442-443 | 916 |
| Friday | 444-445 | 917 |
| Saturday | 446-447 | 918 |

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 2 Corinthians,
Messages 57-58

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 | |
| 08/05/2017 | \$689,774.51 | |

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: The Lord's Move in Germany

- ☉ Pray that the Lord would continue to grace and strengthen the local saints to labor in the shepherding and perfecting of the new ones from the Middle East.
- ☉ Pray that they would be covered from the attack of the enemy that the Lord would gain a perfecting net to perfect many key ones to become functioning members of the Body in practicing the God-ordained way to build up the Body.
- ☉ Pray for the continued loosing of key ones on the college campus and the shepherding of promising ones so they can be gained as remaining fruit
- ☉ Pray for the strengthening and the blending of the threefold cord among the full-timers, students, and community saints to labor together in a coordinated way, so that the homes can be established as nests to gain the students.

The Lord's Move in Turkey

- ☉ Pray for the spread of the gospel, especially that the Lord would create a hunger for the truth within the young people and be unveiled to see the purpose of the ages.

- ☉ Pray for the follow-up shepherding of new ones that they would be established in the faith and brought into the church life.
- ☉ Pray for the saints scattered across Turkey to be kept in the fellowship of the Body and in the enjoyment of Christ that the Lord would gain a corporate testimony in all the places where they live.

Reaching People through Facebook

Bibles for America recently began to run ads on Facebook for free copies of a two-book set they are currently offering: *The Knowledge of Life* and *The Gospel of Life*. Currently 150,000 people follow BfA on Facebook, and in addition to these followers, the ads could potentially reach up to 8,500 new people each day.

- ☉ Please pray for many to see the ads and order a free book set.
- ☉ Please pray that these books would enlighten all who read them and produce a hunger for more of the ministry of the age.

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

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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

6TH ☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day table and prophesying
 meetings by districts

8TH ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meet-
 Tuesday ing by districts

10TH ☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters
 Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3

11TH ☪ Evening Small groups in
 Friday the homes

13TH ☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
 Lord's Day table and prophesying
 meetings by district

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

| Message #: | Message 57 | Message 58 |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Title: | Paul's Vindication of His Apostolic Authority (8) | Final Exhortations, Greeting, and Blessing (1) |
| Scriptures: | 2 Cor. 12:19-13:10 | 2 Cor. 13:11-14 |
| Verses to Pray-read: | 2 Cor. 13:9—"For we rejoice whenever we are weak and you are powerful; this also we pray for, your perfecting." | 2 Cor. 13:11—"Finally, brothers, rejoice, be perfected, be comforted, think the same thing, be at peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." |
| Radio Msg: | 53 | 54 |

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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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 trans-

portation, the availability of hospitality, and 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

BEING PERFECTED

In verse 11 Paul also appeals to the Corinthians to be perfected. Literally the Greek word rendered "perfected" means completed thoroughly, that is, repaired or adjusted, put in order again, mended, perfectly joined together, thus restored. In Greek it is the root of the word for perfecting in verse 9 and also the root for perfecting in Ephesians 4:12.

To be perfected is to be restored, mended, repaired, and adjusted. It is to be brought back to the right position and restored to the right track so that we may be built up together with others in the Body. The books of 1 and 2 Corinthians are books of perfecting. The unique goal of these two Epistles is to perfect the damaged, distracted, and divided saints at Corinth. The believers there had been damaged, and the situation among them was unhealthy. Therefore, these two books were written to perform the necessary task of perfecting the believers, of bringing them back to a healthy condition full of life, of edifying them, and of equipping them for the building up of the Body. All this is included in Paul's charge, "Be perfected."

We may regard the exhortation "be perfected" as active-passive in voice. Strictly

speaking, this is passive. Nevertheless, it also contains an active element. This is the reason we speak of it as being active-passive. God is waiting to perfect us; however, we must take the initiative to be perfected. Moreover, the apostle was used to perfect the Corinthians. This means that a perfecting work was being done. But the Corinthians still had to be perfected. We may liken Paul to a physician and say that he was ready to dispense medicine into the believers, but it was still necessary for them to take the initiative to receive the medicine. The doctor was at hand and the medicine was ready, but the crucial question was this: Were the Corinthians willing to take the medicine and be healed? This was the reason Paul urged them to be perfected.

—Message 57, *Life-Study of 2 Corinthians*