

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP September 17, 2017

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR Crystallization-Study of Ezekiel,
Vol. 3: Week 16

(2017 Summer Training)

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

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Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians,
Message 7-8

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	
09/16/2017	\$696,374.51	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Distribution of Ministry Literature in Northern India (Sept. 15-24)

For the first time there will be a distribution of the ministry in cities in India's most northern state, Jammu and Kashmir. The distribution will be to Christian groups, seekers and leaders and pastors and at a Christian Leaders Conference in Jammu City.

- ☉ Pray that the seed of the gospel of the kingdom may be sown widely, the ministry of the word as spiritual food may reach the seeking and hungry ones and for the gaining of materials for the building up of the Lord's testimony in this part of India.

Federal election in Germany (Sept. 24)

The German federal election will take place on September 24. The results will decide the next German Chancellor.

- ☉ Pray that the heavens will rule in this election and that the results of this election

would further the Lord's interest in Germany.

Local: UCI Welcome Week - Club Fair and BBQ on Monday Sept. 25

- ☉ Pray that the Lord of the harvest would reap a harvest of incoming students in this new school year.
- ☉ Pray for the labor of the 3-fold cord of students, families and full-timers in gaining material for God's building.
- ☉ Pray for the contacting of many sons of peace at the Club Fair on Monday, Sept. 25 and at the BBQ dinner that evening.

HOUSTON CONTRIBUTIONS

Many saints have asked how they might be able to contribute to the church in Houston and the saints there who have lost so much. The brothers in Houston have suggested those desirous of making a financial contribution to do so here: www.churchinhouston.org/offerings.

If for some reason you are unable to contribute through the above website, but would still like to contribute to the saints in need in Houston, you can still do so through the church in Irvine. Simply make your offerings through the normal offering means (online or offering boxes), but please place the following designation on your checks and envelopes:

"Houston Flood Fund." In addition, we have provided the following link for your convenience if you would like to send an offering to the saints in Houston through the church in Irvine's online offerings site: <http://www.churchinirvineofferings.com/houston-flood-fund>.

May the Lord turn this tragic event into something so positive for the building up of the church, the preparation of His Bride, and the bringing in of His kingdom for His glory, honor, and praise!

INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

We would like to announce that this year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from Thursday, Nov 23 to Lord's Day, Nov 26, 2017. We would like to extend an invitation to all the churches and individuals to participate in this gathering.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

- ☉ Meeting 1: Thurs, Nov 23 — 7:30PM
- ☉ Meeting 2: Fri, Nov 24 — 10AM
- ☉ Meeting 3: Fri, Nov 24 — 7:30PM
- ☉ Meeting 4: Sat, Nov 25 — 10AM
- ☉ Meeting 5: Sat, Nov 25 — 7:30PM
- ☉ Meeting 6: Lord's Day, Nov 26 — 9:30AM

All meetings will be held at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix located at 340 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004.

A special group rate at the hotel is available. For room reservations, please call 800-325-3535 and request the "Living Stream Ministry International Conference 2017" group rate. Online reservations for the special group rate can be made at: www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/livingstreamministry

Reservations must be made on or before 5PM local time on Wednesday, Nov 1, in order to obtain the group rate.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Lord's Day, Sept 24**
Corporate church-wide Lord's Day gathering, Hall 1
- ❖ **Thurs, Oct 5 - Sat, Oct 7**
Int'l Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, Germany
- ❖ **Fri, Oct 20 - Lord's Day, Oct 22**
Junior High School Conferences, Diamond Bar (Brothers), Fullerton (Sisters)
- ❖ **Fri, Oct 27 - Lord's Day, Oct 29**
High School Conferences, Anaheim (Brothers), Irvine (Sisters)
- ❖ **Thurs, Nov 23 - Lord's Day, Nov 26**
Int'l Thanksgiving Conference, Phoenix, AZ

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

17TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
19TH Tuesday	❖ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
20TH Wednesday	❖ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
21ST Thursday	❖ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
22ND Friday	❖ Evening Small groups in the homes
23RD Saturday	❖ 6:30-9:00pm Young people's meeting
24TH Lord's Day	❖ 9:30am-12:00pm Corporate church-wide Lord's table and fellowship at Hall 1

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

Message #:	Message 7	Message 8
<i>Title:</i>	The Church in the Triune God (1)	The Church in the Triune God (2)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Thes. 1:1; 2 Thes. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; Acts 19:5; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; Rev. 1:11-12	1 Thes. 1:1; 2 Thes. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; Acts 19:5; Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; Rev. 1:11-12
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	1 Thes. 1:1—"Paul and Silvanus and Timothy o the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace."	2 Thes. 1:1—"Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	N/A	5

LSM Radio Broadcasts can be found at: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/1and2thessalonians.html>

MINISTRY PORTION

THE TERMINATION OF EVERYTHING NEGATIVE, NATURAL, AND OLD

We have seen a little of what it means for the church to be in the Father. Now let us go on to consider what it means for the church to be in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a great matter to be in Christ. To be in Christ means that there is no sin, flesh, self, natural life, old creation, death, or Satan. If we are in Christ, everything negative has been terminated. Sin, death, the self, the flesh, Satan, and the old creation have all been terminated. For those who are in Christ everything other than God has been terminated.

If we realize what has been terminated in Christ, we shall know that it is shameful for so-called churches to designate themselves by certain names. For example, in China there was a group called the American Presbyterian Church. Recently in southern California I saw a sign which read "The Orange County Chinese Taiwanese Church." A brother recently told me about a group called the San Francisco Chinese Mennonite Church. There is no room for any such names or designations in the church. Those who take a name such as these indicate by doing so that they are not the church in the Lord Jesus Christ. The fact that they have a name indicates that many things among them have not been terminated.

The church is in the Lord Jesus Christ. This implies that with respect to the church everything natural, everything negative, everything of the old creation, has been terminated. This means that in the church there are no Chinese or Americans, no Japanese or Koreans, no French or Germans. In the church there is room only for Jesus Christ the Lord. This is the significance of the church being in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We in the Lord's recovery claim to be practicing the church life. Whenever we make such a claim, however, we need to check to see whether we are still holding to our culture or disposition. Regarding this matter, sometimes

we expect others to sympathize with us. On occasion sisters have said to me, "Brother Lee, don't forget that we are sisters. According to the Bible, we sisters are weaker vessels." But in the Lord Jesus Christ there are no weak vessels. Therefore, we should not expect anyone to sympathize with our natural disposition. As long as you want others to sympathize with you, that is an indication that in your experience you are not buried with Christ. For the church to be in the Lord Jesus Christ in a practical way, we all need to be terminated and buried. We need to die and then be placed in the tomb. This is to be in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I say this, does it seem that I am comparing the Lord Jesus Christ to a tomb? Listen to what Paul says in Romans 6:3: "Are you ignorant that as many as have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?" This verse clearly says that to be baptized into Christ is to be baptized into Christ's death. How, then, can we be in Christ without also being in His death? To be in Christ is to be buried, terminated. Do you like to hear such a word? Whether we like to hear it or not, it is the truth that to be in Christ is to be terminated.

During special times of conference or training, saints come together from different cities and regions. Outwardly, no one says anything in favor of his locality. But deep within we may be proud of coming from a certain place. In our heart we may say, "You have to realize that we are from such-and-such place. Our place is the best." To think in this way is to exalt ourselves. When we claim to be of a certain place, we are excluding ourselves from the Lord Jesus Christ. The church must be only in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Message 7, *Life-Study of 1 Thessalonians*