

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 14, 2018

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR—The Recovery of the Church,
Week 6
(2017 Fall ITERO)

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

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Monday	688-689	68
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Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1 Peter
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Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
1/13/2018	\$744,347.43	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: The Lord's Move in Germany

Pray for:

- ☉ The gaining of the young students at universities in Frankfurt, Stuttgart and Berlin where the saints are laboring and having Bible studies.
- ☉ That more young saints from outside Germany will gain admission to German universities.
- ☉ The gaining of the young German working professionals that are being contacted from the recent Bible distribution.
- ☉ The consistent one-on-one shepherding and perfecting of key ones among the Arabic-speaking, Farsi-speaking migrants with a goal that these would be borne as remaining fruit and be brought into function as co-workers with the local saints and that the Lord would release some homes for the migrants' families as shepherds tents in the different areas where they are living.

Distribution of ministry literature in the National Capital Region (NCR) of New Delhi, India

The churches in NCR, Rhema, and Amana are coordinating for this distribution in the

month of January, 2018. The distribution will be among the Christian groups, seekers, leaders, and pastors in NCR.

Pray for the burden:

- ☉ to introduce, distribute, and sell the ministry books.
- ☉ to give a taste of the ministry to all the believers.
- ☉ to minister the ministry using the ministry books to all seeking believers, especially the pastors and leaders of all the groups.
- ☉ to gain genuine seekers whom the Lord has reserved as His remnants for His testimony.

Local: Irvine Young People Winter Getaway and College Winter Retreat—Jan. 19-21

Pray that:

- ☉ all those attending would receive a further vision of God's eternal purpose.
- ☉ those attending would be brought further on in their experience of Christ for the church.

MINISTRY PORTION

EXPERIENCING CHRIST IN HIS EXPERIENCES AND OFFERING THE CHRIST WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, AND OFFERING HIM TO GOD AS OUR BURNT OFFERING ACCORDING TO OUR EXPERIENCES OF HIM

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Much of what we have covered in the foregoing messages on the burnt offering has been doctrinal. Therefore, I have the burden that we would see this offering in an experiential way. In this message we shall consider Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering to God. In the following message we shall consider our experiences of Christ in His experiences.

The second part of the title of this message is unusual, even peculiar: "Experiencing Christ in His Experiences and Offering the Christ We Have Experienced, and Offering Him to God as Our Burnt Offering according to Our Experiences of Him." This part of the title has three points. The first point is experiencing Christ in His experiences; the second is offering the Christ we have experienced; and the third is offering Christ to God as our burnt offering according to our experiences of Him. Here we would emphasize the fact that we

cannot offer to God a Christ whom we have not experienced. If you try to offer as a burnt offering to God a Christ whom you have not experienced, you will discover that this is impossible. What we offer of Christ as the burnt offering must be according to our experience. If we have experienced Christ as a bull, then we can offer Him as a bull. But if we have experienced Christ only as two pigeons, we cannot offer Him as a bull, for we have not experienced Him as a bull. We cannot offer as a burnt offering to God a Christ who is greater than the Christ we have experienced. We have to offer Christ to God, but we must offer Christ according to our experiences of Him.

I. CHRIST IN HIS EXPERIENCES AS THE BURNT OFFERING TO GOD

Let us now consider Christ in His experiences as the burnt offering to God, covering a number of verses that reveal different aspects of Christ's experiences. Christ experienced many things in order to be a burnt offering for God.

A. BEING BROUGHT TO THE SLAUGHTER

Isaiah 53:7 prophesied that Christ would be brought to the slaughter. "He is brought as

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Upcoming Events

☉ Friday, Jan 19 - Lord's Day, Jan 21
YP Winter Getaway, Oak Glen, 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

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 Peter*

<i>Message #:</i>	Message 1	Message 2
<i>Title:</i>	An Introductory Word	The Operation of the Triune God Upon the Elect for Their Participation in His Full Salvation
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Peter 1:1-2	1 Peter 1:1-2
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	1 Peter 1:1—"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the sojourners of the dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia"	1 Peter 1:2—"Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	1	2

LSM Radio Broadcasts: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/1peter.html>

MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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a lamb to the slaughter." The fulfillment of this prophecy can be seen in Matthew 27:31, where we are told that the soldiers "led Him away to crucify Him."

Another New Testament verse which refers to Christ's being brought to the slaughter is Philippians 2:8, a verse which tells us that Christ became obedient "even unto death, and that the death of a cross." Christ was obedient as He was brought outside the city to the place of the slaughter—Golgotha.

B. BEING SLAUGHTERED

After Pilate had judged the Lord Jesus and had found Him innocent, he wanted to release Him. But the people were shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" (Luke 23:21), and their voices prevailed. Pilate, being fearful and wanting to please the crowd, sentenced the Lord Jesus to death. The Lord was then brought to the place of slaughter and was slaughtered on the cross. In Acts 2:23 Peter refers to this. "This man... you, through the hand of lawless men, nailed to the cross and killed." For them to kill the Lord Jesus means that they slaughtered Him.

Many years ago I read an article about how the Jews slew the lamb on the day of Passover. According to this article, a lamb was put on two wooden stakes that were arranged in the shape of a cross, with two feet attached to one stake and two feet attached to the cross bar. The lamb was then killed. This indicates that the Lord's crucifixion may have been a fulfillment of the way, in type, the Passover lamb was slaughtered.

—Message 7, *Life-Study of Leviticus*

CHURCH IN IRVINE FINANCIAL REPORT

	Current Month	Year to Date
Total Revenue	332,818	1,519,917
Expense:		
General and Admin Expenses	20,316	224,756
Fulltime Support	57,915	791,123
Fellowship unto Gospel	75,973	524,447
Gifts to Needy Saints	5,000	11,900
Other	6,832	81,985
Total Expense	166,035	1,634,212
Net Revenue / (Expense)	<u>166,783</u>	<u>(114,295)</u>