

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

January 21, 2018

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Morning Revival

*HWMR—The Genuine Church Life,*  
Week 1  
(2017 Thanksgiving Conference)

## Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	700-701	74
Tuesday	702-703	75
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## Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of 1 Peter*  
Messages 3-4

## Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
1/20/2018	\$744,497.43	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: Distribution of Ministry Books in the National Capital Republic of India

- ☉ Pray that the distribution of ministry books to pastors, church leaders and believers in this region will become a rich supply of food to the Lord's people in this area and that many would gain a taste for the ministry and be brought into the enjoyment of Christ and into the practical oneness of the Lord's Body.
- ☉ Pray that the Lord's word would run in this region and bring forth the testimony of Jesus for the spread of God's kingdom in northern India.

### National: Upcoming GTCA and Gospel Trips

On January 26, trainees will travel to 38 cities to gospelize, truthize, and churchize North America. They will join local and visiting saints to distribute free Bibles, ministry books, gospel tracts, and brochures. The 2018 GTCA cities include:

**In Canada:** Hamilton/St. Catharines, Ontario; Kitchener/Waterloo/Wilmot/Guelph/Alymer/Dresden, Ontario; Lethbridge/Calgary, Alberta; Ottawa, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec; Windsor/Toronto, Ontario.

**In the US:** Everett/West Richland, Washington; Chico/Folsom, California; Clovis/Merced/Madera, California; Morgan Hill/

Monterey, California; Reno, Nevada; Davis, California; El Paso, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Lawrence, Kansas; Clemson, South Carolina; Atlanta/Athens/Kennesaw, Georgia; Orlando, Florida; Manassas/Richmond, Virginia; Baltimore, Maryland; Wilmington, Delaware; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Kalamazoo, Michigan; South Bend, Indiana.

Additional teams of trainees will join saints in cities throughout British Columbia, California, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Puerto Rico for gospel outreach through the giving away of Bibles, books, and BfA materials. Please pray for:

- ☉ The coordination among all participants as they prepare for this special time of sowing.
- ☉ The Lord to open the door for the Word that the teams could freely speak the mystery of Christ.
- ☉ The brooding Spirit to prepare the hearts of the people in every place.

## MINISTRY PORTION

### REGENERATED UNTO A LIVING HOPE

From 1:3 we see that the Father has not only chosen us, but has also regenerated us. In 1:1 through 3 we have four actions in the following sequence: choosing, sanctifying, redeeming, and regenerating. In eternity past God chose us, selected us. Then His Spirit came to us to separate us. Following that, we received the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, the application of His redemption. At the very moment we were sprinkled outwardly by the blood, we were inwardly regenerated by the sanctifying Spirit. Therefore, following God's choosing, the Spirit's sanctifying, and Christ's redeeming, we were regenerated.

Regeneration, like redemption and justification, is an aspect of God's full salvation. Redemption and justification solve our problem with God and reconcile us to God. Regeneration enlivens us with God's life and brings us into a relationship of life, an organic union, with God. Hence, regeneration issues and results in a living hope. Such re-

generation takes place through the resurrection of Christ from among the dead. When Christ was resurrected, we, His believers, were all included in Him. Thus, we were resurrected with Him (Eph. 2:6). In His resurrection He imparted the divine life into us and made us the same as He is in life and nature. This is the basic factor of our regeneration.

To be regenerated is to receive another life, the divine life, in addition to the human life. We all received the human life from our parents. But because of God's choosing, the Spirit's sanctifying, and Christ's redeeming, God begets us, regenerates us. As a result, we have a second birth. Through regeneration God the Father imparts the divine life into us. Therefore, the first birth was the birth of our human life, and the second birth, the birth of the divine life. We all have been born of the divine life. This is what it means to be regenerated.

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## Upcoming Events

- ☉ Friday, Feb 16 - Lord's Day, Feb 18  
International Chinese-speaking Conference, Taipei, Taiwan
- ☉ Friday, Apr 13 - Lord's Day, Apr 15  
ITERO, 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>21<sup>ST</sup></b><br><small>Lord's Day</small> | ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| <b>23<sup>RD</sup></b><br><small>Tuesday</small>    | ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts                           |
| <b>25<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Thursday</small>   | ☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3                    |
| <b>26<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Friday</small>     | ☉ Evening Small groups in the homes                                 |
| <b>27<sup>TH</sup></b><br><small>Saturday</small>   | ☉ 6:30-9:00pm Young People's Meeting                                |
| <b>28<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 1 Peter*

<i>Message #:</i>	Message 3	Message 4
<i>Title:</i>	The Full Salvation of the Triune God and Its Issues (1)	The Sanctification of the Spirit, the Sprinkling of the Blood, and the Living Hope
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 Peter 1: 3-4	1 Peter 1: 2-4
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	1 Peter 1:3—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope..."	1 Peter 1:4—"Unto an inheritance, incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, kept in the heavens for you"
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	3	N/A

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

### MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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In 1:3 Peter tells us that we have been regenerated unto a living hope. The Greek word rendered "unto" means issuing in, resulting in, with a view to. God has regenerated us with a view to a living hope. This hope in our pilgrimage today is for the future. It is not a hope of objective things; it is a hope of life, even eternal life, with all the endless divine blessings. It is this hope that we should set completely on the coming grace (1:13).

In verse 3 Peter speaks not merely of hope, but of a living hope. It is not easy to explain what this living hope is. Some may interpret it to mean a hope that is living and not dead. Yes, it is correct to say that the hope we have is living in contrast to a dead hope. Nevertheless, if we have the skill to interpret this expression according to our experience, we shall realize that more is involved. From experience we know that the life-giving Spirit has come into us to enliven us. Formerly we were dead, and everything related to us, in particular any expectation for the future, was also dead. But the enlivening which we have experienced through the life-giving Spirit results in a living hope, in the hope that everything related to us will become living.

When we were sprinkled with the blood of Christ, immediately the life-giving Spirit came into us to enliven us. Using the word "life" as a verb, we may say that the Spirit came into us to "life" us. Formerly we were dead and altogether without hope, but we have been "lived" through the life-giving Spirit unto a living hope. Now we have the hope that every part of our being will be lived. This is the living hope. To have a living hope is to be lived.

The regeneration of God the Father results in the hope that every part of our being and everything related to us will be lived, enlivened. Everything related to an unsaved person is dead. But with one who has been regenerated by God with the divine life, there is the hope that everything will be enlivened and thus become living.

—Message 3, *Life-Study of 1 Peter*