

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 15, 2018

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Morning Revival

*HWMR—Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him in and for the Church Life, Week 3 (2018 Spring ITERO)*

## Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

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Monday	976-977	212
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## Truth Pursuit

*Will resume 7/23*

## Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
6/30/2018	\$823,856.68	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International: College Trainings — Northeast (Kingston, NY); Southeast (Athens, GA); Midwest (Champaign, IL); Northwest (Olympia, WA)**

- ☉ Pray that these trainings will be a life-changing time for the college students, being laid hold of by the Lord to become ones pursuing Christ with their new heart and new spirit to lay hold of Him.

**Nordic Conference — Stockholm, July 20-22**

- ☉ Pray for the rich dispensing of grace to supply the saints and churches in Scandinavia and that the Lord's move would be strengthened and advance in this part of Europe through this gathering.

**Summer Bible Camp - July 16-21**

- ☉ Pray that this time would be profitable in imparting a good deposit of God's word into the children.

- ☉ Pray that the divine fire would supply the serving ones to serve in a coordination of one accord and newness of spirit.
- ☉ Pray that this time could be used by the Lord to reach other children and families in the neighborhoods of the saints.

**Lisa Fodor and Family**

- ☉ Pray for our sister to receive the adequate nutrition in these days in order to be strengthened to take the doctor recommended procedures to fight the cancer.
- ☉ Pray that her entire, tripartite being, would be strengthened by the indwelling Spirit of grace to undergo whatever procedures are necessary.
- ☉ Pray for her family and extended family that they all would be sustained and strengthened by the Lord's all-sufficient grace.

## MINISTRY PORTION

### THE POSSESSION OF THE JUBILEE

In the previous chapter we saw something concerning the age of the jubilee. The jubilee refers not only to a day or a year but to an entire period of time. In typology the jubilee lasted a year, but in fulfillment it refers to the entire New Testament age and the millennium. To God's chosen people the entire New Testament age is the age of the jubilee. In this chapter we will consider another crucial point—the possession of the jubilee.

### THE SITUATION OF FALLEN MAN

The Bible calls the fiftieth year among the Israelites the year of jubilee. In that year every owner was returned to his lost possession, and everyone who had sold himself as a slave regained his freedom. Exodus 1 shows us that when God's elect, the Israelites, fell into Egypt, they not only lost their possession but were afflicted and enslaved by Pharaoh, king of Egypt. This is a picture depicting the condition of fallen man. A person living on the earth has two things: himself and his possessions. Whatever a person has can be put into one of these two categories. We all have ourselves; in this respect we are all equal. With regard to our possessions, however, we are not equal; some may have houses, lands, stocks, bank accounts, a wife, children, and grandchildren as their possessions. However, fallen man has lost everything and even sold himself as a slave.

The children of Israel fell from the good land into Egypt, the land of slavery, and eventually they lost everything. The land of Canaan, which God had given to them, was no longer theirs. It was not that the land left them but that they left the land. They left their possession, the good land of Canaan, and brought everything with them into Egypt. After losing the good land, they lost themselves; they had no freedom and became Pharaoh's slaves. This is the fullest type in the Bible depicting fallen mankind. According to this picture, as fallen mankind, we have lost our possession, and we have also sold ourselves, becoming slaves who own nothing. This was the situation of the children of Israel in the land of Egypt, and it is also the situation of the entire human race.

### THE JUBILEE BEING AN AGE OF ECSTASY FOR OUR SALVATION

In the previous chapter we defined the Chinese term for *jubilee* as "everything being to one's satisfaction." In the jubilee all things are pleasant and satisfying to our heart, and we are free from anxiety, at ease, excited, and exultant. In English the word *jubilee* denotes a rejoicing, a joyful shouting. The Hebrew word for *jubilee* is *yobel*, which means "a joyful noise," "a shouting with the blasting of a trumpet," and "a proclamation." It is a proclamation not of sorrow or lamentation but of the gospel, the good news of great joy.

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## Upcoming Events

- ☪ **Monday, July 9 - Lord's Day, July 15**  
Summer College Training, Oak Glen
- ☪ **Monday, July 16 - Saturday, July 21**  
Summer Bible Camp, Hall 1

## 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

<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b> Lord's Day	☪ <b>9:30am-12:00pm</b> Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
<b>17<sup>TH</sup></b> Tuesday	☪ <b>7:30-8:30pm</b> Prayer meeting by districts
<b>19<sup>TH</sup></b> Thursday	☪ <b>10:00-11:00am</b> Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
<b>20<sup>TH</sup></b> Friday	☪ <b>Evening</b> Small groups in the homes
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b> Lord's Day	☪ <b>9:30am-12:00pm</b> Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

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When the children of Israel, God's chosen people, fell into a pitiful situation, God came to redeem them through Moses out of the land of Egypt that they might gain their freedom. When God led them out of Egypt, He performed a great miracle by separating the waters of the sea for them to pass through. Then, when they crossed the Red Sea and saw their enemies drowned and buried, they were in ecstasy, shouting and dancing for joy. Miriam led them to sing with great jubilation on the bank of the Red Sea. Fighting was the men's job, whereas singing was the women's specialty. We should be women in this way before God, and the more excited we are, the better. We should not remain in oldness, embracing the traditional way of Christianity, the way of having a Sunday morning service in a rigid manner. Instead, we should exult, as Psalm 100:1 says: "Make a joyful noise to Jehovah, all the earth." In Hebrew, *make a joyful noise* means to shout together noisily to Jehovah. However, the Chinese translators dared not translate it in this way and therefore rendered it as "shout for joy unto the Lord." Ezra is another book in the Bible that has a record of people making a joyful noise. When the foundation of the temple was laid, after the children of Israel had returned to Jerusalem from their captivity, all the people shouted with a loud shout. They could not discern the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of weeping, for the people shouted with a loud shout (3:11-13). Some may ask, "Doesn't 1 Corinthians 14:40 say that in the meetings all things should be done becomingly and in order?" This is true, but the Bible has not only 1 Corinthians 14 but also the Psalms. There are many verses in the Psalms that tell us to make a joyful noise and to rejoice, and not only to rejoice but also to exult and leap for joy. When the jubilee came, millions of Israelites made a joyful noise in a loud and spontaneous way, shouting with joy, even at the same time. Today choirs are orderly because they sing in a rigid way, without any jubilation, but if we all sing with excitement, it is hard to be altogether orderly.

The jubilee is an age of ecstasy. The New Testament age is an age of ecstasy, and a Christian is a person in ecstasy. Over fifty years ago,

Brother Nee said, "If, as a Christian, you have never reached the point of being beside yourself, you are not up to the standard." He added that we should be beside ourselves before God but soberminded before men. Some seize this word and say, "See, didn't Brother Nee say that we should be soberminded?" Yes, we need to be soberminded before men, but have we ever been beside ourselves before God? The Bible has many sides; we cannot look only at one side. Yes, we should be soberminded before men, but to be soberminded does not necessarily mean to be quiet. To shout in the meetings is not to be deranged and to yell in a frenzied way. We may shout for joy and still be soberminded. On the one hand, we rejoice and make a joyful noise, but on the other hand, we are soberminded, exercising restraint. If we, as Christians, have never reached a point of being beside ourselves or being "crazy," if we have never been in ecstasy before God, we are not up to the standard. Rather, this shows that we do not have a sufficient enjoyment of God. If we have a sufficient enjoyment of God, we will leap for joy. Even as an old man, I am often beside myself before God, yet those around me may not be aware of it. It seems that I am serious every day, coming and going according to a prescribed schedule, yet God knows the real condition. We have a real reason to be beside ourselves. If there is no joy in us, we cannot be beside ourselves, but if we are always enjoying God, we will reach a point where we cannot help but be beside ourselves. In the same way, because the children of Israel enjoyed the grace of God's all-sufficient redemption, when they crossed the Red Sea, they shouted and leaped for joy, praising and singing with a loud voice, and cheering unceasingly.

—*The Jubilee*, Message 2

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ☪ **Summer Bible Camp 2018**

SBC will take place this Monday to Saturday, July 16-21, from 3:30—6pm each day, with a family picnic from 4—6pm on Saturday. All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade will enjoy attending this wonderful week of camp that includes singing, Bible stories, lessons, crafts and activities.

You can still register. Registration is \$60 per child. Please go to [tinyurl.com/2018-SBC](http://tinyurl.com/2018-SBC).

**Our last prayer and coordination meeting is today, Lord's Day, 7/15.**