

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 22, 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 4 (2018 Spring ITERO)*

## Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

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Monday	988-989	218
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## Truth Pursuit

*Life-Study of 1, 2, & 3 John*  
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## Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
7/22/2018	\$823,856.68	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

### International: European Young People's Conference in Poland (July 29—August 4)

A senior conference, a junior conference, and a parents & children conference will run concurrently.

- ⊗ Pray for the opening of the young people to the Lord for His personal speaking to each one.
- ⊗ Pray for the binding of the enemy against illnesses, accidents, and all His distracting tactics.
- ⊗ Pray that the serving ones will be supplied and brought into the Lord's heart for the young people.

### Regional: Bay Area Gospelizing

From January 26th through February 11th, the churches in Northern California participated in a two-week sowing event to Gospelize, Truthize, and Churchize Northern California. Over 1200 volunteers from 40 localities, together with 58 FTTA trainees, gave

away about 6,000 Bibles, 4,800 booklets, and tens of thousands of gospel tracts and free Bible offer cards during this time. More than 7,500 people were personally spoken to, nearly half of whom gave their contact information to the volunteers; 253 prayed to receive the Lord; and five were baptized.

- ⊗ Pray for the on-going follow-up and the shepherding care for the many people who were contacted and who received a Bible, book, tract, or Bible offer card.
- ⊗ Pray that the Word of God and the ministry of the age would enlighten them and bring them into the experience of Christ as their life.

## MINISTRY PORTION

### A REVELATION OF DIVINE THINGS

This message is an introductory word concerning the writings of John. John's writings include his Gospel, his three Epistles, and his Revelation. These writings occupy a particular and striking place in the full revelation of God in the Bible. In his Gospel, Epistles, and Revelation John writes of things that are mysterious. These things are mysterious because they are divine. Therefore, we need to see that John's writings are altogether a revelation of divine things. Here I would emphasize two words: revelation and divine.

The entire Bible, of course, is the holy revelation of God. The Bible was not written according to man's mind or according to human thought. Rather, the whole Bible is the divine revelation written in human language. Nevertheless, it is important for us to realize that this is especially true of John's writings, writings that are concerned with divine things.

### Our Need for Revelation

Because John writes about divine things, it is necessary that these things be revealed to us. It is not possible for the natural human mentality to guess or infer what John's writings unveil to us. Whatever is revealed in the writings of John is far beyond our human comprehension. Hence, there is

no room here for guessing or inference. Our mentality cannot grasp, lay hold of, the divine things revealed in John's writings. The Gospel of John, the three Epistles of John, and the book of Revelation reveal matters that are beyond our ability to imagine. We cannot even conceive of these things, much less make inferences regarding them. Because John's writings are of what is divine, we cannot with our natural mentality imagine what they contain. Only through divine revelation can the divine things in John's writings be revealed to us.

As we read the writings of John, it is not adequate merely to exercise our mentality. We need much prayer. We also need to believe that today the divine Spirit is within us, in our spirit. We should trust in this indwelling Spirit to give us the revelation of the things contained in John's writings, and also the wisdom to grasp, lay hold of, the things we see in our spirit as a result of this revelation. Like the apostle Paul, we need to pray for a spirit of wisdom and revelation: "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him" (Eph. 1:17). It is not sufficient simply to read John's writings or meditate on them. Neither is it sufficient only to exercise our natural understanding. When we

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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

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| <b>22<sup>ND</sup></b><br>Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |
| <b>24<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Tuesday    | ☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts                           |
| <b>26<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Thursday   | ☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3                    |
| <b>27<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Friday     | ☪ <i>Evening</i> Small groups in the homes                          |
| <b>29<sup>TH</sup></b><br>Lord's Day | ☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts |

## This Week's Truth Pursuit—*Life-Study of 1, 2, & 3 John*

Message #:	Message 1	Message 2
<i>Title:</i>	A Word Concerning the Writings of John (1)	A Word Concerning the Writings of John (1)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 John 1:2-3; 2:27; 3:9; 5:4, 18	1 John 1:2-3; 2:27; 3:9; 5:4, 18
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	1 John 1:2—" (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us); "	1 John 1:3—"That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	1	2

LSM Radio Broadcasts: <http://www.lsmradio.com/audio/123john.html>

## MINISTRY PORTION (CONT'D)

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come to the writings of John, we should not trust in our reading, meditating, or understanding. On the contrary, we should pray, "Lord, I depend on You to grant me a revelation of what is contained in these writings. Lord, I do not trust my natural ability to understand Your word."

The entire book of Revelation is a revelation. This is why it opens with the words, "The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to Him" (Rev. 1:1). The word "revelation" denotes the opening of a veil. Revelation is a matter of opening a veil to show us something mysterious hidden behind the veil. We all need such an unveiling. Many marvelous divine things have been concealed, but we may experience an unveiling and have these things revealed to us.

### Our Need for Understanding

Along with revelation, we also need understanding. We may see certain things, but we may not understand what we see. For example, suppose you visit a large factory and look at various kinds of machines. You see the machines, but you may not understand anything about them. Although the machines have been revealed to you, you still need understanding. The principle is the same with divine things. In addition to revelation, we also need wisdom for understanding. For this reason, Paul prayed for a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

—1, 2, & 3 John, Message 1