

# WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

August 5, 2018

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

## Morning Revival

HWMR—The Spiritual Warfare of the Church as the New Man, Week 2 (2018 Memorial Day Conference)

## Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1012-1013	230
Tuesday	1014-1015	231
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Thursday	1018-1019	233
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## Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1, 2, & 3 John  
Messages 5-6

## Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
12/31/2017	\$820,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
7/28/2018	\$839,781.48	

## DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

**International:** Dusseldorf, Germany and nearby areas (see report below)

- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would shepherd the Farsi-speaking new ones and build up the church in Dusseldorf.
- ⊗ Pray for the contacting of the Arabic-speaking believers, and the strengthening of the connections with the cluster of seekers near Kassel.
- ⊗ Pray for the continued contact of the group in Monchengladbach, and the 7 trips that are being arranged to visit these seeking ones.

**Local:** UCI Student Parent Orientation Programs (SPOP)

- Throughout this summer, saints will be contacting incoming freshmen through SPOPs at UCI.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord would arrange many connections with these freshmen and that they would become remaining fruit for the Lord's increase in Irvine.

## LISA FODOR—GRAVESITE SERVICE AND MEMORIAL MEETING

The Fodor and Booth families would like to announce the following gravesite service and memorial meeting for our sister Lisa Fodor:

### Interment / Burial

When: Monday, 8/6, 3pm  
Where: Grace Terrace, Rose Hills Mem. Park (3888 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier)

### Memorial Meeting

When: Lord's Day, 8/12, 3pm (followed by love feast)  
Where: Hall 1 of the Church in Irvine  
Both events are open to all.

In addition, the family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a care fund (established in fellowship with the leading brothers) for the practical care of Lisa's family during the difficult months to come. If you desire to contribute, please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/lisa-fodor-care-fund>

There is also a need for some practical service related to the memorial meeting, e.g., chair set-up; clean up; food service; providing dessert, etc. Any who are available, please contact Huong Lee (hhlee2@gmail.com) or Margret Yu (margretyu@gmail.com).

## REPORT REGARDING GERMANY FROM TOM GOETZ

Dear Brothers,

For a long time I have had the burden to send out some brief reports on what is going on here in Germany. Joyce and I are finally back in Dusseldorf in a more permanent way and are trying to get settled back into the church and the work. For a big part of 2017 we were occupied with Rebecca's illness, and the beginning of 2018 has also been involved with caring for the family. We decided that after the Summer Training we would move back to Germany in a more permanent way. So last week we arrived back. There is so much happening it is hard to wrap our heads and hearts around it all. Yesterday in the Lord's Day morning meeting, we had 160 in attendance and 20 children. We actually ran out of chairs for the saints to sit on. Of that number 31 were Farsi-speakers. The brothers have been doing a very good job in shepherding a group of about 50 refugees into the church life. Things are still very busy with many migrated saints here in language school and helping in the work on both the campuses and the refugee burden.

In the last few weeks, a group of four or five saints from Dusseldorf joined a group of saints from Berlin to reach out to a cluster of

Arabic-speaking believers near Dusseldorf. More and more we have been burdened to reach out to the Arabic-speakers. From the beginning this was a strong leading and burden, but we found them much harder to gain and with not many of our saints who can speak Arabic, it became impossible to feed the new believers if they got saved.

Recently a group of brothers from a number of countries have been praying and coordinating on how to reach the Arabic-speakers in Germany. Through the prayers and the seeking of these faithful brothers, we made some strategic contacts with a cluster of seekers near the city of Kassel. We have made several visits to meet with these dear ones and they are very open. Some even came to our Germany conference in May to blend with the saints.

In the recent visit together with the saints from Berlin, we contacted this group in Monchengladbach. Apparently, this group is connected to about 9,000 other believers in Germany. According to our current plans, there are 7 trips that are being set up to visit these seeking ones. Please pray for this! We miss you all so much!

In His grace, Tom

## 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

<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b> Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b> Tuesday	☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b> Thursday	☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
<b>10<sup>TH</sup></b> Friday	☪ Evening Small groups in the homes
<b>12<sup>TH</sup></b> 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

<i>Message #:</i>	Message 5	Message 6
<i>Title:</i>	The Fellowship of the Divine Life	Conditions of the Divine Fellowship (1)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	1 John 1:3-7	1 John 1:5-7
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	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.	1 John 5:7—"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	5	6

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

## MINISTRY PORTION

### WALKING IN THE DIVINE LIGHT VERSUS THE SATANIC DARKNESS

In 1:7a John says, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another." To "walk" here means to live, behave, and have our being. We walk in the light, but God is in the light because He is light. "The light is the element in which God dwells (cf. 1 Tim. 6:16)...this walking in the light, as He is in the light, is no mere imitation of God,...but is an identity in the essential element of our daily walk with the essential element of God's eternal being: not imitation, but coincidence and identity of the very atmosphere of life" (Alford).

When we walk and live in the light of God, we have jointly the co-enjoyment of the Triune God and the co-participation in His divine purpose. The fellowship of the divine life brings us the divine light, and the divine light keeps us in the fellowship, that is, in the joint enjoyment of God and joint participation in His purpose.

In verse 6 John speaks of walking in darkness. To walk habitually in the darkness is to live, behave, and have one's being in the nature of Satan's evil works. According to 2:11, to walk in the darkness equals to practice sin (3:4, 8).

To walk in the divine light is not merely to dwell in this light; it is to live, move, act, do things, and have our being in the divine light,

the light which is actually God Himself. When we dwell, live, and have our being in God, we walk in the divine light, which is the expression of God.

When the divine light shines, we see all the different truths, and these truths are realities. But when we do not have the divine light but are rather in darkness, we have the sense that everything is vanity and emptiness. I would ask you to consider your experience. When you are in the divine light, you can see the truth, the reality. For example, when you are in the light, God is a reality to you, and the divine life is also a reality. Furthermore, God's holiness, love, and grace are all realities to you. When we walk in the light, we see one reality after another. However, when we are in darkness, nothing is real to us. On the contrary, everything is empty, vain. When we are in darkness, we do not have any reality because we do not see anything. Instead of the sense of reality, we have the sense of emptiness and vanity.

When we dwell in God, we are in the fellowship. When we are in this fellowship, we are in light. Then as we walk in the light, Christ, the Spirit, the church, the Body, and the members of the Body are all real to us. We may testify and say, "Praise the Lord that I see Christ, the Spirit, the church, the Body, and the ground of the church! How wonderful! All this is real to me."

—*Life-Study of 1, 2, & 3 John*

## UPDATE REGARDING ENGEDI AND OAK GLEN CONFERENCE CENTER

We thank the Lord for answering the many prayers of the saints regarding the sale of Engedi. The sale was completed a couple of weeks ago on July 18. All net proceeds from the sale will be applied to the existing Oak Glen Seller Financed Note. While a note balance still remains, we project the remaining balance will be paid off by the end of 2018 based on the saints' continued faithful giving, and that afterwards all of the contributions

could be directed towards the necessary, planned capital improvements to Oak Glen. We thank the Lord for the saints' faithful and on-going participation in this matter.

—The brothers overseeing Engedi and Oak Glen Conference Center