

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP December 9, 2018

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

Special Handout, Week 1

Bible Reading Schedule (text and footnotes)

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Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of 1, 2, & 3 John, Messages 39-40

Community Gospel

Fridays, 4:30-6:30pm, Eastwood
Saturdays, 3-5:30pm, University Park
Lord's Days, 2-4pm, Hall 3

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
3/31/2019	\$996,000	84%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
7/28/2018	\$839,781.48	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: The Lord's Move in Germany

- ☉ Pray for the gaining of students in the universities where the saints are laboring.
- ☉ Pray that the students being contacted would receive a vision of God's eternal purpose and be connected to the homes of the saints and be shepherded into the church life.
- ☉ Pray for the growth and perfecting of the Farsi-speaking and Arabic-speaking immigrants that they would become established in the church life and become gospel seeds to gain other Farsi and Arabic speakers for the Lord's interest.

Local: South Orange County Blending Conference in Irvine (Dec. 8-9)

- ☉ Pray that the word released in the blending conference would operate in the churches to make us more one with the Triune God in His desire to reach man.
- ☉ Pray that the churches would all become a little New Jerusalem with gates on every side that others could enter into God's salvation and His eternal purpose.
- ☉ Pray for the spirit of the gospel to be kindled in every church and that our hearts would be one with the heart of our Savior God in His love and desire for man to be saved.

OAK GLEN REPORT AND FELLOWSHIP

Over the last three years, the saints in the churches in Southern California have been steadily giving toward the approximately \$8 million purchase price for the Southern California Blending Center in Oak Glen, which was acquired in 2015. While the church in Irvine has already reached its goal of \$820,000 as of June of this year, some of the other churches in Southern California have not yet met their own goals. Two nearby churches (Santa Ana and San Diego) have faced particular challenges due to general income level of the saints as well as a high level of full-time support for serving ones in the US and abroad.

After fellowship and prayer, the leading brothers in Irvine felt that the Lord has blessed the church in Irvine where we can help both localities reach their goal for Oak Glen. This is to apply the principle of the Body and the Lord's word in 2 Corinthians

8:14-15 "But it is out of equality; at the present time your abundance for their lack...he who gathered much had no excess and he who gathered little had no lack." Therefore, we feel to increase Irvine's goal for Oak Glen by \$176,000 (for a total of \$996,000). While the Lord can certainly meet the need in many ways, we feel that such a freewill offering given by the church in Irvine would be found to be well-pleasing to Him (Heb. 13:16). All the saints are encouraged to seek the Lord's leading as to how they might respond to this fellowship in the Lord.

FTTA TRAINEE TESTIMONIES

We continue to report testimonies written by our Irvine-sent and Irvine-related trainees regarding their enjoyment and experience in the FTTA for the encouragement of all the saints.

The term is almost over which is pretty unbelievable. It seemed like it just zoomed by, yet I can't even remember what my life was like before the training.

Finals are just around the corner! As in I have a final tomorrow morning! But let me tell you, the finals in the training are unlike any exam you have ever taken or will ever take in your life.

First off, the studying. We hear so much truth and expounding of the Bible every week,

and since it's so much it's hard to remember what you heard in class last week, let alone half the semester earlier. So actually studying for the midterm and final really lets you piece all the individual weeks together and see the big picture! I don't know if this is what studying was always supposed to be like, since I never took studying seriously in college, but it's super enjoyable here!

Then the exams themselves. You actually only need 60% to pass! The questions are for the most part quite subjective, so as you are typing out the answer to the question, it's like you are prophesying, speaking the Christ and

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Upcoming Events

☉ Mon, Dec 24—Sat, Dec 29
Winter Training, Anaheim, California

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

9 TH Lord's Day	☉ 10:00am-12:15pm Lord's table followed by South County Churches Blending Conf—Session 3 at Hall 1
11 TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
12 TH Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:00pm Ministry meeting at MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
13 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
14 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
15 TH Saturday	☉ 6:30pm Young people's dinner and meeting
16 TH 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 39	Message 40
Title:	The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, the Devil, and the Idols (4)	The Virtues of the Divine Birth to Overcome the World, Death, Sin, the Devil, and the Idols (5)
Scriptures:	1 John 5:18-21	1 John 5:14-17
Verses to Pray-read:	1 John 5:18—"We know that everyone who is begotten of God does not sin, but he who has been begotten of God keeps himself, and the evil one does not touch him."	1 John 5:20—"And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ."
Radio Msg:	35	36

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

COMMUNITY GOSPEL

Days/Time	Location	Contact(s)
Fridays, 4:30-6:30pm	Eastwood, Irvine	Danny Won (949-246-3593) Jay Cheng (949-247-9903)
Saturdays, 3:00-5:30pm	University Park, Irvine	Lazarus Sun (949-413-1057)
Lord's Days, 2:00-4:00pm	Hall 3 of the Church in Irvine (620 Roosevelt)	Danny Won (949-246-3593) Jay Cheng (949-247-9903) Lazarus Sun (949-413-1057)

FTTA TRAINEE TESTIMONIES (CONT'D)

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truth that has been wrought into you. I found that as I was answering the questions, things that I did not fully understand became more clear to me! And I'm sure I'm not the only one who was experiencing this. At the end of some of the exams, the TA will actually open up 10-15 minutes to SHARE WHAT WE ENJOYED FROM THE EXAM! Have you ever heard of such a thing before?? It's pretty refreshing that the Lord can even dispense Himself into us while taking a test.

We have a speaking God! He is a living and speaking God, and He speaks to us through the Son and through the Word! The more we are in the Word the more vocabulary we give Him to speak to us! He can even speak to us during a FINAL!

One more thing that I realized this week. We pretty much know nothing. And that's okay! We know that when we come to the word of God, it's not about gaining knowledge, about knowing all the facts. Even if you memorized the entire Bible, you can still miss out on what God is trying to speak to you. The Word is living!

The key is to touch the spirit as you read the Word! This allows God to speak to you! Coming to the Word with your mind is like trying to eat spaghetti with your ears. You can try as hard as you want, but it's simply the wrong

organ. You have to come to the Word with your spirit! The difference is life and death.

Allow God to reveal to you what He wants to reveal. If you read something and don't know what something means, who better to ask than the author Himself?

So it's not all about knowing, it's all about allowing the Lord to reveal to you what He wants to today! He knows where you are, your current growth in life, your current capacity, and He will reveal to you what you are able to receive today!

Brothers and sisters, friends and family, do not miss out on what the Lord is trying to speak to you today by thinking you already know it. We just have to be simple! Stop living outwardly, allow the Lord to bring us to that stage by the normal growth in life!

No matter how long the road is ahead of us, no matter all the things we will have to do tomorrow, next week, next year, in the next stage in our lives, our only responsibility today is to receive our daily supply of grace from the Lord. Nothing more and nothing less. And before you know it, you are suddenly no longer 12 and are 25! It happened the right way, at the right time, and effortlessly!

—Alex Ngac