

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

February 3, 2019

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR—*The Reality of the Body of Christ, Week 4*
(2018 Thanksgiving Conference)

Bible Reading Schedule (text and footnotes)

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Truth Pursuit

A week of review of *Life-Study of Jude*

Community Gospel

Lord's Days, 2-4pm, Hall 3

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
3/31/2019	\$996,000	90%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
01/19/19	\$898,525.69	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Gospel Trips to the US and Europe

- ⊗ Pray for the follow-up and care of those who were contacted during these trips.
- ⊗ Pray that the local saints in these cities would receive much grace to shepherd all those who are open for further contact.
- ⊗ Pray that the Lord's word sown through all these trips would not return void but would bring forth fruit for the Lord's increase and spread on this earth.

The Lord's Move in Germany-Berlin

Since December 2017, the co-workers in Germany have repeatedly encouraged the saints in Berlin to find a new meeting location, and they have been endeavoring for over a year to do so. The Lord has used the past year to bring the church into one accord regarding this burden in much prayer, in a co-ordinated search for a property, and in a good response of consecration to offer materially for the new meeting hall. It seems there is a resistance to this that needs the prayer of the Body as the corporate warrior to release it (Eph. 6:10 -20).

- ⊗ Please continue to pray for a meeting hall that is in a safe and easily accessible location, allows room for increase, and won't have issues with the neighbors regarding the noise level.

The Lord's Move in Germany-Young People's Work

On Saturday, February 9 there will be a Young People Serving Ones' Training in Berlin, Dusseldorf and Stuttgart. The purpose of this training is to raise up more saints to receive the burden for the young generation and to perfect them to shepherd young people according to the God-ordained way. Recent statistics show that out of 80 in Germany between 11 and 17, less than 40% attend church meetings.

- ⊗ Please pray that many saints with the capacity to serve or saints with the burden to pray would join this training time and that more saints will receive the burden to care for this younger generation in the churches in Germany.

2019 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE (FEB 15-17)

The International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held in Anaheim, **Friday, February 15 through Lord's Day, February 17, 2019**. As the first of the seven annual feasts of the Lord's recovery, all the saints are encouraged to attend the conference. The Lord's speaking in the yearly conferences and trainings are critical for the advance of the church. To be those who closely follow the ministry (2 Tim. 3:10), we need a seeking and aggressive spirit. We pray the saints will acquire a habitual appetite for the word of the ministry and become beneficiaries of the truth and life that are dispensed by it. Remaining under the speaking of the ministry will keep the church healthy, supplied, constituted, up-to-date, and in the way of God's New Testament economy. Those saints who attend the conferences never regret doing so and become a big blessing to the church.

All conference meetings will be held at the LSM Ministry Conference Center, 2431 W. La Palma Ave. Anaheim, CA 92801. There will be translation into English, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese. Those who need translation should bring their own FM radio, headset, and extra batteries.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

- ⊗ 1st meeting: Fri, Feb 15, 7:30pm
- ⊗ 2nd meeting: Sat, Feb 16, 9:00am
- ⊗ 3rd meeting: Sat, Feb 16, 11:00am
- ⊗ 4th meeting: Sat, Feb 16, 7:30pm
- ⊗ 5th meeting: Lord's Day, Feb 17, 9:00am (Lord's table, message, and special fellowship)

Childcare:

Care for children from kindergarten through 6th grade during the conference meetings will only be provided for the children of out of town guests. Saints from nearby churches are asked not to bring your children to the LSM campus. Due to space limitations, child care for nearby churches should be arranged at their own locality. Out of town guests attending the conference, please register your children by filling out the Childcare Registration Form on the website: www.2019icsc.org.

Upcoming Events

- ☉ Friday, Feb 15—Lord's Day, Feb 17
International Chinese-speaking
Conference, 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

3RD Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts
5TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meeting by districts
7TH Thursday	☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting at Hall 3
8TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups in the homes
9TH Saturday	☉ 6:30pm Young people's dinner and meeting
10TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and prophesying meetings by districts

MINISTRY PORTION

THE TWO TREES

The basic structure of the Christian life revealed in 1 Peter 1 is something far different from our natural concept. In our natural mind we do not have the kind of thought presented in 1 Peter 1. Our natural thought is to do good, to love others, to worship God, and to work for God. This concept is religious and traditional.

A person who is far from God may not care for God at all. But once such a person repents and begins to care for God, he will immediately have the desire to do good in order to glorify God. He will also have the desire to be more considerate of others. He may even decide to give a tenth of his income to the Lord. Although these things are good, they are religious, traditional, and natural.

You may have heard many messages telling you that the Triune God has been processed to become the life-giving Spirit in order to be everything to you. But in your daily life you may not care for the processed Triune God. Instead, you may try to be a good husband or wife and a good parent. In your effort to improve yourself, you may not have the realization that you are not living the Triune God, that you are not one with the life-giving Spirit. Instead of putting into practice the word concerning being one spirit with the Lord in your daily living, your desire may be to be victorious or to improve yourself.

The reason we fail to put into practice what we have heard is related to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In our fallen being there is the tendency toward this tree. The thought of doing good belongs to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Before you repented and believed in the Lord, you may have had the knowledge of evil. But now that you are a believer, you may turn to the knowledge of good. However, the knowledge of both good and evil are of the same tree.

Throughout my years in the ministry, I have come to realize that although the saints may listen to messages on the Triune God as life, in their daily living they care for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But whenever we come back to the Triune God as the life-giving Spirit, we are immediately feeding on the tree of life.

TWO SOURCES

There are only two sources in this universe—God and Satan. After God created man, He placed him in front of two trees signifying these two sources. God is signified by the tree of life, and Satan is signified by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God is the source of life. If we contact Him, we contact life. Satan is the source of death. If we contact him, we contact death. Therefore, God clearly told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for the result of eating that tree is death. God's intention was that man would contact Him in order to re-

ceive life. If we contact the tree of knowledge instead of the tree of life, we shall contact death. God's intention is that man would contact Him to receive life. But in the fall Adam turned to Satan, the other source.

Satan is not honest or straightforward. Rather, Satan wears a cloak and pretends to be something he is not. For example, when he first appeared to Adam, he appeared in the form of a serpent. Satan lurks behind the knowledge of good and evil. The result of the knowledge of either good or evil is death.

Today unbelievers and many times believers as well are under death because they daily contact the good aspect of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In religion, people are taught to know what is good and what is evil, and to do good and stay away from evil. This kind of teaching is common among Christians today. However, this teaching is natural and religious, and according to our fallen nature.

In the Bible we have two sources, two lines, and two results. First we have the tree of life, the line of life, and the New Jerusalem. The tree of life will be found in the New Jerusalem. Without the tree of life, the New Jerusalem would not have any enjoyment. The unique enjoyment in the New Jerusalem will be the tree of life.

Then in the Bible we have the second source and the second line: the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the line of death. The result of this source and line is the lake of fire.

We need to have our eyes opened to see the tree of life in the Bible. Many Christians read the Bible, but they cannot see the tree of life. Because this is mysterious, unless our eyes are opened we shall not be able to see it.

The crucial point in what we have been saying concerning the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is that the structure of the Christian life as revealed in chapter one of 1 Peter is very different from our natural concept, which is according to the knowledge of good and evil. I am very happy to see that, according to 1 Peter 1, the basic structure of this Epistle, and of the entire Christian life, is the Triune God.

—*Life-Study of Jude, Message 5*