

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

July 14, 2019

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR—The Development of the Kingdom of God in the Christian Life and the Church Life, Week 6 (April 2019 ITERO)

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	1552-1553	500
Tuesday	1554-1555	501
Wednesday	1556-1557	502
Thursday	1558-1559	503
Friday	1560-1561	504
Saturday	1562-1563	505

Truth Pursuit

Life-study of Mark, messages 25-26

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
3/31/2019	\$996,000	98%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
06/15/19	\$975,447.69	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Sri Lanka

☉ Pray that the eight saints from Sri Lanka who attended the past semi-annual training in Anaheim (four of whom visited Irvine during the past week) would truly be blessed by the Lord's speaking and the fellowship of the Body, and return to Sri Lanka full of the Word and the Spirit for further propagation and the spread of the Lord's testimony.

Nordic Conference in Oslo, Norway (July 19 – 22)

☉ Pray that the saints, gathered from the Nordic countries, the Baltic states and outside the region, would enjoy the Lord's speaking and rich supply at the conference.

☉ Pray for the gaining of the gospel contacts who have been invited to the conference, and of the ministry readers who will be visited during a post-conference tour.

National: North America College Training (July 14-20)

☉ Pray that all of the students would be recovered to God as their lost divine possession, their portion, possessing Him by enjoying Him through the Word and by the Spirit.

☉ Pray that each student would appreciate being returned to the church as their divine family, and find their home in the dwelling place of God's rest for the accomplishing of His eternal purpose.

☉ Pray that each student would receive a commission from the Lord to contact their fellow students, and that they would proclaim the gospel—Christ as the jubilee of grace!

Local: UCI

UCI will have 10 Student-Parent Orientation Program ("SPOP") sessions in July and August, during which our students will set up tables to contact the incoming freshmen.

☉ Pray for many open new students to establish a solid contact with the saints this summer, as a first step in gaining them for Christ and the church.

☉ Pray that many of them will have four full years to participate in the church life in Irvine.

FTTA TRAINEE TESTIMONY

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.

This is now my fourth term (out of four) at the Full-Time Training in Anaheim and my experiences have been incomparable to anything I've ever experienced before.

In high school, I used to be in band and our band director one day asked us why we love performing music. A conclusion that we all reached is that we can be a part of something greater than ourselves. That band director is a very dear Christian and I have a feeling deep inside that he was referring to something deeper than just being in an extracurricular activity. I believe he was stirring up (whether knowingly or unknowingly) a desire within us young people for something more intrinsic and real. In college, I joined a Christian club at UC Irvine, lived with and spent time with dear Christians that soon became my family, and I realized that there was something even greater than a musical ensemble. I saw a little more of the Body of Christ. Ever since then, especially while I've been in this Bible school, I have been brought into a deeper and richer seeing of what this is.

I've learned so much of the truth through the word and the interpreted word. I learned to have a personal, romantic, and intimate relationship with the Lord. I learned that serving the church is a preservation to me personally and a blending and knitting work corporately. I learned that my character is ... awful (Romans 7:24), but I trust that through His transformation work in my soul, He will continue to perfect me over time.

After graduation... I'll be packing and moving back home to Corona, California. I haven't lived there since 2013 and I am both nervous and excited... please pray for me! I'll be meeting in the Church in Eastvale with my parents and brother and sister-in-law. I am planning to look for work. It's very strange to me that I will no longer be a student, and I am very desperately clinging to the Lord for this new chapter of my life. I'm just so glad that I have the Body to rely and depend on. Praise and thank the Lord.

—Kristie A.

Upcoming Events

- ☉ Lord's Day, July 14—Sat, July 20
North American College Training,
Champaign, IL

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

- 14TH** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day table and prophesying
meetings by districts
- 16TH** ☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer
Tuesday meeting by districts
- 18TH** ☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters'
Thursday prayer meeting at Hall 3
- 19TH** ☉ Evening Small groups in
Friday the homes
- 21ST** ☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's
Lord's Day table and prophesying
meetings by districts

This Week's Truth Pursuit—*Life-Study of Mark*

Message #:	25	26
Title:	The Move of the Slave-Savior's Gospel Service (9)	The Move of the Slave-Savior's Gospel Service (10)
Scriptures:	Mark 8:27—9:13	Mark 8:27—9:13
Verses to Pray-read:	Mark 8:34a—"...If anyone wants to follow after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."	Mark 9:7—"And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud: This is My Son, the Beloved, Hear Him!"
Radio Msg:	21	22

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

MINISTRY PORTION

WHAT GOD WANTS

Have you seen what is revealed in 8:27—9:13? Here we have a revelation of Christ's Person and His death and resurrection. Oh, we all need to see this! I am concerned that some of us have not seen the crucial matters of Christ's all-inclusive Person, His wonderful death, and His marvelous resurrection. If we see them, we shall say, "Amen! Amen to Christ! Amen to the death of Christ! Amen to the resurrection of Christ! Amen to my termination! Because I have been terminated, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. Christ is the entire replacement in this universe. God does not want Moses, God does not want Elijah, and God does not want me in what I am. I say amen to the fact that God only wants Christ."

God does not want whatever we are in ourselves. He does not want our flesh, and He does not want our heart in its corruption. God only wants Christ, for Christ is the unique, all-inclusive replacement.

In 9:7 God declared, "This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!" We need to hear Him, not ourselves. We should not listen to our mind, emotion, or will. We should not listen to what we think, imagine, or love. We should listen to Christ. Christ is God's Beloved, God's Favorite. He is the One who replaces everyone else and everything. Therefore, He should have all the ground in our living. Everything in our living should be given over to Him.

LIVING CHRIST THROUGH HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As the One who is our replacement, Christ has been crucified. On the cross He died an all-inclusive death, a death that included us and terminated us. After dying such a death, Christ was resurrected. Now in resurrection He is the life-giving Spirit to be the reality of our life. When we apply His death as our termination, the Spirit has the full ground to make Christ real to us. Then we enjoy a real replacement. As a result, we can declare that

we have been crucified with Christ and that we live no longer, but Christ lives in us. We can even say with Paul, "To me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). In everything, whether in death or life, we live Christ and magnify Him (Phil. 1:20).

In order to interpret these verses from chapters eight and nine of the Gospel of Mark, we need the fourteen Epistles written by Paul. With the help of these Epistles, we can see the picture in the first eight and a half chapters of Mark. May we be so deeply impressed with this picture that we never forget it! Praise the Lord that this picture includes us! We are in a divine realm living Christ through His death and resurrection. How wonderful! Praise the Lord for this highlight in the Gospel of Mark, the place where we have a revelation of Christ with His death and resurrection!

—*Life-Study of Mark*, Message 26