

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP November 17, 2019

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR: The Crystallization-study of Numbers (2), Vol. 4, Week 22 (2019 July Training)

Bible Reading Schedule (text and footnotes)

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Truth Pursuit

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Community Gospel Time

Fridays: 4:30-6:30pm at The Ranch
Saturdays: 3-5:30pm at University Park
Lord's Days: 2-4:30pm at Hall 3

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Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
3/31/2019	\$996,000	98%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
11/16/19	\$992,312.82	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Autumn University Conference in the UK (November 22-24)

A conference including senior YP (year 13), university students, recent graduates, and young working saints will be held in the UK.

- ⊗ Pray that all the attendees will learn together how to advance in their experience and enjoyment of the wonderful and mysterious union they have with the all-inclusive and all-extensive Christ as unveiled in the book of Colossians.

Local: Gospel Prayer

- ⊗ Pray for the release of petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings from the saints on behalf of the residents of Irvine, that God may carry out His desire for all to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ⊗ Pray for the saints to persevere daily in prayer, even with fasting, that the burden of the gospel would fully occupy the saints and that they could not rest until this burden has been fully discharged.
- ⊗ Pray for the saints to be specific in bringing names to the Lord, so that the Lord would touch them about whom to invite, and that the invitations would be joyful, bold and full of faith.

Gospel Meeting—November 22

- ⊗ Pray that the Spirit would brood over and sanctify many individuals and households in Irvine, and that these are the ones the saints would contact and invite to the gospel meeting.
- ⊗ Pray that on November 22, Hall 1 will be filled with these ones prepared by the Lord.
- ⊗ Pray that the saints will be filled with the Spirit, causing the atmosphere to be living and bright, and that everything we do will exhibit Christ and dispense Christ into the gospel contacts.
- ⊗ Pray for the speaking of the gospel message to be full of impact, not in the persuasion of man's words but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, touching the deepest need within the listeners' hearts, the divinely implanted sense of eternity within them.
- ⊗ Pray that many will be convicted and subdued by the word, repent, and obey the gospel.

CHURCH-WIDE ENGLISH-SPEAKING GOSPEL MEETING—NOVEMBER 22

The church in Irvine will hold an English-speaking gospel meeting with a love feast on Friday, November 22 at 6:30pm at Hall 1. All of the English-speaking home groups are invited to join this time in place of their usual group meetings.

Printed invitations and gospel tracts are available for the saints to invite their neighbors, colleagues, relatives, and acquaintances. Electronic invitations which can be emailed or texted are available at:

churchinirvinewelcome.org.

Come to the corporate prayer meeting on Tuesday, 11/19. There is a warfare under way that requires the whole church to pray. We will also have an opportunity for engage in some practical preparations for the meeting.

On the evening of the gospel meeting, childcare will be provided for toddlers through 6th grade. Children will eat with their parents and then be dropped off at the multi-purpose room at 7pm. Those with children may want to sit near the rear of the hall for easy transfer to the children's service. Please also be mindful of the possible lack of seating for all guests.

The schedule for the evening is planned as follows:

- ⊗ **6:30pm:** Dinner begins
- ⊗ **7:00pm:** Children's program begins
- ⊗ **7:15pm:** Meeting begins. There will be singing, testimonies, gospel message, salvations/baptisms, with the time ending at approximately 8:15pm.
- ⊗ **8:30pm:** Dessert, fellowship and conclusion

Please plan to arrive by 6:15pm to provide time for parking, walking, and to greet guests as they arrive. Saints without guests should park off-site behind the hall. Saints with guests should park in the far end of the lot (nearest Culver) by entering from the driveway by the apartments. The other parking lot will be reserved for guests coming by themselves and late comers.

May we be one with our Savior God in His desire for all men to be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth!

Upcoming Events

- ☉ **Friday, Nov 22**
English-speaking Gospel Meeting,
Irvine Hall 1
- ☉ **Thurs, Nov 28—Lord’s Day, Dec 1**
Int’l Thanksgiving Conference,
Houston, TX

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

17TH Lord’s Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord’s table and prophesying meetings by districts
19TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Corporate prayer meeting
20TH Wednesday	☉ 7:30-9:30pm Ministry meeting at the MCC in Anaheim and simulcast at Hall 3
21ST Thursday	☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting at Hall 3
22ND Friday	☉ 6:30pm Church-wide English-speaking Gospel Meeting
23RD Saturday	☉ 6:30pm Young people’s dinner and meeting
24TH Lord’s Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord’s table and prophesying meetings by districts

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

<i>Message #:</i>	61	62
<i>Title:</i>	A Life Fully According to and for God’s New Testament Economy (10)	A Life Fully According to and for God’s New Testament Economy (11)
<i>Scriptures:</i>	Mark 9:1-8; 16:20; Phil 1:21; Gal. 2:20; Col 3:4	Mark 8:27-31; 9:2-8
<i>Verses to Pray-read:</i>	Gal. 2:20—“I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”	Mark 1:1—“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God”
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	53	N/A

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

MINISTRY PORTION

GOOD THINGS REPLACING THE TREE OF LIFE

All Christians have been frustrated and damaged by the good that is related to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The tree that is versus the tree of life is not merely the tree of the knowledge of evil; it is the tree of the knowledge of both good and evil. In fact, the word “good” is mentioned before evil in Genesis 2:17. This indicates that good things as well as evil things can keep us from enjoying the tree of life. In our experience as Christians, good things may actually hinder us much more than evil things. Those who love the Lord may not touch what is evil, but day by day they may allow something good to replace the tree of life in their experience. Are not culture, religion, ethics, morality, philosophy, and the improvement of character good things? Certainly they are. To be sure, trying to be spiritual, scriptural, holy, and victorious is good. Nevertheless, anything apart from the life-giving Spirit is a frustration to the life that is fully according to and for God’s New Testament economy.

God has put us into Christ not that we may live a life of good things, but that we may live a life that is uniquely, wholly, and absolutely of Christ. God has put us into Christ so that we may live a life of Christ to carry out His New Testament economy.

THE LIFE FOR GOD’S ECONOMY

We have emphasized the fact that the Gospel of Mark presents a portrait of a life that is fully according to and for God’s New Testament economy. In eternity past God the Father put us into the One who lived such a life. Now we should be the continuation of this life. This means that the life we live should not be a life of culture, religion, ethics, morality, philosophy, or improvement of character. It should not even be a life of trying

to be spiritual, scriptural, holy, and victorious. The life we live today should be Christ Himself. Only a life that is Christ is fully according to the New Testament economy of God. Any other kind of life, no matter how good it may be, is short of God’s economy.

In Galatians, Philippians, and Colossians Paul deals with certain things that hinder us from living Christ. In Galatians and Philippians we see that the religion founded according to God’s Word was keeping the believers from living Christ. The hindrance dealt with in Colossians is philosophy, perhaps a kind of Gnosticism. Galatians and Philippians deal with the frustration caused by Judaism, and Colossians deals with the frustration caused by philosophy. We may say that this religion and philosophy were the highest products of man’s culture. But these were the very things that were keeping God’s chosen people from living Christ. Therefore, in Philippians Paul declared, “To me to live is Christ” (1:21). In Galatians 2:20 he said, “I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.” Then in Colossians 3:4 he spoke of “Christ our life.”

As we consider the life portrayed in the Gospel of Mark and the definition of this life in the Epistles of Paul, we need to see the kind of life we should have today. This picture needs to direct, preserve, and control us in a life that is fully according to and for God’s New Testament economy. As those who have been brought through all the chapters of the Gospel of Mark, we should be the continuation of the life presented in this Gospel.

—*Life-study of Mark*, message 61