

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

March 15, 2020

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy* (December Training 2019)—Week 4

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

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Monday	134-135	698
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Friday	142-143	702
Saturday	144-145	703

Truth Pursuit

Life-Study of Luke—Messages 15-16

Oak Glen Project

Due Date	Goal	%
3/31/2019	\$996,000	100%
Actual Contributions		
As Of	Amount	
01/14/2020	\$1,001,218.42	

DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Gut Elim

On Wednesday, March 4th, an inspection of the renovations at Gut Elim was conducted. The Lord answered the prayer of the churches and the saints. The inspectors were pleased overall and gave the brothers a tentative approval to proceed with the renovations.

- ☉ Pray that expected future inspections would also have a favorable outcome..
- ☉ Pray for the continued progress of the renovations, that they will be done well and expeditiously.
- ☉ Pray for the release of the funds to complete the renovations.

Coronavirus

- ☉ Pray for the Lord's mercy on humanity to put a limit on the spread of COVID-19, now declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and its devastation around the globe.
- ☉ Pray for much wisdom to be given to the world's leaders and various agencies, that they would take the appropriate measures in facing an overwhelming situation, so that the crisis would be

mitigated and brought to a "flattening" stage as quickly as possible.

- ☉ Pray that this virus will not damage the Lord's move to spread Himself and build up His Body.

Local: The Church in Irvine's Advance and Building Up in These Days

- ☉ Pray for the strong advance of the church in Irvine and for the saints' spiritual progress and pursuit of the Lord in these extraordinary times.
- ☉ Pray for the saints' roots to go down deeper and in a finer way, as they redeem more of their time for prayer and for beholding and absorbing the Lord.
- ☉ Pray that through this period of meeting in smaller groups (whether in person or virtually), the saints will form vital companions and shepherd one another.
- ☉ Pray that the saints' experience of Christ in this time of limitations would usher them into resurrection and the overflow of life, out of which much fruit would be borne for the increase of the church.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN IRVINE REGARDING COVID-19

Dear saints,

The leading brothers in the church have been prayerfully monitoring the developments related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Both Orange County and the State of California have declared a state of emergency regarding COVID-19. During this time our responsibility is to pray and stand for the Lord's interests (Eph. 6:10-20), to watchfully shepherd the flock of God (Acts 20:28), to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), and to cooperate with governmental authorities (Romans 13:1).

As believers, we are a people who meet together, and we will not abandon our own assembling together, so much the more as we see the day of our Lord's return drawing near (Heb. 10:24-25). Yet we must exercise foresight before both God and man for what is honorable not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men (2 Cor. 8:21). We thus announce the following interim modifications to our meetings for the remainder of March:

- ☉ **Lord's Day meetings** on 3/15, 3/22 and 3/29 will take place throughout Irvine by **small groups**. We recommend gatherings of

approximately **15 to 20 saints** per home or meeting venue (and no more than **10 saints** if there are "high risk" persons involved), so long as each venue is not too crowded (and allows for "social distancing" of 6 feet for any prolonged period of time). Each small group should immediately begin to fellowship regarding how and where it can meet on Lord's Day morning, including any necessary children's service.

- ☉ **Prayer meetings** on 3/17, 3/24 and 3/31 will have similar arrangements.

☉ **Saints should only attend meetings if they meet the health guidelines.** Those who do not meet the guidelines are required to stay home and are encouraged to make arrangements to participate via videoconference. Any home that hosts a meeting must **follow the cleaning guidelines** available here: <https://tinyurl.com/Cleaning-Guidelines>

We feel it is both sovereign and opportune for us to use these coming weeks to meet in smaller gatherings throughout the city (cf. Acts 8:4), and we expect the word of the Lord to grow and prevail throughout Irvine (Acts 19:20).
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Upcoming Events

- ☉ Fri, May 22—Mon, May 25
International Memorial Day
Conference, Atlanta, GA

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

15 TH Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and morning meetings by small groups
17 TH Tuesday	☉ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by small groups
19 TH Thursday	☉ 10:00-11:00am Sisters prayer meeting by video conference
20 TH Friday	☉ Evening Small groups
22 ND Lord's Day	☉ 9:30am Lord's table and morning meetings by small groups

This Week's Truth Pursuit—Life-Study of Luke

Message #:	15	16
Title:	The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (5)	The Ministry of the Man-Savior in His Human Virtues with His Divine Attributes in Galilee (6)
Scriptures:	Luke 6:17-49	Luke 7:1-35
Verses to Pray-read:	Luke 6:48—"He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a flood came, the river broke out against that house, yet it was not strong enough to shake it, because it had been built well."	Luke 7:9—"And when Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turning to the crowd following Him, He said, I say to you, Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
Radio Msg:	14	15

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN IRVINE REGARDING COVID-19 (CONT'D)

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Let us all give ourselves to the Lord to freshly experience Him for His advancement in Irvine during this time.

We joyfully remind all the saints that our true residence is "a land which Jehovah your God cares for; always the eyes of Jehovah your God are upon it" (Deut. 11:12). Because we are practically joined to Christ as the reality of the good land and are enjoying His riches, God's eyes are upon us continually, causing us to enjoy God's presence and making us the object of His care.

Standing firmly in the Lord,
The elders of the church in Irvine

Resources:

- ☉ California Department of Public Health - Gathering Guidance <https://tinyurl.com/CDPH-gathering-guidelines>
- ☉ California Department of Public Health - Cleaning and Waste Management Considerations for Residences <https://tinyurl.com/CDPH-cleaning-guidelines>
- ☉ California Department of Public Health - Public Health Guidance for People at Risk for Serious Illness <http://tinyurl.com/CDPH-at-risk-guidance>
- ☉ OC Health Care Agency - General Updates on COVID=19 in Orange County <http://tinyurl.com/OC-coronavirus>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

☉ Needing Help to Meet

If any saint is not currently in a small group and would like to meet with a virtual group online, please send an email request to help@churchinirvine.org.

You will need to download the free Zoom app to participate virtually in the church meetings. Please download from zoom.us or from the Apple App Store or Good Play Store.

☉ Church Offerings

For offerings to the church, the saints are encouraged to donate via <http://offerings.churchinirvine.org/>

If any of the saints have difficulty (technical or otherwise) with donating online and would like to contact someone for alternate means of giving, please contact Simon Lin via email at tsimonlin@yahoo.com.