

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

April 12, 2020

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of Deuteronomy, Vol. 2* (December Training 2019)—Week 8

Bible Reading Schedule

(text and footnotes)

	OT Pages	NT Page
Monday	182-183	722
Tuesday	184-185	723
Wednesday	186-187	724
Thursday	188-189	725
Friday	190-191	726
Saturday	192-193	727

Truth Pursuit

Life-study of Luke—Messages 23-24

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: 21 Days of Prayer (April 1-21)

- ☉ Pray for the saints around the globe to persevere in prayer with watchfulness in these 21 days set apart for this purpose.
- ☉ Pray that more saints would participate in this prayer so that there would be the prevailing prayer ministry of the entire Body to advance God's interests on the earth. Unceasinglypray.org.

Prayer for the Co-Workers and Leading Brothers

- ☉ Pray for the Lord to supply the co-workers and leading brothers and grant them wisdom to lead and shepherd His people onward in these days.

National: Bibles for America

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing regulations, Bibles for America is not able to package and ship out Bibles at the usual pace.

- ☉ Pray that the serving ones would remain healthy and that their body, soul, and spirit would be covered by the Lord.
- ☉ Pray that the Bibles can continue to go out in a timely way to all those who are eager to read God's Word.

Regional: Southern California Young People's Spring Pursuit

- ☉ Pray for the final week of the SCYP Spring Pursuit, that the young people throughout

Southern California will remain open and participate with a pursuing spirit and receive a lasting benefit from the words spoken and their many times of blending.

Local: Online Talks by Brother Minoru

- ☉ Pray for the online talks that will be given by Brother Minoru to the church in Irvine, that all the saints, including the young ones and the new ones, will be encouraged, uplifted and edified by them.

The Fulfillment of the Church's TwoFold Commission

- ☉ Pray that in these days the church in Irvine would fulfill its twofold commission—to pray to God and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to men.
- ☉ Pray that the saints will make full use of online platforms and the telephone to pray together, and that many vital groups will be established.
- ☉ Pray that the vital group members will bear the burden for the salvation of one another's friends, relatives, neighbors and colleagues, and that together they will enterprise, making use of technology, to preach the gospel and shepherd people.

The above are some of the current prayer burdens that the saints may bring to the Lord in their personal or corporate prayer; however, the saints should be exercised to follow the leading of the Spirit in their prayer.

SERIES OF SPECIAL TALKS

The church in Irvine would like to announce a series of special talks via online video given by Brother Minoru Chen to all the saints in Irvine concerning the current world situation, the present health crisis, and our proper response.

Wed., 4/15: 8:00-8:30pm
Fri., 4/17: 8:00-8:30pm
L.D., 4/19: 10:00-10:30am

Each session will be ½ hour long and can be incorporated into any existing meetings scheduled for those times.

The sessions will be conducted in English and translated into Chinese, Korean, and Spanish.

To view the sessions, please go to the following URL: <https://tinyurl.com/talk-series>

CHURCH NEWS UPDATE

In the midst of the present pandemic, we are happy to report that our dear Lord is recovering a fellowship of love in His Body in a marvelous and practical way (Rom. 15:26, n.1).

Two weeks ago, a donation of 30,000 surgical masks was made to the church in Irvine as part of a larger shipment to the US churches from an overseas source. Given the shortage of such medical supplies in the healthcare industry, the elders felt led by the Lord to donate 28,000 of the 30,000 masks to seven local hospitals (4,000 apiece)—Hoag Irvine, Hoag NB, CHOC, St. Joseph's, UCI Medical Center,

Kaiser Permanente, and Saddleback Memorial. Furthermore, 6,000 of an additional 8,000 donated masks were sent via overnight mail to the church in New York City for use by the medical community there, currently the epicenter of the pandemic in the U.S. The remaining masks were distributed among the five South Orange County churches, including some to each district here in Irvine.

In addition, last week, a donation of 1,200 KN95 masks were donated by another saint. Of these, 500 were immediately sent to New York.

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Upcoming Events

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

12TH Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and morning meetings by small groups
14TH Tuesday	☪ 7:30-8:30pm Prayer meetings by small groups
16TH Thursday	☪ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting by video conference
17TH Friday	☪ Evening Small groups
19TH Lord's Day	☪ 9:30am-12:00pm Lord's table and morning meetings by small groups

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

<i>Message #:</i>	23	24
<i>Scriptures:</i>	Luke 9:51-10:24	Luke 9:51-10:24
<i>Radio Msg:</i>	22	22

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

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The remaining were distributed to certain categories of saints: (1) saints working in the medical profession who are at greater risk to come into contact with infected persons (and their immediate colleagues); (2) saints in the “high risk” category (those who are older than 60, have a history of respiratory illness, or have an underlying medical condition such as a compromised immune system, etc.); (3) other churches in Southern California whose communities were hit harder by the coronavirus than Orange County (such as Los Angeles County); and (4) coworkers in the Lord's recovery (many of whom are already in the “high risk” category).

Lastly, we wanted to update you regarding the saint that was confirmed to have COVID-19 in a prior communication. After

spending a month in isolation, the saint was tested once again, and the results came back negative. Hence, the affected saint has fully recovered and we can thus redirect our prayers toward there being no further incidents of this illness among the saints here in Irvine.

In these days, we feel the Lord is seeking our cooperation both in word (through our prayers for His interest and His move on the earth) and in deed (by complying with all state and local government orders and supplying material help to the community) that all things could be done “in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” (Col. 3:17). May the Lord gain our cooperation for His testimony on the earth!

CHURCH OFFERINGS

“On the first day of the week each one of you should lay aside in store to himself whatever he may have been prospered...” 1 Corinthians 16:2. We need to learn to make material offerings to the Lord “regularly and faithfully” on Lord's Days. This is a testimony of our experiencing and living in His resurrection life. Resurrection life is the supply for the believers to live a life of trusting in God, not in material possessions, a life that overcomes usurpation and the anxiety of this age, and a life that gives generously and cheerfully.

The change of the church meeting location from meeting halls to the internet due to the current pandemic may have interrupted saints' regular material offerings to the Lord. The leading brothers of the church would like to encourage saints to resume and continue your offerings on Lord's Days using a church website as much as possible (offerings.churchinirvine.org). If online offer-

ings cannot be worked out for you, you can mail your offering checks to the church's hall 3 address (620 Roosevelt, Irvine, CA 92620).

Note that about 80% of our annual budget is for directly supporting the Lord's serving ones or the Lord's work in Irvine, in other localities and even abroad. In other words, your offerings to the church directly affect saints (and their families) who serve the Lord full time. The church would like to continue supporting them in the love of our God, as they serve and look to the Lord in faith. In addition, we will likely see increasing needy situations in our midst from job losses due to this pandemic shut down. Nevertheless, we believe that the resurrection life of God will superabundantly supply each of us to meet all the needs in the Body. “And my God will fill your every need according to His riches, in glory, in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE MEMORIAL DAY CONFERENCE

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and the likelihood that various government mandates regulating and restricting public gatherings will be extended, Living Stream Ministry has decided to modify its upcoming Memorial Day Conference. The conference will no longer be held in Atlanta. Instead, Living Stream Ministry is planning to host this conference online. More details regarding how to participate in this conference via webcast will be provided in future updates.

Regarding your hotel bookings, those who booked at the Marriott in Atlanta using the LSM group code do not need to take any action. Your reservation has been canceled by the hotel. Those who booked at the Marriott in Atlanta NOT using the LSM group code or booked at other hotels need to contact the hotel directly to cancel their reservation.