

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

September 5, 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of the Church in Irvine

Morning Revival

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth (2021 July Semiannual Training)—Week 1*

Bible Reading Schedule

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Truth Pursuit

Life-study of Acts, msgs. 71-72

Weekly Gospel Hour

A time for prayer and fellowship unto the furtherance of the gospel in Irvine, every Lord's Day, 7:30–8:30pm, via Zoom. All saints are welcome.

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Sisters Prayer

- * **Thursdays, 10–11am**, via Zoom
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DETAILED PRAYER BURDENS

International: Ethiopia — Campus Work

- ☉ Pray for over 3,000 college and high school students in Ethiopia who have been contacted by the saints since 2019, including over 2,000 who attended the training for college students in 2019 and several hundred who attended trainings this past summer, that they will continue to be shepherded through online social media, and that those who are coming together twice a week to pray and enjoy the ministry will continue to do so.
- ☉ Pray that the ongoing college meetings in Addis Ababa will feed and equip the college saints who are attending and make them channels of supply to students throughout Ethiopia, and also that the Lord will lead a good number of those who are soon graduating to attend the Full-Time Training.

Woodland Camp

- ☉ Pray for the ongoing construction in Woodland Camp (17 acres located three miles from Bower House just outside of London, England): the completion of the current phase this autumn, and the Lord's provision of the necessary funds (at least \$4.2 million) to complete the next phase, which includes the main meeting hall and 12 more sleeping cabins.

National: The Lord's Ruling over the United States and His Gaining of People

- ☉ Pray that the Lord will sovereignly rule over the United States in this period of the most recent COVID-19 surge and severe natural disasters, to soften people's hearts and turn them back to God.
- ☉ Pray that the white horse of the gospel will run in this country and that the saints will be equipped and faithful to preach the highest gospel and teach the highest truth concerning God's eternal economy to touch the spirits and hearts of people and to speak to their deepest need.

Campus Work throughout the United States

- ☉ Pray that the preaching of the high gospel would be prevailing on the college campuses, including those in the GTCA cities, and that through it many thoughtful young people would be caught for the Lord.

Local: Chinese-Speaking Saints Corporate Pursuit Gatherings

- ☉ Pray for the Lord to bless the Chinese-Speaking Saints Corporate Pursuit Gatherings via Zoom, which began on September 4th and will continue each Saturday, to help the saints enter into and digest the 23 messages of the recent North America Chinese-Speaking Saints Perfecting Training to perfect saints in truth, life, living and service for the one new man.

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.

MINISTRY EXCERPT

The slow increase in the churches is due to the fact that we do not know how to speak the truth or how to minister Christ. We do not know how to present Christ clearly as the truth to people, nor do we know how to supply them with Christ as the living Spirit. This is why after all these years it has been difficult for us to have people remain in the church. I hope that from now on we all would spend time to learn the truth and minister Christ to others for the multiplication and spread of the church...

I hope that not one among us would say that he does not have time....It is very easy for us to waste time in our daily life. Hence, Paul tells us to redeem the time (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5) and understand what the will of the Lord is (Eph. 5:17). To redeem the time means to grasp every opportunity...[and] save all our time to learn the truth...

In the past, when someone wanted to learn the truth, it was not that easy for him to find reference books, but now there are many

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Upcoming Events

- ⊗ **Fri, October 8 — Sun, October 10**
October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones
- ⊗ **Fri, October 15 — Sun, October 17**
California-wide Junior High Conference

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

Online Gospel Links

- ⊗ **Bibles for America gospel resources:** gospel.bfa.org
- ⊗ **New BFA video:** bfavideo-burden
- ⊗ **Reference guide to BFA website*:** BFAGuide

*The reference guide was prepared locally, not by BFA

This Week

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| 5 TH Lord's Day | ⊗ Lord's table meeting—arrangements by small groups |
| 7 TH Tuesday | ⊗ 7:30pm Prayer meetings by small groups |
| 8 TH Wednesday | ⊗ 7:30pm Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting |
| 9 TH Thursday | ⊗ 10:00-11:00am Sisters' prayer meeting |
| 10 TH Friday | ⊗ Evening Small group meetings |
| 12 TH Lord's day | ⊗ Lord's table meeting—arrangements by small groups |

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

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| <i>Message #:</i> | 71 | 72 |
| <i>Title:</i> | The Propagation in Asia Minor and Europe through the Ministry of Paul's Company (37) | A Concluding Word |
| <i>Scriptures:</i> | Acts 28:1-31 | Acts 1:8; 27:20-26, 33-37; 28:15-16, 23-31; Phil. 1:19-21a; Eph. 2:14-18; Phil. 3:2-8; Col. 3:10-11; Heb. 1:1-3; 9:12; 10:9-10, 12, 14; 13:13 |
| <i>Verses to Pray-read:</i> | Acts 28:31—"proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, unhindered." | Acts 27:23-24—"For this very night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood by me, saying, Do not fear, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you." |
| <i>Radio Msg:</i> | 71 | 72 |

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MINISTRY EXCERPT (CONT'D)

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spiritual publications among us, and most of them are related to the truth. If we have the desire to enter into the truth, there is no lack of reference books, and they are not difficult to get into. As long as we are willing to put in the effort, soon we all will be able to speak the truth. I hope that we all would meet the Lord's demand and make such a vow so that from today onward we will save our time by not

gossiping, not making unnecessary telephone calls, and not wasting our time. Rather, we would endeavor to use the time to learn the truth, to know the truth, to speak the truth, to experience Christ through the truth, and to minister Christ to people by the Spirit. If we do this, the Lord will be able to gain a broad and opened way in every place. —W. Lee, *Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—The Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery*, ch. 5

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CHILDREN'S MEETING

As a result of recent fellowship, we will be modifying our children's meetings which are taking place online via Zoom. Beginning September 26, the children's meeting for grades K-6 (all groups/levels) will take place together online from 2:00-2:45pm each Lord's day afternoon. There will be just one meeting. Corporately, all the children will have opening/singing time together, followed by smaller breakout rooms arranged by levels for the lessons, activities and telling of Bible stories. Along with this new format, because of the burden for the children to know the word

of God from their youth, there will be encouragement for verse memorization and family Bible reading. To support this burden, we will be distributing booklets and will be rewarding the children regularly for their efforts. The first booklet will be distributed on September 19. The current children's meeting format and schedule will continue until September 26. Additional information and a Zoom link for our new format will be forthcoming. We are looking forward to this refresh of our children's meeting and seeing all our children together online soon!

IRVINE CHINESE-SPEAKING SAINTS CORPORATE PURSUIT GATHERING

Starting from 9/4 (Sat.), Chinese-speaking saints in the church in Irvine plan to meet on Zoom every Saturday morning from 8:30 am till 9:45 am to enter into and digest the contents of the past North America Chinese-speaking saints perfecting training. There are a total of 23 messages and the plan is to get into

one message each time. This gathering will be conducted mainly in breakout rooms in a Zoom with each breakout room holding a few small groups across districts. Saints interested in participating could join through any one of the current Chinese speaking small groups.