

Week of November 25

The Reality of the Body of Christ

“We who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.” (1 Cor. 10:17)

“For even as the body is one and has many members...so also is the Christ. For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body...and were all given to drink one Spirit.” (1 Cor. 12:12-13)

“To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.” (Phil. 3:10)

“For to me, to live is Christ” (Phil. 1:21)

The reality of the Body of Christ is the corporate living by the perfected God-men, who are genuine men but are not living by their life but by the life of the processed God, whose attributes have been expressed through their virtues. (Thanksgiving Conference, banner 2 and msg. 4, VI)

It is only by the inner experience of Christ as life that we can have the reality of the Body of Christ. (Thanksgiving Conference, msg. 5, I.C)

We need a positive response to this conference instead of passive agreement. By the Lord's mercy, may we all be brought into daily prayer, opening to and seeking experiences of life for the Body.

Gospel in Ventura County

The Lord shakes the earth (as in the recent fires, with the whole of Thousand Oaks evacuated and over 1000 homes burned down) and allows tragedies (13 killed in a shooting before the fires). The Lord's intention is awakening us to respond to His urgent needs to preach the gospel and to build up the Body. These events also bring people out of their comfortable living and (temporarily) open them to the gospel.

The church in Thousand Oaks has been and will be distributing gospel tracts and will have a gospel table on the Cal State Channel Islands campus this Wednesday. They will have gospel meetings Saturdays, December 1 (English speaking) and December 22 (Chinese speaking). Please pray that:

- the saints would be burdened to pray desperately, be blended in the Word thoroughly, and serve in 2's and 3's collectively;
- every member would exercise to contact colleagues, neighbors, and friends, testifying the resurrected Christ in them;
- they would realize the vanity of temporal things and turn to diligently pursue the reality of the Body;
- the three major college campuses (CSUCI, Pepperdine, California Lutheran University) and the communities in Ventura County would be open to the Word of God and the gospel, with the veils on peoples' hearts removed, that they may see the light shining forth from the truth;
- the gospel meetings will bring the sons of peace and seekers into the church life.

Bibles for America

BfA offers seven titles by Watchman Nee and Witness Lee as free downloadable e-books on our website, biblesforamerica.org. The number of book downloads from our site has steadily increased over the past six months, reaching over 124,000 by mid November.

Please pray for these books to make a difference in the life of every reader and help bring them to the full knowledge of the truth. Pray that they will share this rich ministry with others who want to know how to experience Christ and fulfill God's purpose.

North America College Training 2019

Many testified that the National College Training in 2015 impacted their choices and had a life-changing effect on the direction of their life. The upcoming North America (US + Canada + Mexico) College Training will be July 14 to 20, 2019 in Champaign, IL. A brief video is at tinyurl.com/NACT2019. College students and graduating high school seniors may register at collegetraining.org.

Please pray for:

- all the saints to pray for this and to help shepherd students into this training;
- the training to reach its maximum attendance of 2800 (1000 more than in 2015);
- the way to be opened for all students, especially graduating high school seniors, to attend;
- all students to plan ahead and save for this special event, which occurs only once every four years;
- the Lord's blessing on this training.

Leipzig, Germany

Three saints from Taiwan are serving in Leipzig from mid October until the end of December. They have been contacting students daily and have experienced the students being very open to speak with them and be friends with them. Please pray that in their further contact with the students they will find the ones that are open and seeking the Lord and that some will be gained as remaining fruit.

Announcements

1. **Morning revival:** REPEAT week 21 of *Crystallization-Study of Leviticus*, Vol. 4.
2. **Audio of the October 14 joint meeting** of the church in LA is available at tinyurl.com/gospelspirit.
3. **The Winter Training** will be December 24 to 29 in Anaheim and by local webcasts in LA. Registration including payment for the webcast (\$105) is due December 2. Late registration requests for the live training (\$255) should be made as soon as possible before that date. Saints from LA should register at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla and submit payment either online or to their district's designated registration coordinator.
4. **Information on Germany and Europe**, see the right side of www.churchinlosangeles.org/prayer.