

Please pray:

- ✿ East Canada College Conference, February 21-23, Belleville, ON.
- ✿ Lisbon, Portugal: for the shepherding of the 415 persons who received a Bible in the December 2013 distribution; for the thrusting out of workers into this harvest so that the opportunity would not be lost; that the Lord will constitute a good number of the seeking ones to be His testimony in Lisbon.
- ✿ Bibles for America: recent order of thousands of items by United States military chaplains and family members; that these materials would reach the spiritually hungry military service members; that a door would remain open to Bibles for America in all branches of the US Military.
- ✿ Renovations: kitchen renovation in January and February; renovating the downstairs stage area; fellowship and building up of saints through the labour of renovation; financial provision for the renovations.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Psa 16:1 – 30:12
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 6
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 88 – 90

Announcements

- ✿ For Chinese-speaking saints with an interest and burden to visit Israel, there is a great opportunity to join with 15 other Chinese-speaking saints from the USA March 24-April 3, 2014 for a tour of Israel and Jordan according to the vision of God's economy. Only those Chinese-speaking saints with a US or Canadian passport should apply -- there is not enough time to process visa applications of other passports. The registration payment deadline is February 20, but it is important to register for the tour and purchase airline tickets as soon as possible. Whosoever is interested, please contact Candy.
- ✿ Because of renovations in the kitchen, the love feast on the Lord's Day will be canceled from January 19 until February 23. It will resume on March 2.
- ✿ All the saints who took out Bibles to distribute for Bibles for Canada, please indicate on the form near the bookroom if you have given them all out and bring in any forms you have received that are filled out. We had at least 300 Bibles signed out and would like to confirm what has been

given out. Please feel free to continue to sign out the Bibles so we can reach our goal.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

FEB	✿ Love Feast Canceled
16	✿ Cleaning: East with YP
23	✿ Love Feast Canceled ✿ Cleaning: North
MAR	✿ Serving: English (C)
2	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
9	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: West

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb. 21-23, Belleville, ON: **East Canada College Conference**
 - ✿ Feb, 28 – Mar. 2, Lyon, France: **Conference for French-speaking Young People**
 - ✿ Mar. 22-23, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Teachers' Training**
 - ✿ Mar. 29-30, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
 - ✿ Apr. 04-06, Anaheim, CA: **Spring Intl. Training for Elders & Resp. Ones**
 - ✿ Apr 18-21, Palgrave, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**
 - ✿ Apr 25-27, Wickliffe, Ohio, USA: **Regional Blending Conference in Cleveland**
 - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
- More events are listed on the church website*

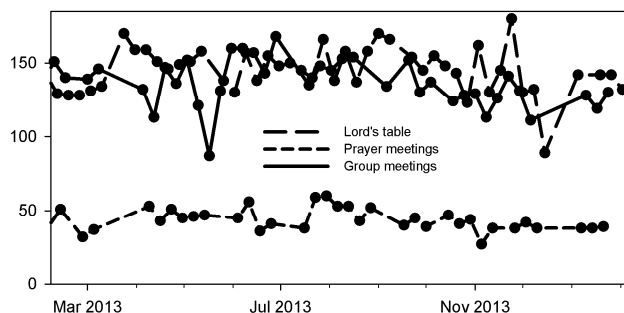
This Week's Activities

FEBRUARY	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
16	
LORD'S DAY	
17	✿
Monday	
18	✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
19	✿
Wednesday	
20	✿
Thursday	
21	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
22	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	

FEBRUARY 23
LORD'S DAY

☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting

Attendance Statistics



The Priesthood

The Bible speaks of the ministry of the priesthood. This ministry consists of a group of people wholly separated from the world to serve God. They have no other occupation or duty other than to serve God. Such people are called priests in the Bible.

I. THE HISTORY OF THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE BIBLE

Beginning from the book of Genesis, we find God calling men to be priests. Melchisedec was God's first priest. In Abraham's time, Melchisedec separated himself and gave himself solely to God's service.

A. From Genesis to the Period after the Lord's Ascension

From Genesis to the forming of the nation of Israel and thereafter, the priesthood was always present. At the time the Lord Jesus was on earth and even after His departure from the earth, the priesthood did not cease. The priesthood has been on earth for a long time. The Bible shows us that even the Lord Jesus became a priest before God after His ascension to the heavens. He is there now fully consecrated for God's service.

B. In the Dispensation of the Church

The priesthood continues throughout the dispensation of the church; there is no interruption of any kind.

C. In the Millennial Kingdom

At the beginning of the millennial kingdom, those who share in the first resurrection will be priests of God and of

Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years (Rev. 20:6). God's children will continue to be God's priests and Christ's priests for a thousand years. They will be kings to the world and priests to God. This priesthood will remain unchanged; they will still serve God.

D. In the New Heavens and New Earth

In the new heavens and new earth, the term priest will cease to exist. At that time, all of God's children as His servants will do nothing except serve Him. In the New Jerusalem "His slaves will serve Him" (22:3). In other words, God's children will continue to serve Him.

Here we must point out a most wonderful thing. The priesthood commenced with Melchisedec, the one who was without father, without mother, without genealogy, who had neither beginning of days nor end of life (Heb. 7:3), and it extends to the end of the millennium, which means that it extends to eternity.

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