

Please pray:

- ✿ Video training in Chinese for summer training in Anaheim, August 2-12.
- ✿ Migration in the UK and Europe: for over 30 saints, including existing serving saints and graduates from the FTTL and the FTFA-XB, who will migrate to different parts of the UK and Europe to strengthen the church life in Cambridge, Chelmsford, Coventry, Manchester, Glasgow, Cardiff, Southampton, and London in the UK, and Bucharest, Romania, and Madrid, Spain; for the Lord's abundant blessing and the strengthening, increase, and testimony in these cities.
- ✿ Halifax: Strengthening and building up of the church; growth in life and growth in numbers; that saints might migrate to strengthen the church; that the church might be perfected to be a shining golden lampstand.
- ✿ New semester activities for college and university students in August and September: the Lord's wisdom in coordinating various activities to give our current students a strong start and to gain new contacts; that the blending times and retreats would build up the love and mutual care between our students; that many saints and families might be burdened to be vitally connected to our students; gaining of remaining fruit through tables, gospel preaching and welcome dinners at McGill, Concordia, and École de technologie supérieure (ETS).
- ✿ 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: **Eccl. 1:10-S.S. 4:8**
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis, Vol 3: Week 3
- ✿ Life-Study of John, Messages 31-33

Announcements

- ✿ The Chinese video training will be held from August 2 to 12:
 - Saturday (Aug 2 and 9): 3 messages
 - Lord's day (Aug 3 and 10): 2 messages
 - Tuesday (Aug 5 and 12): 1 message
- ✿ There is a time of fellowship over lunch with parents and serving ones of the young people today. We will primarily fellowship concerning Summer School of Truth. Please bring your lunch to the young people's room.
- ✿ Praise the Lord for His work in the French language! The first French-speaking Song CD is now available in the

bookroom! Thank you for all the prayers for the French language! Please continue to pray for French translation so that a second CD can eventually be done.

- ✿ This year's Summer School of Truth will be held from Lord's Day evening, August 17th through Friday, August 22nd at 3:00 p.m. held at Upper Canada Camp (UCC) one hour away from Toronto. The basic requirement for attendance is that the young person be regenerated and be in secondary school or CEGEP this coming September.
- ✿ There will be a weekend blending conference for churches in Quebec and Atlantic Canada in Fredericton, New Brunswick from September 19-21, 2014. All the saints are invited to participate.
- ✿ There will be a college-age retreat from September 26-28, 2014 in Upper Canada camp, Ontario.
- ✿ The Full-Time Training in Anaheim needs to move from its current location on Ball Road to a new dedicated training centre to be built in the Ministry Conference Center on La Palma Avenue. The current facilities are now insufficient for the increasing number of trainees (well over 300 trainees); the new centre is necessary to meet the present and future growing needs. Living Stream Ministry can contribute \$2.5 million to this project, but there is a need of an additional \$5.5 million by August 2014 to complete this project. If the Lord leads you to participate in this grace, then please send a donation through the church designated for "FTFA Training Center."

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

August 3	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North
10	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall
17	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: East
24	✿ Serving: English (C) ✿ Cleaning: West

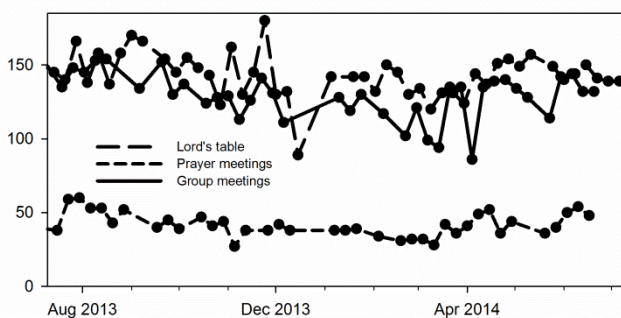
Upcoming Events

- ✿ Aug 2-12, Meeting hall: **Video training** (Chinese)
 - ✿ Aug 17 – 22, Upper Canada Camp: **Summer school of Truth**
 - ✿ Sept 19-21, Fredericton, New Brunswick: **Blending conference**
 - ✿ Sept 26-28, Upper Canada camp, Ontario: **College-age retreat**
 - ✿ Oct 9-11, Toronto: ITERO
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

AUGUST 3	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	☼ 11am-12:30pm: Chinese video training, message 6 ☼ 12:30 – 1:30pm: Love feast
4	☼
Monday	
5	☼ 7:30-9pm: English / French prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	☼ 7:30-8pm: Chinese prayer meeting ☼ 8:00-9:30pm: message 7
6	☼
Wednesday	
7	☼
Thursday	
8	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
9	☼ 3:00-4:30pm: Chinese video training, message 1 ☼ 5:00-6:30pm: Chinese video training, message 8 ☼ 6:30-7:20pm: Dinner break for Chinese video training (Bring own dinner) ☼ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese video training, message 9 ☼ 3:30-6:30: YP meeting
10	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	☼ 11am-12:30pm: Chinese video training, message 10 ☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ☼ 2:00-3:30pm: Chinese video training, message 11

Attendance Statistics



Baptism

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12

Baptism is a great subject in the Bible. We need to be clear about two aspects concerning baptism. First, before we are baptized, we need to be clear as to what baptism can do for us. Second, after we are baptized, we need to look backward and ask, "What is the significance of baptism?" In the first case, the baptism pool and the water are before us. As we are going to be baptized, we should ask ourselves, "What can baptism do for me?" After our baptism, we need to ask, "What is the meaning of my baptism?" One is a question posed in foresight, and the other is a question posed in hindsight. The former touches one's knowledge prior to baptism, and the latter, one's understanding after baptism.

I. WHAT BAPTISM DOES FOR A PERSON

"He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16). This verse shows what baptism does for a person.

A. Baptism Saving Man from the World

"He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." I suppose that all Protestants are a little afraid of this verse. Therefore, they dare not read it. Whenever they read this verse, they change it to, "He who believes and is saved shall be baptized." But the Lord's Word does not say this. In order to avoid the error of Catholicism, the Protestants deliberately go around God's Word. However, as they evade the error of Catholicism, they fall into another error. The Lord's Word is clear: "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." Man has no authority to change it to, "He who believes and is saved shall be baptized."

Note: The content is extracted from *New Believers Series: #1, Baptism by Watchman Nee*, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.