

Please pray:

- ✿ Rome: that university students shepherded in Rome who have moved elsewhere would be preserved and kept in the fellowship of the Body; that more students will be added from the campuses in Rome; that Italian families from the local communities would be gained; that many Rhema contacts would be shepherded into the church life.
- ✿ The Balkans: that the 120 saints and contacts who attended the recent conference in Sofia, Bulgaria would go on in life and building; for the upcoming visit of serving saints to Croatia and Serbia for shepherding the new ones; for raising up of churches in Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, and other Balkan countries.
- ✿ Quebec: shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Ste-Adèle and Gatineau; that saints in Montreal be strengthened to visit contacts in other cities; the Lord's advance in His testimony throughout this province.
- ✿ Translation of French hymns: that many more hymns might be translated into French for the sake of a richer Lord's table meeting for all the languages in the church, and for an increased enjoyment of the riches in Christ through the hymns by the French-speaking saints.
- ✿ 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: Isa. 26:1–33:24
- ✿ HWMR: Intrinsic Significance of the Church, week 4

Announcements

- ✿ There will be saints visiting Montreal related to ITERO:
 - Monday Oct 13, 12 noon: Lunch with brother Bill and French-speaking saints at Aaron and Phoebe's house.
 - Tuesday Oct 14, 6:30 pm: Blending prayer meeting. Love feast plus food ordered. 33 saints visiting
- ✿ Some visiting saints will visit Quebec City on October 7 to 8 and October 15 to 16. There are 10 to 15 spots available for Montreal saints to join them. The trip package includes lodging for one night, transportation by coach from Montreal to Quebec and back, two meals and a guided tour of Quebec. The cost is:
 - \$100 per person 4 people per room
 - \$110 per person 3 people per room
 - \$150 per person 2 people per room
 - \$215 per person 1 person per roomAnyone interested should contact Monica at info@mpoeduc.com as soon as possible.

- ✿ We are burdened to translate more French hymns so that we have more hymns to sing in all three languages on the Lord's day. We should all pray for this. In addition, if you can serve practically, please contact Ethan. We need saints from all languages who can serve in coordination with the following practical skills:
 - Native French speakers with strong language skills, even if you do not know English or Chinese.
 - Bilingual saints: English-French or French-Chinese
 - Saints with a good musical sensibility regardless of your language
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- ✿ Starting today, we will have regular monthly blendings of the prophesying meetings by language on the second Lord's day of each month. The schedule is:
 - October 12: English-French together
 - November 9: English with Chinese District 1; French with Chinese District 2
 - December 14: English-French together
 - January 11: English with Chinese District 2; French with Chinese District 1
 - Each month after that, the cycle will restart
- ✿ There will be no 96 Lessons training in October. The next training will be on Saturday November 15. However, on Saturday October 18, French-speaking saints are encouraged to visit saints in Sainte-Adèle.
- ✿ Please sign up for the 2015 Chinese Gospel Calendars at the bookroom. The deadline is **Oct. 26, 2014**. The price will be \$10 each.
- ✿ 2014 Winter Training will be held in Anaheim, CA from Monday, December 22, 2014, 4:00pm till Saturday, December 27, 2014, 9:30pm. Please register on or before the deadline of November 1. There is a registration donation of \$150.00 USD per trainee. There is an extra \$50.00 USD if you register after the deadline.
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- ✿ This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas from Thursday, November 27 through Lord's Day, November 30, 2014. All the meetings

will be open to the public. There will be translation into Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

12	☼ East Chinese ☼ Cleaning: East
19	☼ Serving: West Chinese ☼ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
26	☼ Serving: North Chinese ☼ Cleaning: North
NOV 2	☼ Serving: South Chinese (A) ☼ Cleaning: West

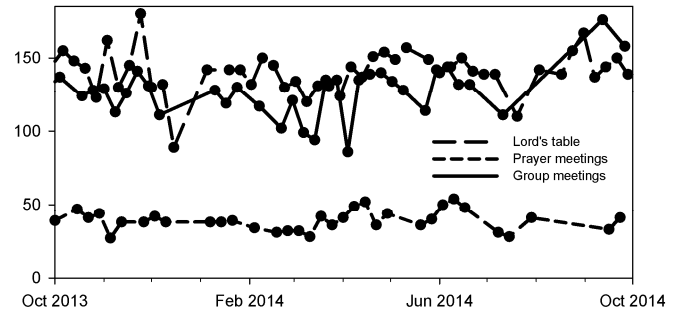
Upcoming Events

- ☼ Oct 31- Nov 2, Ontario: **Fall YP weekend retreat**
- ☼ Oct 31- Nov 2, Antigua: **English-speaking conference with French translation**
- ☼ Nov 15: **96 Lessons**
- ☼ Nov 27-30, San Antonio TX: **International Thanksgiving conference**
- ☼ Dec 22-27, Anaheim, CA: **Winter semi-annual training**
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

OCTOBER 12 LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 11am: English-French prophesying meeting ☼ 12:30 – 1:30pm: Love feast
13 Monday	☼ 12pm-: Lunch fellowship with French-speaking saints at Aaron and Phoebe's house
14 Tuesday	☼ 6:30pm-: Love feast with blended prayer meeting at meeting hall
15 Wednesday	☼
16 Thursday	☼
17 Friday	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
18 Saturday	☼
19 LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

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

C. Baptism Being for the Washing Away of Sins (cont.)

Formerly, Paul was a man in the world. After he had believed in the Lord Jesus and had seen Him, he needed to rise up and be baptized. The moment he was baptized, his sins were washed away. The moment he severed his relationship with the world, his sins were gone. If you are a Christian secretly and are not baptized, the world may still consider you as one of them. You may say that you are saved, but the world will not admit it. You may say that you have believed in the Lord Jesus, but they will say that they have not seen it. Once you get into the water, they will see it; they will know that you have believed in Jesus. Otherwise, why should a person be so foolish as to get into the water? The moment you are baptized, you are freed from the world. Water baptism is a severance of one's relationship with the world.

If a person believes in his heart but does not have any outward gesture, the world will still consider him to be part of it. For instance, in Kuling of Fukien there is a strong tradition of idol worship every fall; everyone is required to donate some money. If a person merely says that he has believed in the Lord, others will not believe him. But the moment he is baptized, they will know that he is no longer one of them. Therefore, baptism is the best way to free oneself from the world. If you want to be freed from the world, you must be baptized. You must tell the world, "My relationship with you is over." By doing this, you come out of the world.

Baptism is an open testimony, and we should not be afraid to let others witness it. Unbelievers can also be present during our baptism. Recently, when we baptized some people in Fochow, a brother said, "We do not like to conduct the baptism meeting in such a messy way. There were too many spectators." If this is the case, John the Baptist would have to learn from this brother because John conducted baptisms that were not that orderly. Even the baptisms of the three thousand on the day of Pentecost were not that orderly. The issue is not whether a meeting is orderly. Of course, it is not good to be disorderly. But all the brothers and sisters should know what we are doing. When we baptize someone, we should let the whole world witness what we are doing.

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