

Please pray:

- ✿ Political situation in Canada and Quebec according to 1Ti 2:1-4: I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ✿ In particular, pray that the schools in Quebec would be properly administered so that our children might be given necessary "Egyptian" skills like Moses so that they can become useful human vessels for the Lord's move; pray also that the recent attacks in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and Ottawa might cause many in Canada to hope in the return of Jesus to solve all this world's problems.
- ✿ Asia: that some key families would be gained during the one-month propagation in Lahore and Rawaalpindi, Pakistan; propagation in My Tho and Phan Thiet, Vietnam.
- ✿ 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. 34:1 – 41:29
- ✿ HWMR: Aspects of the Christian Life and Church Life seen in the New Jerusalem, week 1

Announcements

- ✿ Mothers with young children (under 3 years old) should please meet **today at 1 pm** for prayer and coordination in the room downstairs where French-speaking saints normally meet. There is a burden to pray and coordinate concerning how to care for these children each Lord's day. This includes practical matters such as cleaning the children's rooms, but also how to help the children and their parents enjoy the Lord's day meetings. Anyone who shares this burden should please contact Edith.
- ✿ Please sign up for the 2015 Chinese Gospel Calendars at the bookroom by today. The price will be \$10 each.
- ✿ Parents, please pick up your children promptly at 12:30 pm each Lord's day. Even if your prophesying meeting is running late, please leave at 12:30 to pick up your children, since it is difficult for the serving ones to

hold on to them after that time, and then some children get out of the rooms when they are not supposed to.

- ✿ 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
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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

26	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hal Cleaning
NOV 2	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: North
9	✿ Serving: English (C) ✿ Cleaning: West
16	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: East

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 26	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
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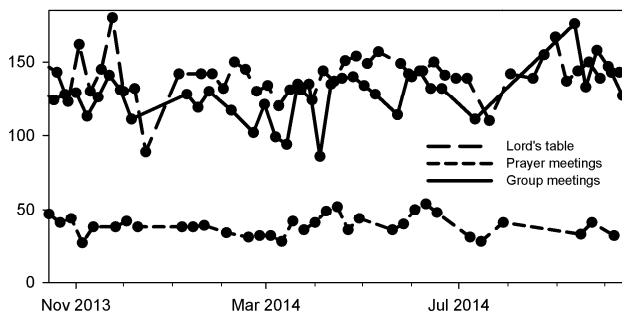
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:30 – 1:30pm: Love feast
27 Monday	☼	
28 Tuesday	☼	7:30-9pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
29 Wednesday	☼	7:30-9pm: Central English / French prayer meeting
30 Thursday	☼	
31 Friday		Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
1 Saturday	☼	
2 LORD'S DAY	☼	10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Once we believe in the Lord, we should realize that we are no longer a part of the world. Our baptism is a sign that we are freed from the world. Through baptism we assume a different role. Henceforth, we abide in the ark and are persons on the other side. We can tell others that we do not do certain things because we have believed in Jesus. But, even more, we can tell others that we do not do them because we are baptized. We have crossed the bridge; we are on the other side.

Today we must recover the place of baptism before God. What is the meaning of baptism? Baptism means to come out of the world. It is a step which we take to free ourselves from the world. Our baptism is a declaration to others that we are out. This is like the words of a hymn which say, "Then the grave, with dear ones weeping,/Knowing that all life has fled" (Hymns, #628). Our dear ones know that we are finished and that we have come to the end of our road. We are through. Only this kind of baptism is effective. If this is not our realization, our baptism is too light and insubstantial. We must realize that we have been freed from the old circle and have come out of it. Eternal life is something that our spirit gains before God, but salvation is an act of our separation from the world.

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>.

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

E. Baptism Freeing Us from the World

The above four portions of the Scripture clearly show us what baptism is. Once we are baptized, we are freed from the world. We do not need years to be freed from the world. The first thing for a new believer to do is to be baptized. You must see the position of the world before God. You have renounced your former position in the world. This is salvation. You must put off the world completely. From now on, you are no longer a part of the world; you are on the other side.