

## Please pray:

- ✿ Italy: that more students would be added from the campuses in Rome; that Italian families from the local communities would be added through the Bible studies in the homes; that many who have received the ministry through Rhema will be shepherded into the church life.
- ✿ Balkan Peninsula in Europe: for the visit of serving saints to Croatia and Serbia for shepherding the new ones; that the Lord would raise up churches in Bulgaria and in Croatia, Serbia, and other Balkan countries.
- ✿ Windsor, ON: that the saints in the church would be brought fully into the fellowship of the Lord's recovery; shepherding of recently contacted families.
- ✿ 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: Philem 1:1-Heb 2: 18
- ✿ HWMR: Aspects of the Christian Life and Church Life seen in the New Jerusalem, week 2

## Announcements

- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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

<b>NOV 2</b>	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: North
<b>9</b>	✿ Serving: English (C) ✿ Cleaning: West
<b>16</b>	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: East
<b>23</b>	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: South

## Upcoming Events

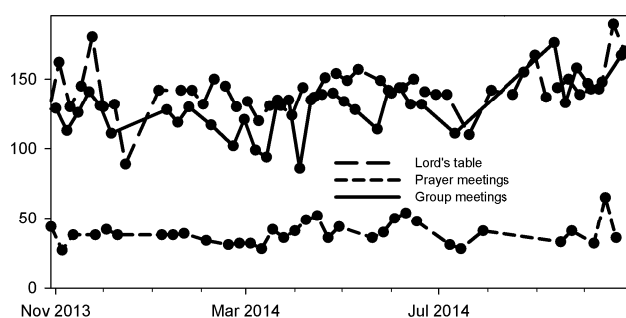
- ✿ Oct 31- Nov 2, Ontario: **Fall YP weekend retreat**
- ✿ Oct 31- Nov 2, Antigua: **English-speaking conference with French translation**
- ✿ Nov 15: **96 Lessons**
- ✿ Nov 27-30, San Antonio TX: **International Thanksgiving conference**
- ✿ Dec 22-27, Anaheim, CA: **Winter semi-annual training** 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

## This Week's Activities

<b>NOVEMBER 2</b>	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:30 – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>3 Monday</b>	✿
<b>4 Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30-9pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
<b>5 Wednesday</b>	✿ 7:30-9pm: Central English / French prayer meeting

6	✠	
Thursday		
7		Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
8	✠	
Saturday		
9	✠	10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✠	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

### II. The Significance of Baptism

Everyone who is already baptized needs to look back and consider the meaning of baptism. Even if you were baptized ten or twenty years ago, you still need to review this matter. We should always remember the verse which says, "Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?" (Rom. 6:3). This verse is spoken in retrospect, not as a forethought.

The verses in Mark 16, Acts 2, Acts 22, and 1 Peter 3 are for those who have not yet been baptized, whereas the verses in Romans 6 and Colossians 2 are for those who have been baptized. They address those who have been baptized already. God is telling them, "Do you not know that when you were baptized, you died together with Christ and were buried and resurrected together with Him?"

Romans 6 emphasizes death and burial even though it also speaks of resurrection. Colossians 2 is more advanced; it emphasizes burial and resurrection, with resurrection as the focus. The emphasis of Romans 6 is death: "Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ

Jesus have been baptized into His death?" The main point here is death. We should die together with Christ. Romans 6 is on death and burial, whereas Colossians 2 is on burial and resurrection.

The water of baptism typifies the tomb. Today, when we put a person into the water, it is as if we are burying him in the ground. When we raise him up from the water, it is equivalent to raising him up from the tomb. Before one can be buried, he must first be dead. You cannot bury a living person. If a person rises up again after he is buried, this is surely resurrection. The first part of this truth is found in Romans, and the second part of this truth is found in Colossians.

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