

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada College Retreat in Bloomfield, ON, Sep. 30 to Oct. 2: that the students, both new and continuing, and the serving ones who attend would be poor in spirit to receive a fresh revelation of Christ; for much blending and building up during the travel and time together; that those who attend would consecrate themselves anew for Christ and the church.
- ✿ Charlottetown, PEI: that the Lord would build up the saints in the recovery there towards the formation of a church that meets on the local ground; that local contacts might be gained as remaining fruit for the increase of the church; for the shepherding of the children and young people in the saints' families; for much blending with saints from churches near and far.
- ✿ One accord: that the Lord would continue to build up the saints in all languages, districts and services in one mind and one opinion to be one with the Lord for His care for the building up of the church; that He might enlarge our hearts to genuinely blend with saints who are not like ourselves so that we would know each other in spirit, not according to the flesh; that the Lord would gain the reality of the one new man in our church life, not in an outward shallow way, but that Christ would genuinely be the only Person in the church.
- ✿ Europe: for the radio broadcasts in the UK, Sweden, and Spain and the continuing distribution of the New Testament Recovery Version and other free ministry publications in all the European languages; for the shepherding of the seeking ones and their entering into the church life.
- ✿ Laval: gain and strengthen the families for the Lord's move; increase in number and life for the bible study; may the Lord's name be sanctified in Laval and may He gain remaining fruits.
- ✿ 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: Num 28:1 – 34:29 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Church as the Temple of God—The Goal of God's Eternal Economy, week 4
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 74

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a weekend blending conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick, from Sat Oct 8 at 4:30 PM

through to 4pm, Lord's Day, Oct 9. If you wish to attend the conference please send an email to samortiz@gmail.com. The meetings will be held at the Fredericton Inn. Accommodations are also at the Fredericton Inn. There is a group rate of \$99 per night for Sat Oct 8, and Sat Oct 9 if you tell the hotel staff the group code 'MPOEDUC'. Hospitality is not available. Please book your room directly with the hotel. (Website: www.frederictoninn.nb.ca) You can contact by email or phone Sam at [\(902\) 412-7751](tel:9024127751) with any questions, or if you would like help finding someone to share a room with. Please let the serving brothers know if you are interested to attend and you will be sent to link to register.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

September 25	✿ Serving: English (B)
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
Oct 2	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
9	✿ Serving: Chinese south (B)
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
16	✿ Serving: French / Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Oct 6 - 8, Gold Coast, AUS: **Fall ITERO**
 - ✿ October 8 - 9, Fredericton, NB: **Blending Conference**
 - ✿ Oct. 28-30, All Saints, Antigua: **Conference in Antigua**
 - ✿ Nov 24 - 27, San Jose, CA, USA: **International Thanksgiving conference**
 - ✿ Dec 26 - 31 : Anaheim, CA : **Winter training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

25	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
26	
Monday	
27	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	

28 Wednesday	☼	7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
29 Thursday	☼	
30 Friday	☼	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
1 October Saturday	☼	
2 OCTOBER LORD'S DAY	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF READING THE BIBLE

Every Christian should read the Bible because it is "God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). It shows us many things that God has done for us and the way He has led men in the past. If we want to know the riches and vastness of God's provision for us, we must read the Bible. If we want to see God's step-by-step guidance for men, we must read the Bible as well.

God's speaking to man today is based upon what He has already spoken in the past. God rarely speaks things which He has not already spoken in the Bible. Even though a person may be quite advanced in his spiritual walk, God's revelation to him will still be confined to the words that He has spoken in the Bible. Hence, God's speaking today is merely a repetition of His own word. If a person does not know what God has spoken in the past, it is difficult for him to receive His revelation in the present because he lacks the basis for God's speaking.

Moreover, if God wants to speak something to others through us, He will also do it on the basis of what He has spoken in the past. If we do not know what God has said in the past, He cannot speak through us to others, and we are useless in the eyes of God.

This is why we need to let the word of God dwell in us richly. By letting His word dwell in us richly, we know His past ways and hear His present speaking. Only then can God use us to speak to others.

The Bible is a great book. It is a monumental work. Even if we spent our whole life on the Bible, we could only touch a part of its riches. It is impossible for a person to understand the Bible without spending time to study it. Every young Christian should do his best to labor on God's Word so that when he grows old, he can nourish himself and supply others with the riches of the Word.

Everyone who wants to know God must study His Word in a serious way, and every believer should realize the importance of reading God's Word from the very beginning of his Christian life.

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