

Please pray:

- ✿ Atlantic Canada Blending Conference in Fredericton, NB, Oct. 8-9: that many saints be gathered from Nova Scotia, PEI and Quebec to be blended through the cross by the Spirit for the building up of the Body of Christ; that all would function in the meetings for rich speaking and spiritual revelation; for grace, safety and exercised spirits during the travel to and from the conference.
- ✿ Leeds, UK: for the shepherding of continuing and new student contacts; for the Lord's leading for the student meetings and the students' Bible reading.
- ✿ Ontario: that the Lord would establish and strengthen His testimony in Guelph, London, Mississauga, Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie; that the existing saints in the recovery in these cities might be strengthened to continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and in the New Testament ministry; that the Lord might stir many saints to migrate to these cities for His testimony.
- ✿ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✿ Laval: to gain and strengthen the families for the Lord's move; for increase in life and numbers for the weekly Bible study; that the Lord's name be sanctified in Laval and that He gain remaining fruit.
- ✿ 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: Luke 12:49 – 14:24 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Church as the Temple of God—The Goal of God's Eternal Economy, week 5
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 75

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 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.

- ✿ Registration is now open for the Live Winter Training to be held December 26 – 31. The cost is \$150. The registration deadline is October 30.
- ✿ If you want to receive the Chinese Gospel Calendar with verses in English and Chinese, please pre-order with the bookroom no later than October 23.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

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)
23	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe 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

2	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
OCTOBER	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
3	
Monday	
4	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	

5 Wednesday	✿	7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
6 Thursday	✿	
7 Friday	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
8 Saturday	✿	
9 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

II. BASIC PRINCIPLES IN READING THE BIBLE

There are four basic principles in reading the Bible: (1) Discover the facts, (2) memorize and recite the words, (3) analyze, categorize, and make comparisons, and (4) receive God's enlightening.

We must follow the sequence of these four steps when we read the Bible. We cannot jump from the third to the first step or from the first to the third step. First, discover the facts in the Bible. Second, memorize these facts. We must know and memorize God's Word accurately and exactly. We cannot afford to leave out or ignore any portion. If we do, our reading will profit little. Third, analyze, categorize, and make comparisons with the facts. After we have analyzed the facts accurately, categorized them properly, and compared them clearly before God, we will have the ground to take on the fourth point—God's enlightening.

The Bible contains many facts that are spiritual in nature. When a man's inner eyes are blind, he cannot see these facts. But once he discovers these biblical facts, half of the light contained in the Word will be his. God's enlightening is just His shining upon the facts that are recorded in His Word. Discovering the facts is half of our job in reading the Bible. When we read the Bible, the first thing we have to do is discover these facts.

For example, gravity is a fact. The law of gravity existed long before Newton, yet for thousands of years no one discovered it. One day, an apple fell on Newton while he was asleep under a tree. Through this he discovered the law of gravity. There is no question about the existence of facts. The question is whether or not these facts have been discovered.

For example, the Bible mentions something in some places and does not mention it in other places. One place mentions one thing while another place skips it. One place says it one way while another place says it a different way. The same word can be in the plural form in one place and in the singular form in another. Sometimes the Bible emphasizes the Lord's name while at other times it emphasizes a man's name. Chronology is clearly mentioned in some places, but totally skipped and seemingly neglected in other places. These are all facts.

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