

Please pray:

- ✳ Fall Eastern Canada College and Working Saints Conferences in Toronto, (Sept 28 to 30, 2018): Please pray that all the preparations be headed up in Christ; pray that the college and workings saints be released to attend this conference; may the Lord speak a personal word to each one going; pray that the speaking brothers may be one with the Lord; may the Lord gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Fall Maritimes Blending Conference in Moncton, New Brunswick (Oct 6 to 7, 2018): Please pray that the saints may be released to attend this conference; pray for the Lord's covering for all the travelling of the saints; that this time may be a time of blending, building up, and of receiving the Lord's speaking; may the saints and the churches in the Maritimes be encouraged during this time; may the Lord gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Southwestern Ontario: (1) Pray for the families from southwest Ontario; that the Lord would continue to fill them with a vision of His economy and the work He is doing to recover the earth. (2) Pray that they would be strengthened to stand for the Lord despite pressures they might be under from family and community. (3) Pray that they would follow the Lord's leading to establish the church life according to His ordination; that they would be willing to follow Him without hesitation as He leads them in raising up a local church.
- ✳ London, Ontario: (1) Stand with the church in London as the Lord operates there to bring all the saints into one accord and to lead them fully into the fellowship of the churches. (2) Pray for many opportunities to bring the saints there into a sweet and living blending with saints in all the recovery. (3) Stand with the responsible brothers as they lead the church into the Lord's current move in that city and in the rest of southern Ontario
- ✳ Guelph, Ontario: (1) Pray for the Lord's move in that city and for His operation among the saints there. (2) Pray for the two young families who are moving there; (3) Pray for the gospel in the community and the outreach on the campus of the University of Guelph.
- ✳ 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 17:1 - 25:12
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus vol. 2, week 10

Announcements

- ✳ Anyone who has items stored in any storage area of the meeting hall, please go and pick it up by today, Sept 23, 2018. Next week we'll lay out all the leftover items for anyone to take as they need. Anything left after that will be given or thrown away the following week
- ✳ Call to reserve your hotel room for the conf. in Moncton if you have not already done so for Oct 6-7, 2018. After that date, the price may go up to regular hotel rates. Rate is \$129 for 2 adults only until Sept 17. \$10 each additional adult, kids free. After that date, the price goes up to regular hotel rates. Parking is free for those staying at hotel. Breakfast is special rate of \$10 per person per night. Cancellation free until 6pm the day before arrival. Call 1-866-854-4656 or 506-853-3964 and mention MPO Group or block code #A9F. May many go blend with the saints from the Maritimes!
- ✳ Fall 2018 Eastern Canada College and Working Saints Conferences will be held in Toronto from Sept. 28 to 30. The cost for working saints will be \$30. The cost for college students will be \$30 if registered before Sept. 16 and \$40 if registered after. The registration deadline for the conference is Sept. 23rd.
- ✳ On Oct 19-21, there will be the Eastern Canada Fall YP Retreat at the meeting hall of the church in Toronto. Registration deadline is Oct 12 and cost will be \$55. Please register with Br. Aaron.
- ✳ Chinese gospel calendar sign up is now open. Please sign up in the bookroom. Deadline is Oct. 28, 2018.
- ✳ Winter training dates are Dec. 24-29, 2018 in Anaheim. If you are planning to go to the live training, please sign up with Monica. Deadline is Oct 28, 2018.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

23 Sept	✳ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真.....)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
30	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳.....)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
7 Oct	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie...)
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiang responsible)
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	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sep 28-30, 2018, Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada College and Working Saints Conferences**
- ✿ Oct 6-7, 2018, Moncton, NB: **Blending Conference**
- ✿ Oct 26-28, 2018, Antigua: **Antigua Conference**
- ✿ Nov 22-25, 2018, Charlotte, NC: **International Thanksgiving Day Conference**
- ✿ Dec. 24-29, 2018, Anaheim, CA: **Winter training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

23	✿	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
SEPT	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY	✿	
24	✿	
Monday		
25	✿	7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)
Tuesday		
26	✿	
Wednesday	✿	
27	✿	
Thursday		
28	✿	7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
29	✿	
Saturday		
30	✿	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
SEPT	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY	✿	

THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

III. ENDURING FOR GOD'S DISCIPLINE (*continued*)

E. Discipline Being the Proof That We Are Sons

Verse 8 says, "But if you are without discipline, of which all sons have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons." Remember that discipline is the proof that one is a son. God's sons are those who are disciplined by Him, and those who are without discipline are not His sons. A person has no proof that he is a son of God if he is not disciplined by God. The proof that one is a son is the discipline he receives.

All sons have become partakers of discipline. Every child of God needs to be disciplined, and you are no exception. Unless you are illegitimate, one who is adopted or bought, you must accept the same discipline! The apostle's word here is strong. All sons have become partakers of discipline. Do not expect to be treated differently if you are a son of God. All sons

have become partakers of discipline. Everyone is treated the same way. Everyone who lived in Paul's time or Peter's time experienced this. Today this is true for everyone in every nation throughout the world. No one is exempted. You cannot take a way which no other child of God has ever walked. No child of God has ever taken a way that is free from discipline. If any child of God is foolish enough to think that there can be smooth sailing in his living and work and that he can be spared God's discipline, he is saying that he is illegitimate, that is, one who is adopted. We must see that discipline is the sign and proof that we are God's children. Those who are without discipline are illegitimate; they belong to other families and are not members of the household of God. If God does not discipline us, it means that we do not belong to His family.

Let me mention something that I once saw. It may not be that profound, yet it serves as a good illustration. Five or six children were playing rambunctiously together; their bodies were covered in mud. When the mother of three of the children came, she spanked her children on their hands and forbade them to dirty themselves again. After she spanked them, one asked, "Why did you not spank the others?" The mother answered, "They are not my children." No mother wants to discipline other people's children. It would be terrible if God did not discipline us! Those who are without discipline are illegitimate, not sons! We have truly believed in the Lord. Since the first day of our Christian life, chastisement has been coming our way. We cannot remain a child of God yet be spared discipline. We cannot receive the sonship of God without receiving chastisement. These two things go together. We cannot receive the sonship without accepting the discipline! All sons must be disciplined, and we are no exception.

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