

## Please pray:

- ✳ 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.
- ✳ Vancouver & Ottawa meeting hall: (1) Pray that the Lord will clear the way in Vancouver of all the obstacles as they proceed with the building of their new meeting hall; that city regulations be satisfied and that the significant building costs will be met. (2) The church in Ottawa just accepted the counter offer for the property on Bank Street. Please pray that the Lord will cover all the procedures proceeding this; pray that the financial needs be met for the purchase of the property and for any additional renovations needed.
- ✳ Frankfurt, Germany: (1) Pray for the perfecting of the migrants so they can become our co-workers to take the God-ordained way. (2) Pray that the Lord would raise up at least ten homes for the migrants' families as shepherds tents in the different areas where they are living. (3) Pray that they would be built up together and care for each other in vital groups. (4) Pray that the Lord would grant us the wisdom in our shepherding of them despite our limited resources.
- ✳ Berlin, Germany: (1) There is a tremendous opportunity to build up the churches in the Lord's recovery in Germany according to the blueprint of the God-ordained way and the vital groups. The brothers were encouraged to revisit all the messages in the book *Fellowship Concerning the Urgent Need of the Vital Groups*. Please pray that this burden will have a sufficient penetration in the responsible brothers that they can become a pattern for all the saints to afford the Lord a way to work out the God-ordained way and the vital groups to the Lord's satisfaction and help to give Him the way to return. (2) Pray that the Lord will release a meeting hall for the church in Berlin according to His timing.
- ✳ 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: 1 Tim 6:1 - 2 Tim 3:13
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Leviticus vol. 2, week 11

## Announcements

- ✳ Anything stored at the meeting hall if not taken by today, Sept 30, will be thrown out.
- ✳ 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. 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!
- ✳ 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

<b>30 Sept</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳……)
	Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>7 Oct</b>	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie...)
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiang responsible)
<b>14</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese Central : 賈筱榮……
	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church
<b>21</b>	✳ Serving: Chinese South : 陳世山、劉學成…
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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

30 SEPT LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ☼ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
1 OCT Monday	☼
2 Tuesday	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)
3 Wednesday	☼
4 Thursday	☼
5 Friday	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
6 Saturday	☼
7 OCT LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings ☼ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

### IV. BEING SUBJECT TO THE DISCIPLINE OF THE FATHER OF SPIRITS

Verse 9 says, "Furthermore we have had the fathers of our flesh as discipliners and we respected them; shall we not much more be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?" The apostle pointed out that the fathers of our flesh discipline us and we respect them. We acknowledge that their discipline is right, and we accept it. Shall we not much more be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

This shows us that the matter of sonship leads to the matter of discipline, and discipline issues in submission. Because we are sons, there is discipline; since there is discipline, there must also be submission on our part. God orders everything in our environment for the purpose of teaching us. It walls us in so that we have no choice but to take His way.

#### A. Being Subject to God in Two Matters

We must obey God in two matters: One is to obey God's commandments, and the other is to obey His discipline. On the one hand, we have to obey God's word, that is, His commandments. We have to obey all of God's ordinances written in the Bible. On the other hand, we must subject

ourselves to God's arrangement in the environment. We must obey His discipline. Often, obedience to God's word is enough. But there are times when we have to subject ourselves to God's discipline as well. God has ordered many things in our environment, and we must gain profit and learn lessons from these things. This is the profit God has ordained for us. He wants to lead us to the straight path. We must learn to obey not only His commandments but also His discipline. Obedience to God's discipline may involve a price, but it puts us on the straight path.

Obedience is not an empty word. Quite a number of the brothers ask, "What should I obey?" The answer to this question is simple. We may think that we have nothing to obey, but when God disciplines us a little, we immediately think of ways of escape. It is strange that many people seem to have no commandment to obey! Please bear in mind that when God's hand of discipline is upon us, that is the very time we have to obey. Some may ask, "Why do you not call God's hand the hand of guidance? Why do you call it the hand of discipline? Why do you not say that God is guiding us all the way, rather than God is disciplining us?" God knows how terrible our temper is, and we also know. There are many people to whom obedience will never come without proper discipline.

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