

## Please pray:

- ✳ Thanksgiving Conference: Praise the Lord for what He has spoken during the past US Thanksgiving conference! May we truly know God's will concerning the all-inclusive, extensive Christ. May we be those who know Christ, experience Christ, enjoy Christ, are saturated with Christ, and take Christ as our life and person. May all the saints in all the churches learn to live Christ so the Lord can gain the one the new man in a practical way.
- ✳ Vietnam: Pray for the literature work to translate 800 hymns and the preparation to translate the Old Testament. Pray for the work with the students and the young working saints; may the Lord raise up saints burdened for this work.
- ✳ London, Ontario: The saints have experienced a setback in their application to be a student club at University of Western Ontario. Let us pray earnestly that roadblocks will be removed as the saints attempt to re-submit the application. May our sovereign God answer our prayer to overcome this spiritual struggle and may the gospel door at Western be wide open! Christ is Victor!
- ✳ Milan, Italy: The church in Milan has purchased a new meeting hall in an auction October 15, and the amount needs to be paid January 13, 2020. With the cost of renovation, the total is 1,391,600 Euros. The church in Milan and the literature center have prepared 200,000 Euros to begin the payment. May the Lord release the giving in His Body and may He pour out His blessing on this property so that the number of the saints and the growth of the divine life will continually increase in Milan and in Italy for the building up of His Body and the practical existence of the one new man.
- ✳ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well and take the time to visit the saints; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳ 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: Mat 6:1 – 8:22
- ✳ HWMR: Living in the Reality of the Body of Christ by Keeping the Principles of the Body, week 1

## Announcements

- ✳ You are invited to join the wedding meeting of Hoang & Lily TODAY between 4:30pm and 8pm at the meeting hall. Please RSVP using the following link by Dec 1.  
<https://forms.gle/FYH5mbvaEjHjaVss9>
- ✳ The 2020 HWMR subscription is now open. The cost will be \$70 for the annual subscription. Please sign up with your district serving ones and pay the \$70 subscription by December 29 so we can order the correct number of books.
- ✳ The upcoming Winter video training schedule for all languages will be as follows:
  - Tuesdays at 7:00pm  
Dec 24: message 1, Dec 31: message 7
  - Wednesdays at 2pm and 3:30pm  
Dec 25: messages 2&3, Jan 1: messages 8&9
  - Saturdays at 2pm and 3:30pm  
Dec 29: messages # 4&5 and Jan 4: messages 10&11
  - Lord's days at 1:30pm  
Dec 30: messages 6, Jan 5: message 12If you are registered, please submit your donation of \$130 in an envelope with your name into the offering box or the service office.
- ✳ The monthly Ministry digest is now available for order and subscription. It is available in English, Chinese and Spanish and Korean. The purpose of this monthly digest is to help the saints get into the riches contained in the Collected Works of Witness Lee topic by topic. For more information go to [ism.org](http://ism.org). Please stop by the bookroom if you have questions or to place your standing order.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

8*	*District Meeting Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Chinese East 1 & 2 (Xie and John responsible)
15	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山, 劉學成...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
22	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Qiang, Jonathan responsible)
29	Serving: French (Julie ...) Cleaning: Whole Church

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ Dec 23 – 28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- ✳ Dec 24 – Jan 7: **Video Training**

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>8</b>	✿	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>December</b>	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>		
<b>9</b>	✿	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>10</b>	✿	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>11</b>	✿	
<b>Wednesday</b>	✿	
<b>12</b>	✿	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>13</b>	✿	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>14</b>	✿	
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>15</b>	✿	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>December</b>	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>		

## BAPTISM

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12

### **I. WHAT BAPTISM DOES FOR A PERSON (continued)**

#### **D. Baptism Leading to Salvation through Water**

The Scripture is consistent in its principles. First Peter 3:20 says, "In the days of Noah...a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water." This verse shows us again that baptism leads to salvation. The Lord Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved." On the day of Pentecost, Peter said, "Be baptized...for the forgiveness of your sins." Paul's action shows us that when a person is baptized, his sins are washed away. They are not just forgiven, but washed away. This is because our sins are washed away when we sever our relationship with the world. Here, the word in 1 Peter also shows us that we are saved through water. Therefore, baptism leads to salvation through water.

Those who cannot pass the test of water are not saved. A person who cannot pass through water drowns. During Noah's time, everyone was baptized, but only eight souls came out. All the people were baptized and immersed in the water, but only eight souls emerged from it. In other words, the water became the water of death to some, but to others it was the water of

salvation. Others go into the water and remain there, but we pass through the water and emerge from it. There is something positive in Peter's word. When the flood came, everyone drowned. Only the eight souls in the ark, whom the water could not overcome, emerged from it. While the rest perished, these eight souls were saved. Today the whole world is under the wrath of God. For one to be baptized today means that he goes through God's wrath. But he does not only go through it; he comes out of it. His emergence from it shows that he is one who has come out. This is baptism.

Baptism is being immersed on one side and emerging out of water on the other side. Baptism means passing through and emerging from the water. You must emphasize the aspect of "emergence." Everyone went into the water, but only the eight souls came out. Today we are saved through baptism. What does this mean? When I am baptized, I do not go into the water and remain there. Rather, I enter into the water and emerge from it. If you have never believed in the Lord Jesus, your baptism will not result in an emergence. Today my going into the water and coming out of it means that I am different from you. I can come out from the world through the water. I testify to others that I am different from the world.

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