

Please Pray

- ✳️ **Semi-Annual Winter Training 2023:** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches...” (Rev. 2:7a). The Semi-Annual Training is a time when the Spirit can speak to the churches. May we separate these times to the Lord that we can be under His present speaking. Please register **BEFORE November 1** by sending an email to sister Monica for the live training and to your district responsible brothers for the video training.
- ✳️ **Next Generation:** We thank the Lord for what He has spoken during the past weeks to the young people and college students. (1) May the Lord guard the good deposits and keep their hearts soft for the seeds to grow and bear fruit. (2) May the Lord bring the young people and college students into the reality of what they have heard. (3) May the Lord gain the next generation to turn this age.
- ✳️ **Roof Repair and Financial Offerings:** After the completion of the roof renovation, there are still some areas on the roof that need to be fixed. May the roof be fixed and not have any leaks in a timely manner. There are also renovations and reparations for the inside of the meeting hall left to do. Through fellowship and the support of the Body, we received enough funds to pay the roof contractor. As part of the funds, we received a loan from another locality of \$75,000 that needs to be paid back within two years. May all of us continually consider our financial offerings before the Lord. May the Lord direct us in our giving toward the needs of the church, the saints and the needy ones. May we store up for ourselves “treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal.” Matt. 6:20. May our hearts be on the things of heaven and not on the things on the earth. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matt. 6:21.
- ✳️ **Summer 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France:** The Olympic Games will be returning to Europe in 2024 and will be hosted in Paris, France. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity prepared by the Lord as the Lord of the harvest. We are preparing to distribute free copies of the New Testament Recovery Version during the Torch Relay and during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. We would encourage all the saints to open to the Lord regarding this next milestone in the Lord’s move in Europe, and we would like to invite the saints in the Lord’s recovery to join us in this labour next year by praying, giving and going. May the Lord bless the coordination and one accord among all the saints that He may use this event to gain His seekers in France for the sake of His move in Europe.
- ✳️ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳️ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Zech. 10:1 – Mal. 4:6.
- ✳️ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life, Week 3.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 11 and 12.

Announcements

- ✳️ **TODAY, Lord’s Day, Oct. 29,** is the deadline to order the 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar by signing up at the Bookroom.

Announcements (cont’d)

- ✳️ The December 2023 Semi-Annual Training will be held from Dec. 25 to Dec. 30 in Anaheim, California. Participants must register **BEFORE November 1** for **both** the **live** and **video** training. Those who are interested in attending the live training in Anaheim must email sister Monica. Those who are interested in attending the video training must email their district responsible brothers and sign up on the registration sheet posted on the church’s bulletin board.
 - **LIVE** training cost: CAD\$275, plus USD\$5 for the outline.
 - **VIDEO** training cost: CAD\$175, plus CAD\$10 for the outline.
- ✳️ The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from Saturday, February 10 through to the Lord’s Day, February 11, 2024. There will also be an opportunity to visit churches in Taiwan before and/or after the conference. Should you be interested to attend this conference, please contact brother Xie Li or brother Jonathan Lin for information and registration.
- ✳️ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, no later than Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳️ Nov. 10-12, Vancouver: **2023 Canada Brothers’ Conference.**
- ✳️ Nov. 23-26, Dallas Texas: **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳️ Dec. 25-30, Anaheim, California: **2023 December Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳️ Feb. 10-11, 2024, Taipei, Taiwan: **The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.**

Please refer to the church’s website where more events are listed.

This Week’s Activities

Sun-Oct-29 LORD’S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord’s Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Oct-30	♦
Tues-Oct-31	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Nov-01	♦
Thur-Nov-02	♦
Fri-Nov-03	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Nov-04	♦
Sun-Nov-05 LORD’S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord’s Table and prophesying meetings.

PARENTS

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20

E. Not Provoking Children to Anger

Fifth, Paul showed us an important thing that parents should not do—they should not provoke their children to anger (Eph. 6:4).

1. Not Exercising Authority Excessively

What does it mean to provoke children to anger? It means the excessive use of authority. One can overpower his children with physical strength. This is always possible because parents are stronger than their children. Or one can try to subdue his children with financial power. He may say, “If you do not obey me, I will not give you any money. If you do not listen to me, I will take away your food and clothing.” Since the children depend on him for their living, he overpowers them with his money by threatening to withdraw his support. Some parents dominate their children with physical power, and others dominate them with their iron will. This can provoke their children to anger. When they are provoked, they will wait for the chance for their freedom. One day they will break their bondage and seek total freedom.

I know a brother whose father gambled, smoked, and behaved rudely at home. He embezzled public funds and was involved in many other unscrupulous businesses. But he still went to church, and he wanted all of his children to go to church. He would rebuke and punish them severely if they did not go. He ruined his children’s taste for the family, all the while insisting that they go to church. Later, the brother said, “I vowed that when I grew up one day, I would never go to church. As soon as I could support myself, I was going to turn away from the church.” Even though he swore this way, eventually he was saved. Thank God! Otherwise, he would have become another anti-Christian proponent. This was a very serious matter. The father did not try to make his children love him, yet

he demanded that his children go to church. This never works. This provokes children to anger. Parents should not exercise excessive authority over their children or provoke them to anger. They must never make their children hardened and rebellious toward them.

I remember another man who is not saved. Not long ago I saw him. He was forced to read the Bible when he was growing up at home, and he was forced to read the Bible when he went to a parochial school. I am not saying that parents should not charge their children to read the Bible. I am saying that you must attract them and be an example to them yourself. It will never work if you merely tell them that the Lord is precious, yet constantly abuse them. There was a mother who was a nominal Christian. She had a terrible temper. She insisted that her son read the Bible and go to a parochial school. One day he asked when he could stop reading the Bible. His mother replied, “When you finish secondary school, you can stop reading the Bible.” On the day that he received his high-school diploma, he took his three copies of the Bible and burned them in the backyard. You must draw children in a natural way. Otherwise, when their anger is provoked they may do anything. You want them to be good, but they will rebel against you when they become free. This is what is meant by provoking children to anger. Do not provoke your children to anger. You must learn to be proper parents, to have love, tenderness, and a proper testimony before them. You must also be an attraction to them. Do not exercise your authority excessively. Authority can only be exercised under self-control. If you are excessive in your use of authority, you will stifle your relationship with your children.

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