

Please Pray

- ✳ **December Semi-Annual Training:** May we have ears to hear what the Lord will be speaking to the churches; may the Lord's up-to-date speaking be released in this training; may we have a heart to be trained by the Lord; may the churches advance with the Lord for His move on this earth; may the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✳ **End of Year 2023:** Dear saints, since it is the end of the year 2023, let us spend time before the Lord to consider our year. Let us spend time before His watching, observing, searching, judging by enlightening, and infusing eyes. Let us end the year by praising and thanking Him for all His doings and applying His blood for all our failures. Let us forget the things that are behind whether good or bad and start afresh this coming new year.
- ✳ **Growing in Life and Propagation:** May we have a heart to enjoy the Lord each day and may the Lord grant us our daily growth in life. Let us pray for one another that we may be brought to maturity, ready for the Lord's coming. May we also have the Lord's heart to propagate His word and speak the gospel for the increase and building up of the church.
- ✳ **Burden to Get Into the Life-Studies:** Pray that we may have a heart and hunger to continue in the Life-Studies reading; may the Lord be our perseverance; even if we fall behind, may we be encouraged to press on and resume. May we enter into the burden for digesting the Word and the ministry.
- ✳ **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: Gen 18:1 – 24:67.
- ✳ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philipians, Week 3.
- ✳ Life-Study of John, Messages 27 and 28.

Announcements

- ✳ The December semi-annual training will begin on December 26. All saints registered must send their payment (cash, cheque or e-transfer) of \$185 for the video training (including the outline), and of \$275 for the training in Anaheim. English and French schedule is provided in this week's calendar. **VIDEO** training will be in the **Meeting Hall** and on **Zoom** (link provided to registered saints).
- ✳ 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.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳ The Summer Olympics 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 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. Please contact brother **Allan Yeow** for more information and for the link to the form to express your interest. May we join the Lord in this move by praying, giving, and going.
- ✳ 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

- ✳ Dec. 26-30, Anaheim, California and by video: **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-Dec-24 LORD'S DAY	10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.	
Mon-Dec-25		
Tues-Dec-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ 5pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 1. ✳ 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 2. ★ 	Meeting Hall and Zoom
Wed-Dec-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ 5pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 3. ✳ 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 4. 	Meeting Hall and Zoom
Thur-Dec-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ 5pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 5. ✳ 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 6. 	Meeting Hall and Zoom
Fri-Dec-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ 5pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 7. ✳ 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 8. ★ 	Meeting Hall and Zoom
Sat-Dec-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ 5pm-6:45pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 9. ✳ 7:45pm-9:30pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 10. 	Meeting Hall ONLY
Sun-Dec-31 LORD'S DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ 10am-11pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings. ✳ 11am-12:30pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 11. ★ ✳ 1:30pm-3:15pm: Semi-Annual Training, Message 12. 	Meeting Hall ONLY
★ OPEN meeting.		

PARENTS

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

II. Great children coming out of great parents

Finally, I would say that many men whom God used in this world came from great parents. Beginning with Timothy, we find numerous men used by God who came from great parents. John Wesley was one of them. Another one was John Newton. There are many hymns in our hymnal written by Newton. John G. Paton was another one. He was one of the most famous missionaries in the modern world. I can think of no other father like his father. In his old age Paton still remembered, "Every time I wanted to sin, I remembered my father, who was always praying for me." His family was very poor. There was only one bedroom, one kitchen, and another small room. He said, "I trembled every time my father prayed and sighed in the small room. He was making petition for our souls. Even though I am so old now, I can still remember his sighing. I thank God for giving me such a father. I cannot sin, because when I sin, I transgress against my heavenly Father as well as my earthly father." It is difficult to find a father like Paton's father, and it is difficult to find a son as great as Paton.

I cannot tell you how many strong believers would be raised up in our second generation if all the parents of this generation would be good parents. I have always wanted to say this: The future of the church depends on the parents. When God bestows grace on the church, He needs vessels. There is the need for more Timothys to be raised up. It is true that we can save men from the world, but there is a greater need for raising up people from among Christian families.

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For a child is born to us,

A Son is given to us;

And the government

Is upon His shoulder;

And His name will be called

Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Eternal Father,

Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6