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Feature

To Be Steadfast in the Faith at the End Time

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Opportunity of the generation

Under God's salvation plan of His will, at this generation of end time, the Holy Spirit, the latter rain, established the True Jesus Church, the ark of the end time, for the harvesting (Ref. Eph 1:4-11, Mt 13:29-30, 40) . What a great blessing that you and I are chosen and called by the Lord to enter the salvation of eternity and to participate in the honorable work of harvest (Ref. Mt 13:47-50, Rev 14)!

Across through the ancient and modern time

Since the time of the first Christian philosopher, Justin the martyred, who was highly esteemed by Christianity, there came all kinds of profound masterpieces of theological studies from famous writers. In this vast ocean of theology, who can cross to the other side? Since theology became a subject in university, people have not only been able to study in the field of

theological research, skillfully citing the ancient and modern theories, and looking into the ancient academic trends, but also have explained it briefly or with details. They can also clearly and systematically introduce countless writers. Their loyal devotion and sacrifice for doing research in all relevant writings moves us, and they are admirable. But we are strongly convinced that the Old and New Testament is the record of the revelation from the true God, the source of our study of theology, the foundation of our knowledge of God, and the source of our spiritual life. Therefore, when we systematically research the Bible, we do not glimpse the Bible by standing on the shoulders of any great theological giants of the history, nor follow the systems of theological masters of the world. We only seize the promises of the Lord Christ and receive the Holy Spirit, promised by the heavenly Father. Through the prayer of the Holy Spirit at all times, under the guidance of the truth and the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, we systematically have deeper understanding in the essential teachings in the Bible.

Change of humanistic time and environment

With the evolution of academic trends, rational theories for constructing the theology are one by one becoming the past in the torrent of history.

In this post-modern period, the work of Satan's unclean evil spirits is great, as frogs clamor "from the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophets" (Rev 16:13). The appearance of the "post-truth," produced from bitter jealousy, selfish ambition, boasting, being false to the truth, and further "against the truth," tortures this generation of unbelief and adultery under the sun (Ref. James 3:14). The standard of the truth in men is swayed and gone by the trend of the world.

Unchangeable Plan of Salvation

God is the "Father of spirits" (Heb12:9-10), and the "God of the spirits of all flesh" (Num 16:22, 27:16). He is the father of all mankind. His "salvation" is for all fallen mankind, beyond culture, race, region, and time. Therefore, although in the human world there is difference between time, space, and humanities, and the academic trend of the past often reflecting the voice of contemporary men, God's salvation still responds to the needs of people in different generations. But God, our heavenly father, is the same, and His salvation is also consistent.

Yet the promised Holy Spirit, our Counselor, granted by our Lord of resurrection, abides with us. Whenever we reverently read the Bible, He guides us into all truth, so we can worship God "in spirit and truth" (Ref. Jn 16:13, 4:24).

Demonstrate the spiritual life

We observe the truth based on the Bible by “biblical interpretation,” and through this “interpretation” we receive the theological truth combining rationality, sensibility, and spirituality. Upon carrying out the truth in Christ the Lord Jesus, we attain spiritual strength in our faith. What we mention here is not about the system of theological theory acquired by an individual’s biblical study, nor the personal inner being which is refined by the journey of spiritual life in the faith. We are mentioning the fruit of life, which originates from the Bible, instilling in every part of the “whole body,” displayed in the True Church.

Not being disobedient to the mission of the end time

O! Brethren, who were chosen before the creation and were called to be in the True Jesus Church, the ark of end time (Eph 1:4, 10), how blessed are we to be the pillar of the church and the witnesses the truth of salvation in the wavy rage of adulterous generation. The truth of God’s salvation, revealed in the Bible, has demonstrated a great power upon us (Ref. Acts 4:33). With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we not only can be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (Ref. 6:10), but also can testify what we have received, God’s abundant and merciful love of salvation by our deeds in the life of our faith (Ref. Eph 2:4). And we will not be disobedient to God, who entrusted us with the mission, going into all the world to proclaim the gospel to the whole creation and proclaiming the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (Ref. Acts 26:19, Mk 15:15, 1Pet 2:9).

To be steadfast in the faith at the end time

From an individual perspective, we not only have departed from the curse of being ignorant to God’s word (Ref. Deut 27:26), but also we are able to hold on to the truth we received by the Lord Jesus, Who gave us the promise and is faithful. When we are immovable, we will “be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it” (Titus 1:9, Ref. Heb 10:23).

From a thorough perspective, Jesus Christ is the truth. He is the body and the source of the truth. Those who know Jesus know the truth. Those who have Jesus have the truth. Truth makes us free from the bond of sin, changes our life, and sanctifies us. Truth belongs to God. It is solely and eternally co-existent with God. If we live in Him and He lives in us, we will be the image of God. Even if there are ten thousand enemies and Satan is grinning in front of us, we are not harmed nor need to be afraid of him, for in the eyes of our Father it is nothing. O! God’s people of the heavenly kingdom in the Ark of the end time, let us, with the great courage,

witness the truth of salvation under this postmodern generation of post-truth which brings the false and rebellious trend at the end time

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🍷 *Church News*

New Zealand Church Updates

Fu-Ann Shih

There were 24 newly baptized members among the spiritual convocations held at three New Zealand churches. Auckland had 19, East Auckland had four, and Christchurch had one.

Christchurch evangelical services changed to begin on Sabbath day. There were two sessions in the morning and two sessions in the afternoon. These included the three sessions of evangelical services and one session of Q&A. East Auckland changed from Sabbath day to Sunday, with a total of three sessions of evangelical services. After the changes, the truth seekers clearly increased compared to the evening evangelical services. The spiritual convocations of two churches are one week apart.

Auckland church had three sessions of evangelical services on Tuesday mornings in the west service region. The north region House of Prayer had one session of evangelical service on Tuesday evening. The chapel evangelical services were from Wednesday to Friday evenings.



Tuesday Service in Auckland Church

Auckland west region place of worship started having Sabbath services with about fifty people in attendance. We hope that it will soon become an official House of Prayer and proceed to establishing the work of building the chapel. From the past two experiences of Auckland church, it will take at least seven years from start to finish. In addition, the attendance of Sabbath service in Auckland church is reaching the maximum capacity allowed by law. We hope that the west region will branch out in the near future so that the evangelical work can spread.



Sabbath Service in Auckland west region

2017 Student Spiritual Convocation was held July 15-21 at East Auckland church. The main topic this time was “Life of Faith” learning from the books of Ephesians and Ruth. The ministers were Preacher Jeng-Sheng Lo and Fu-Ann Shih. There was a total of 23 students and seven counselors with 42 receiving the cup and one receiving the Holy Spirit.



The North Island Wellington place of worship has 10 members. Starting from next year, the resident pastor will visit three times a year instead of four. Each church will send workers to pastor once, totaling six times. In addition, Holy Communion will be held at Wellington once a year.

May the Lord continue to guide with grace and give blessings to all the works in New Zealand. Amen.

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Canada Churches Updates

Canada Coordination Centre

Hallelujah, in the name of Lord Jesus, CCC reports updates on Canadian churches to brethren all over the world:

Calgary Church

Since the beginning, we started from as family services in member's houses, to buying a small house as a prayer house, to now being able to purchase a bigger chapel. Calgary chapel underwent six months of renovation and is finally ready to be dedicated to the Lord.



Evangelical services began on Thursday evening on April 27, 2017 for four days. Thank God that all the events were done through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which included the evangelical services, spiritual convocation, baptism, foot washing, holy communion, and church dedication service. 120 members from Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton, and even Australia, United States, and Taiwan came to attend. Everyone gathered in the chapel and worshipped with a reverent, thankful, and joyful heart to dedicate this holy and elegant chapel to our dear Lord Jesus. Thank the ministers and coworkers for constantly caring for the growth of Calgary church. We also thank all the members from all over the world for their loving prayers and offerings. May God remember you all.



Toronto Church

The church has continued to grow with new immigrant members and newly baptized members. Therefore, the church has established the KW House of Prayer last year, which is located 100 km from Toronto. Toronto church is also planning on the developing 1-acre land that is in the northeast region of the Greater Toronto Area. This will be the third location for service in Toronto.

The Bible reading plan for Toronto church has been in progress for the third year. The systematic daily Bible reading plan is coordinated with the sermon topics and through the

mercy of God, the members are benefiting greatly from this. The next step is to have a monthly special sermon topic utilizing the Ten Articles of Faith as the theme.



Toronto church also faced challenges in the New Year. The northeast region land development needs tremendous amount of financial resources as well as careful planning. In the congregation, some of the members are facing both physical and spiritual weaknesses. There are a few members that are at risk of becoming “lost sheep” as they have stopped attending regular Sabbath services. We ask God for His mercy and guidance so that we can overcome all the difficulties in the coming year.

Montreal House of Prayer

Members of the church continue to seek for a chapel in hopes of finding a suitable place to worship. In the beginning, the construction committee looked in the whole city island of Montreal. After a while, they have finally found a chapel in the southeast city of Montreal that falls within the budget.

We are very thankful for all the offerings from all the churches in Canada and the brothers and sisters around the world. We thank the great love of God that on June 16, 2017, the old church at Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, which was built in 1816, became our chapel. Even though we have purchased the chapel, there are still some safety concerns that requires renovation of the building. This will definitely be above our financial capability. Therefore, we once again hope that brothers and sisters around the world will provide support. Please also continue to intercede for our small but humble church.



May God continue to guide all the churches in Canada!

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🍎 *Intercession*

1. Please pray for IA work assignment as below:

Date	Location	Program	Personnel
9/3-9/22	Sabah	TTP Courses	C.H. Huang
		Spiritual Nurture Session for Preachers & Ministers	
		Spiritual Nurture Session for Ministers & Spouses	
9/7-10/30	Malaysia	Pastoral Works / RE Teacher Seminar	Iju Fang
9/15-11/15	Japan	Church's Pastoral Work	Tong-Wen Huang
9/1-9/11	Korea	National Youth Spiritual Meeting	Isaiah Phan

9/11-10/9	Australia	RE Teacher Workshop / Adult Retreat/ Evangelical Seminar (Melbourne)	Chih-Chieh Huang	
		Spiritual Convocation/Marriage Counseling/Parent Counseling/Youth & Adult Retreat(Sydney)		
9/11-9/30		Follow-up Evangelistic Contacts /Truth Seeker Class(Fiji)	Ezra Chong	
9/24-10/15		Spring Evangelistic and Spiritual Convocation (Brisbane)	Daniel Chin	
		Student Spiritual Convocation(Perth-Dianella)		
		General Pastoral/Spiritual Cultivation(Perth–Cannington)		
9/11-10/15		New Zealand	Bible Seminar/Evangelical & Spiritual Convocation(Christchurch/ Auckland/East Auckland)	Fu-Ming Tse
9/7-9/18		India	Preachers & Ministers Spiritual Nurture/Full Time Workers & CBI EXCO Spiritual Nurture/Bangalore Church Spiritual Meeting (Bangalore Church)	Habakkuk Hee
9/22-10/1			Youths Bible Camp/Gospel Outreach Evangelical Service/Seminar for Camp Counselors & Brothers Fellowship	Lip Fah Choong
9/21-10/9			Residential Pastoral/Spiritual Meeting (Munnar)	Joel Chong
9/2-9/25	Philippians	Preaching to Mandarin Speaking(Manila)	Cheng-Huan g Weng	
9/2-9/25		PMCC Pastoral Visiting	Pr Zacchaeus	
9/9-9/10		Ministers & Spouses Seminar (Napolan)	Dn John Vun	
9/16-9/17 9/23-9/24		Spiritual Convocation (Batungan/Lanao)	Pr John & Dn Philip/ Dn Philip & Bro Dennis	
9/29-10/10	US	Basic Doctrine of TJC	Steven Shek	
9/20-9/24		Evangelical Service & Spiritual Convocation (Cerritos)	Timothy Yeung	
9/28-10/1		Evangelical Service & Spiritual Convocation (Pacifica)	Tony Kuo	

9/6-9/10	Canada	Autumn ESSC (Vancouver)	W. Yeh
9/15-9/17		Autumn ESSC (Montreal)	KC Tsai
9/15-9/24		Autumn ESSC (Calgary/Edmonton)	Jason Hu
9/20-9/24		Autumn ESSC (Toronto)	GH Chen
9/22-10/2	Rep. of Dominica	Pastoral Visitation	Enoch Hou
Sep.-Oct.	Argentina	Pastoral Works	Y.J. Lin
		Holy Work Personnel Seminar	
		Gospel Tea Fellowship	
9/18-9/25	Foz	Pastoral Work/Training	Jonathan Chou/MT Kuo
9/4-9/5	UK	AMC Meeting(Edinburgh Church)	Africa Ministry Workers
9/6-9/10	Germany	ECC Youth Fellowship(Hamburg)	Steven Shek
9/22-9/24		Training & Special Service(Hamburg)	HH Ko
9/29-10/1		Autumn Spiritual Convocation(Rheinland)	HH Ko/BQ Wang
Sep.-Oct. 9月-10月	Spain	Visit & Concern(Madrid / Albacete / Barcelona)	HH Ko
9/13-11/6	South Africa	Pastoral ministry/Training/Botswana Pastoral visit/Lesotho Outreach	Luke Chan
9/14-11/1		Workers Training(Nigeria)	TK Chin

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