



Chinese Bible School

MONTHLY REPORT—September 2024

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival! As we reflect on the changing seasons and the beauty of unity, I want to take this opportunity to send our warmest greetings to you and your families. May this festive time bring you joy, peace, and togetherness as we celebrate under the same moon, even if we are miles apart. This year, the Mid-Autumn Festival fell on September 17, 2024. It is a time to give thanks for the blessings we've received, and we are deeply grateful for your unwavering support of the Chinese Bible School.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, or 中秋節 (Zhōngqiū Jié), is one of the most celebrated traditional holidays in Taiwan and Chinese-speaking communities worldwide. Traditionally, families gather to enjoy mooncakes, admire the full moon, and light lanterns, symbolizing unity and harmony. In Taiwan, barbecues have also become a popular way to celebrate, bringing friends and families together in joyous feasting. This festival reminds us of important values like family, gratitude, and reflection—principles we hold dear in our work and ministry.

We are excited to announce that the Chinese video titled “The Church of Your Choice” has been completed and uploaded to the Chinese Bible School website. This 13-minute video serves an educational purpose by helping viewers identify the church of the Bible through six key characteristics. It is especially beneficial for those with limited knowledge of the biblical church, helping them better understand their choice in selecting a congregation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to brother Jim Lloyd for providing the teaching materials and sister McKenna Putnam for her exceptional graphics and video animations. You can view the videos using the following links:

Traditional Chinese: chinesebibleschool.org/the-church-of-your-choice-traditional-chinese/

Simplified Chinese: chinesebibleschool.org/the-church-of-your-choice-simplified-chinese/

In addition to leading two weekly Zoom Bible study groups, I had the opportunity to participate in a monthly fellowship and Bible study with a group of about 12 Chinese individuals—faculty, staff, and students from Texas State University in San Marcos, where we are based. This opportunity arose from an invitation extended by a lady who met my wife, Yolanda, at the San Marcos Activity Center. I am grateful for the chance to meet and study with those who are not yet members of the Lord's church, and to answer Bible questions during our studies. May God continue to open doors for spreading the gospel to those who are seeking truth.

Upcoming Event: We are diligently finalizing the manuscripts for the video lessons on *First Timothy*. Recording is scheduled for the fourth week of October.

Finally, regardless of the troubled situations in this world, let us hold firm to the promise of God's sovereignty: “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” (Ps. 46:10)

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