

Friday

Location: Shandong Province

Person: The Revd Dr Gao Ming (in the centre of this photo), President of Shandong CC.



Theme: Pastor Du Nana: Her doctoral studies – a fourth year 2022.

Prayer point: Thank God for Gao Ming’s obtaining his doctoral degree. He thanks FCC for supporting Pastor Du Nana in her continuing studies at Tyndale House Cambridge. Pray for Nana in completing her first draft of her thesis on the book of Isaiah. May she complete her PhD well in her fourth year in 2022, and then be a blessing to those whom she will teach for many years to come.

Saturday

Location: CCC/TSPM in Shanghai.

Theme: Relationships between the churches and Xi Jinping’s Chinese Communist Party.



The National Offices in Shanghai
Pastor Wu Wei from Beijing, Chairman of China Christian Council;
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Xu Xiaohong Chairman of the National Three Self Patriotic Movement

At a meeting with Christian leaders from Singapore in 2021, Revd Wu Wei said that Chinese churches are learning how better to provide pastoral care for believers and to equip pastoral staff, aiming to transform “Christianity in China” to “the Chinese Christianity”.

Prayer point: “Father God, you have said that we should pray for those ‘in authority’ as a priority. Guide the national leaders in their love for you and in fulfilling their patriotic responsibilities. Will you renew them daily in your love, grace and peace, and give us wisdom to walk together in the way of Christ Jesus Our Lord.”



China Prayer Diary
November 2021

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you” John 15v16.

In FCC, we are friends of our sisters and brothers in China because we are all friends of Jesus. We are called actively and prayerfully to share in God’s family business, and this Prayer Diary gives a ‘snapshot’ of a selection of our friends. May they, and we, live and work to the glory of God!

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We rejoice with those who graduated from China’s seminaries this year. Pray for these young leaders who will mostly now be serving the Lord back in the churches from where they came. They are also preparing in due course for ordination. Here is a group from Yanjing Seminary in Beijing.

燕京神学院2021年毕业礼拜暨毕业典礼



Monday

Theme: Nanjing Union (Jinling) Theological Seminary (NJUTS).

Thank God (on the left) for three new Doctors of Ministry (DMin) and (on the right) two Theological Doctorates (ThD) - Dr Wang Jiawei (continuing to teach at NJUTS) and Dr Luo Chengzan (to be vice Principal at Hebei Bible School) with NJUTS vice Principal Revd Dr Professor Chen Yilu standing in the middle.



This year, there are 12 new doctorate students. Dr Wen Ge writes: "We hope that they could have the opportunity for study visits to the UK in the future".

Prayer point: Thank God for the successful completion of the first mainland China doctoral degrees. Pray for how best FCC can help this new cohort.

Tuesday

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan province, SW China.

Person: 'Peter' Yuan Shiguo (in academic dress in the photo of the 2021 seminary graduation)



Peter wrote in September: "We have received 36 new students and have 68 students in total (It was 75 in 2020). I am invited to preach in some churches."

Prayer point: Many students in the Sichuan seminary come from ethnic minority backgrounds (eg Hani, Lahu, Jingpo, Han, Yi, Lisu and Miao). Also remember the Bible School in Guizhou. May the Lord sustain these places of learning to the blessing of the widely scattered urban and rural communities they serve.

Wednesday

Location 1: Wuhan, Hubei Province, Central China.

Person: Dr 'Jenny' Zhao Qiufen, Dean of Zhoongnan (Central South) seminary. Jenny was awarded her doctorate this year by Taiwan Baptist College. Her role entails the oversight of the academic programmes.



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Location 2: Xi'an, Shaanxi Province

Person: Pastor He Qicong, offering service to the needy in Christ's name.

Through CCC, the HIV/AIDs project is now training other churches to undertake community work similar to that undertaken for many years on the streets in Xi'an.

Thursday

Location: Nanjing, Amity HQ;

Person: Ling Chunxiang;

Information about Amity: A major theme of a recent ENAP (European Network of Amity Partners) was 'Poverty Alleviation in China'. Amity has received renewed government recognition for their work in this. FCC continues to support an Amity project with an environmental emphasis.

Hong Kong Prayer point: Frankie Lee & Will Newman ask for our continued prayers for St John's Cathedral HK. For example, Beijing is directing changes to the school curriculum, and as a governing authority, the cathedral is accountable for the compliance of all school staff.

