

## Pray for:

- ✿ Eastern Canada 6th grade gospel conference June 18-20.
- ✿ Final city approval for the purchase of the meeting hall for the church in Toronto.
- ✿ India: Raising up of a church in Kolkota (Calcutta); leading one's trainings in four cities July 24-25; the Lord's spread in Northeast India; blending of the churches in Andhra Pradesh State July 2-4.
- ✿ Italy: the raising up of churches in Rome, Florence, and other cities; for saints to be able to migrate to Italy.
- ✿ Saints migrating to Montreal: we still need a full-time player-coach to lead the campus team; various saints considering coming here to study, work, or serve full-time.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 32, *John 7:1 – 8:44*
- ✿ HWMR: Material Offerings and the Lord's Move Today, Week 2
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: The All-inclusive Christ, Chapter 5

## Announcements

- ✿ The deadlines for SSOT in Ancaster from August 8 – 13 is June 14<sup>th</sup> and the children's camp in Montreal from July 27 – 31 is June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Brother Simon Huang and Sister Rebecca Liu for the registration.
- ✿ Here is a list of books available online now. They are also available to download in French:  
<http://mass.ministrybooks.org/Download.aspx?LangID=1>
  - Basic Elements of the Christian Life, vol 1
  - Basic Elements of the Christian Life, vol 2
  - The All-inclusive Christ
  - The Economy of God
  - Basic Elements of the Christian Life, vol 3
  - The Knowledge of Life
  - The Glorious Church

- ✿ The next two tours of historic and Biblical sites in Israel, followed by times of blending with the local saints in meetings or conferences, will take place July 10-17 and October 21-31. These tours are each limited to 50 saints. Please see Jonathan C for further information if you are interested.
- ✿ Anyone who would like a Summer training Abstract (Chinese) or Min. Magazine (English/Spanish) which is the thick book with all the speaking written down, please sign your name up on the bulletin board. Pre-orders are needed. We will only order as many as are signed-up. Deadline to sign-up is June 20.

## Lord's Day Lunch Clean-up Schedule

June 13	✿ Chinese (East, Central)
20	✿ English
27	✿ French/Spanish/College
July 4	✿ Chinese (North, South, West)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ June 28 – July 3, Anaheim, CA: Summer Training
- ✿ July 23 -30 Franklin, NJ: Chinese Speaking Perfecting Training
- ✿ July 25 – 31, Male Ciche, Poland: YP Camp in Poland
- ✿ July 27 – 31, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Children's Camp
- ✿ Aug 2 – 7, BfC Bible Distribution in Montreal
- ✿ Aug 8 – 13, Ancaster, ON: Eastern Canada's Summer School of Truth
- ✿ Aug 14 – 28, Meeting hall: Video Training
- ✿ Aug 16 – 22, NYC, NY: New York Summer School of Truth.

## This Week's Activities

<b>JUNE 13</b> Lord's Day	✿ 10:00am to 12:15pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
<b>14</b> Monday	✿
<b>15</b> Tuesday	✿ Prayer meeting by district in various homes

<b>16</b> Wednesday	✿	
<b>17</b> Thursday	✿	7pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's: College Meeting
<b>18</b> Friday	✿	10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting
	✿	Evening: Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>19</b> Saturday	✿	6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting

## CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

### II. COMMON MISTAKES

#### C. Fear of Men

Some people dare not confess because they are afraid of men. Many people can honestly say that they have no other reservation in their heart; they are willing to stand up and confess, but when they see the faces of others, they become afraid. When they look at their parents' faces or their friends' faces, they feel too shy to speak up. This is where many people are stumbled; they are afraid of men and do not have any boldness to open their mouth. Some people are naturally timid; they are timid not only in confessing the Lord but also in other things. If you want them to tell others about their faith, you are asking them for their life. They simply dare not open their mouth.

However, this kind of person needs to hear what God has to say. Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare." If you are afraid when you see someone, you will fall into a "snare." As soon as you become afraid, you fall into a snare. Your fear becomes your snare. Whenever your heart is afraid of men, you are creating a snare for yourself. Once you are afraid, you fall into a snare. This snare is created by your own fear. Actually, the person you fear may be very willing to listen to you. Even if he is not inclined to listen, he may not be as fearsome as you think.

There is a story about two persons who were colleagues. One was a believer and the other was not. The one who believed was very timid; the one who did not believe was also very timid. The timid believer did not dare tell his colleague that he was saved. The one who did not believe was puzzled by the great changes that were happening to his colleague. His colleague

used to have a quick temper but had now changed. He dared not ask his colleague the reason. The two of them shared a table and sat face-to-face every day. One was too timid to speak, and the other was too timid to ask. Every day they just looked at each other. One was afraid to speak, and the other was afraid to ask. One day the believer could not hold back any longer. After praying about it, he went to the other one and shook his hand tightly and said, "I am a very timid person. For at least three months I have been struggling to tell you something. Now I am going to tell you. I have believed in Jesus." After saying these words, his face turned pale. The other one said, "I too have waited for three months. I wanted to ask why you have become so different, but I was too afraid to ask." The believer mustered enough courage to open his mouth. From that time on, the opportunity opened up, and he was able to bring his friend to the Lord.

Those who are fearful of men will fall into a snare. Please remember that while you are afraid of others, others may be afraid of you too. We must never have a fear of men. We who follow God should not fear men. If you have a fear of men, you cannot be a good Christian and you cannot serve God. A Christian must be bold to speak to his relatives and friends. He must be bold to confess the Lord both in private and in public. We must take this way from the beginning.

#### D. Being Shy

Some people are shy. They feel that it is a shameful thing to be a Christian. It is true that this kind of shame may exist when we face unbelievers. If you tell others that you are engaged in technical research, they will congratulate you for having a good future. If you say that you are studying a certain philosophy, others will also say that you are a thoughtful person. You are not ashamed to talk about doing many things. But if you say that you are a Christian, many will say that you are too simple-minded or not intellectual enough. They will not esteem you highly. You are not ashamed to talk about other things, but as soon as you confess your Christian faith, you feel ashamed within. It is unavoidable for a new believer to feel shameful when he opens his mouth to confess his faith. However, we must overcome this feeling. It is true that the world feels shameful about someone becoming a Christian, but we must overcome this feeling.

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