

Pray for:

- ✿ Turkey: An Iranian Christian student who is very open; the Lord gaining a testimony in North Cyprus; translation and proofreading of Turkish hymns and Rhema materials.
- ✿ Toronto Bible distribution and seminars at University of Toronto, York University and Ryerson University from September 9 to 30.
- ✿ Kitchener Area & Southwestern Ontario: Care of students at University of Waterloo; Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Guelph and University of Western Ontario (London); finding property for a meeting hall in Kitchener; raising up of a church in Guelph; recovery of the church life in London.
- ✿ The monthly Chinese speaking perfecting training to be held in Montreal on Saturdays
- ✿ That the Lord would raise the children in the church in Montreal to love the Lord and love the church life.
- ✿ Settling in of saints who have recently migrated to Montreal; for more saints to come here to work.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 45, Acts 21:01– 23:15
- ✿ HWMR: Being Saved in Life to Reign in Life for the Body Life, Week 2
- ✿ Truth Equipping Series – Ministry Literature Sets Reading Schedule: *The Glorious Church*, Chapter 2

Announcements

- ✿ Praise the Lord for the resumption of the testimony in Indianapolis and the first Lord's Table will take place on Sept. 19 at Holiday Inn North, Indianapolis. Hotel rate is \$89/night. Please register with John Chao.
- ✿ The Canadian Thanksgiving Conference for Eastern Canada will take place from Oct. 9 to 10 in Montreal for a total of four messages.
- ✿ All Canadian Serving Brothers' Fellowship will take place from Oct. 29 to 31 in Toronto.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving & Clean-up Schedule

Sep 12	✿ Serving: Chinese Central (A)
	✿ Cleaning: English
19	✿ Serving: Young Working

	✿ Cleaning: French / Spanish
26	✿ Serving: English
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (North, South, West)
Oct 03	✿ Serving: Chinese N.D.G.
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese (East, Central)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sep 17-19, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking Conference**
- ✿ Sep 24-26, Leysin, Switzerland: **French-speaking Conference in Switzerland**
- ✿ Oct 9-10, Montreal, Canada: **Eastern Canada Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✿ Oct 22-24, Baarlo, the Netherlands: **International European Conference**
- ✿ Oct 28-30, Southern Galilee, Israel: **Fall Conference** (There will be a **pre-conference tour** from Oct 23-28. It will cover both biblical and historical sites.)
- ✿ Nov 25-28, Columbus, Ohio: **International Thanksgiving Conference**

This Week's Activities

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| SEP 12
Lord's Day | ✿ 10am to 12:30 pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings |
| | ✿ 12:30pm to 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast |
| | ✿ 1:30pm to 2:30pm, Meeting hall: Service meeting for preparation for the Thanksgiving conference |

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Monday | |
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Tuesday | ✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes |
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Wednesday | ✿ 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Andrea's place: College meeting |
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Thursday | |
| 19
Friday | ✿ 10:00am, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking pursuing meeting |
| | ✿ Various home meetings (Chinese/ English / French) |
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Saturday | ✿ 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Meeting hall: Young people meeting |

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

II. COMMON MISTAKES

A. Replacing Confession with Good Behaviour

B. Being Afraid of Failing to Persevere to the End

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.

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