

## Pray for:

- ✿ Belleville conference for young adults, college and university saints, March 16-18.
- ✿ First Lord's table in Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland (March 18): strengthening of the testimony in these two churches; raising up of a vital church life according to the God-ordained way; that they might be the beachhead for the Lord's spread in Scotland.
- ✿ Canada: that the Lord would double the number of churches in the next ten years; that all the existing and new churches in Canada would be the genuine testimony of Jesus in their respective cities, representing the unique Body of Christ.
- ✿ Minority language saints: strengthening of the minority-language meetings and shepherding of contacts; healthy pregnancy and childbirth for Michelle and June; immigration status, schooling and jobs for various saints with economic needs; that the Lord take care of the saints' human needs for the sake of their church life.
- ✿ Meeting hall in Kitchener: Concerning finding a meeting hall, pray that the Lord would set aside the right property for the church and the financial need; that there will be one accord in the fellowship among the saints; that the Lord would vitalize all the large and small meetings of the church.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Matt 21:1 – 22:46
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Psalms vol. 2, Week 11

## Announcements

- ✿ A developer has offered to purchase the land behind the meeting hall (where we currently have the parking lot) to build condos. If there is one accord to sell this land, we could use the proceeds for the sale to completely renovate the meeting hall and build a new parking lot in front of the hall. On Lord's Day March 25 at 2 pm in the meeting hall, we will have a fellowship time to discuss this consideration with all the saints and seek the Lord's leading.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

March 11	✿ Serving: French, Spanish
11	✿ Cleaning: Non-central English, French
18	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: Central English, Spanish, College

25	✿ Serving: Chinese West
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One
	✿ Whole meeting hall cleaning

April 1	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ March 16-18, Belleville, ON: **Conference for College and Young Working Saints**
- ✿ LD March 25, 2 pm, Meeting hall: Fellowship concerning offer to purchase land behind meeting hall
- ✿ April 7 and 8, Meeting hall: Local Spring conference
- ✿ May 25 to May 28 in Bellevue, Washington: **International Memorial Day Conference**

More events are listed at the church website

## This Week's Activities

<b>MARCH 11</b>	✿ 10am – 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY 12</b>	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
<b>Monday 13</b>	✿ 8:30-10:30am, Meeting hall: Campus coordination meeting
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	✿ 8:30-10:30am, Dennis' home: Campus coordination meeting
	✿ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting
<b>Thursday 16</b>	✿ 7:00pm, Sisters House: College meeting
<b>Friday 17</b>	✿ 8:30-10:30am, Sidney's home: Campus coordination meeting
	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>Saturday 18</b>	✿ 3pm – 5pm, Meeting Hall: Chinese speaking PRSP
	✿ 3pm – 6pm, Young People Meeting

## Update on minority-language saints

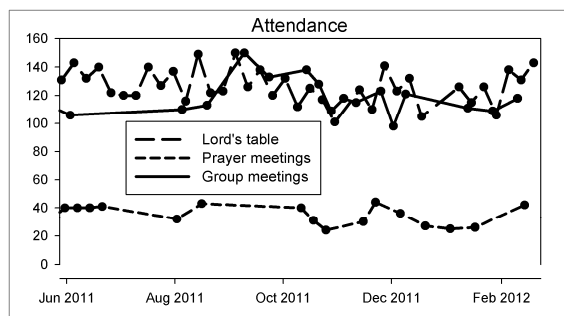
**Spanish-speaking:** We are trying to have more regular meetings, especially so that we can shepherd neighbours and other contacts. Martha's family is in the process of moving to Toronto; pray for their smooth transition to the church life in the GTA. Pray for Ivan in his job search, and also for the brother from London, Ontario.

**Filipino-speaking:** Michelle will be giving birth in early April. Pray for her immigration status so her husband can come and join her, and that she get a more permanent job. We have many contacts that we are trying to shepherd; we need to be faithful in sowing and have blending times with them.

**Korean-speaking:** Bosim is shepherding a neighbour and is trying to connect her with more saints, but language is a challenge. Also pray for Bosim and Zion's immigration situations.

**Russian-speaking:** Maxim and his wife are currently in school. The saints would like to have meetings together in Russian, but this is difficult as most of the saints are in school or working on weekends.

## Attendance Statistics



## Forgiveness and restoration

Scripture Reading: Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5

What should we do if a brother offends us? We all have to deal with this question. What should we do when it is not we who have offended others but others who have offended us? When we examine the above three portions of the Lord's Word, we find that we should not only forgive a brother who has offended us but we should also restore him. Let us first consider the matter of forgiveness.

### I. FORGIVING ONE'S BROTHER

#### A. Being Required to Forgive

Matthew 18:21-22 says, "Then Peter came and said to Him, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, Up to seven times, but, Up to seventy times seven."

Luke 17:3-4 says, "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if

he sins against you seven times in a day and turns again to you seven times, saying, I repent, you shall forgive him."

The verses in Matthew say that we should forgive a brother seventy times seven times, not just seven times. The verses in Luke say that we have to forgive a brother who sins against us seven times a day, repents, and turns to us seven times. Whether or not his repentance is genuine, we must forgive him as long as he repents. Whether or not he is genuine is not our responsibility. We have to forgive him.

Seven times is not too much, but seven times within one day is not that infrequent. Suppose the same person does the same thing to you seven times a day, and suppose he says that he has sinned against you seven times a day. Would you still believe that his confession is genuine? I am afraid that you would think that he was only confessing with his lips. This is why Luke 17:5 says, "The apostles said to the Lord, Increase our faith." They felt that this was a problem to them. It was unthinkable to them that a brother could offend someone seven times in a day and then turn around to repent seven times. They could not believe it, and they said, "Lord, increase our faith." But God's children should forgive even if they are called upon to do so seven times a day. When a brother sins against you, you should not hold it against him.

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