

Pray for:

- ✿ NT and literature distribution during the Olympic Games (May 19 to Sep. 9): Continued distribution during Paralympic Games; that the word of God might be sown and might grow in the hearts of the recipients; follow-up and shepherding of those desiring further contact (60,000 Bibles distributed; 60% desire more contact).
- ✿ Croatia: That a burdened middle-aged couple in Pula would take the way of the church with their contacts; shepherding and going on of hungry believers in Croatia; translation of more books into Croatian; free distribution and sale of books throughout the country.
- ✿ Israel: Shepherding of Arabic-speaking contacts in Galilee; shepherding of Hebrew-speaking believers in Tel Aviv and Haifa.
- ✿ Ottawa: Establishing the saints in the apostles' teaching; raising up of a vital group church life; increased blending and regular visits by saints from Montreal; gaining of contacts in Gatineau.
- ✿ That the children and young people might live vital Christian lives according to their maturity in life during the new school year; that they would be burdened to testify of Christ by their living and by their words to their schoolmates.
- ✿ 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: Luke 8:1-9:36
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization Study of the Book of Psalms, vol. 4, week 20

Announcements

- ✿ Saints who are open to serve in the children's service, please contact one of the following saints: brother Chew, sister Phaik Keen, sister Liza, brother Jonathan Chong, sister Laura, and sister Phoebe.
- ✿ This year's International Thanksgiving Conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from Thursday, November 22 through Lord's Day, November 25, 2012.
- ✿ There will be a conference in Israel from November 15-17. There is also a tour of Israel from November 8-15, with the option of a tour to Jordan from November 18-20. Registration deadline for accommodations at the conference is October 15. See www.jitravelinIsrael.com for tour information.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

26	✿ Serving: South Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: English
Sept 2	✿ Serving: English B
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One
	✿ Whole Hall Cleaning
9	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
	✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish
16	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Aug. 18-28, Montreal: **Chinese video training**
- ✿ Aug.26, Ste-Adèle: **BBQ with college and university students**
- ✿ Aug. 26-28, Ste-Adèle: **College and university students' retreat**
- ✿ Sep 22-23, Bussigny, Switzerland: **International French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Oct 4-6, Yokohama, Japan: **International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones**
- ✿ Oct 26-28, St. John, Antigua: **English-speaking conference** with French translation
- ✿ Nov. 9-11, Toronto, Canada: **All Canada brothers' fellowship**
- ✿ Nov. 15-17, Karei Deshe, Israel: **Fall conference**
- ✿ Nov .22-25, Oklahoma City: **International Thanksgiving conference**

More events are listed on the church website

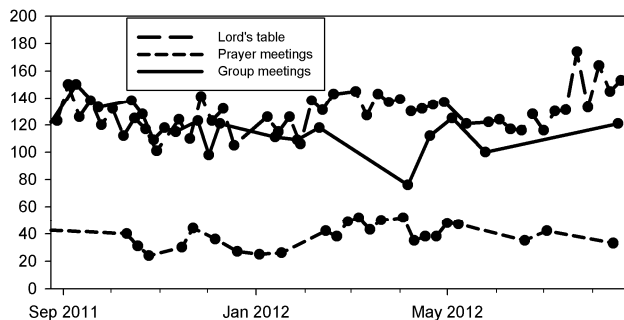
This Week's Activities

AUGUST 26	✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
	✿ 2pm, Meeting hall: Chinese video training
	✿ 3 pm, Ste-Adèle: BBQ with college and university students
27 Monday	✿ Ste-Adèle: College and university students' retreat
28 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
	✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Chinese video training
	✿ Ste-Adèle: College and university

students' retreat

29 Wednesday	☼ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting
30 Thursday	☼
31 Friday	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
SEPTEMBER 1 Saturday	☼
2 LORD'S DAY	☼ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table ☼ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



Our Life

Scripture Reading: Col. 3:4; Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20

II. For to me, to live is Christ

There are many Christians who have greatly misunderstood Philippians 1:21. When Paul said, "For to me, to live is Christ," he was stating a fact. They think for to me, to live is Christ is a goal or a hope. But Paul did not say that his goal was to live Christ. Paul was saying, "I live because I have Christ; I cannot live without Him." This was a fact in him, not a goal he was seeking. It was the secret to his living, not the hope he was cherishing. His living was Christ. For him to live was for Christ to live.

Galatians 2:20 is a very familiar verse to many Christians. But many misunderstand it more than they misunderstand Philippians 1:21. They have made Galatians 2:20 their goal, praying with aspiration and hoping they will reach the state when "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." Each time this verse is read, they are full of aspiration. Many people

pray, fast, and hope that one day they will be crucified with Christ and reach the state when "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20 has become their goal and their hope.

According to our experience, no one with such a hope ever reaches his goal. If you make it your goal and hope to attain such a state, if you aspire to be crucified, that is, to no longer be the one who lives but instead to have Christ living in you, you will wait forever before seeing your aspiration fulfilled, because you are hoping for something that is impossible to achieve.

God has given us a wonderful gift of grace. There is a way. Those who fail can overcome; those who are unclean can be clean; those who are worldly can be holy; those who are earthly can be heavenly; and those who are carnal can be spiritual. This is not a goal, but a way. This way lies in the life of substitution. Just as we found a vicarious death in the Lord's grace, we also can find a vicarious living in Him. On the cross the Lord bore our sins. Through His death we were spared death. Our sins were forgiven, and we were spared judgment. Similarly, Paul tells us that we are spared of our living through the Lord living in us. The implication is simple: Since He lives in us, we no longer need to live. Just as He died once for us on the cross, today He is living for us and in us. Paul did not say, "I hope that I will not live. I hope that I will allow Him to live." Instead, he was saying, "I no longer live anymore. He is the One who is living." "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." This is the secret to victory. This is the way to be victorious.

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