

Pray for:

- ✿ The raising up of the Lord's testimony in major cities in Europe, including Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Sofia, Bulgaria; Thessaloniki, Greece; Zagreb, Croatia; Belgrade, Serbia; and Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Munich, Germany.
- ✿ The co-workers throughout the world and their faithful labour in the Lord's recovery; their families, health, travel, human living, and the Lord's all inclusive shepherding of them.
- ✿ Quebec: Continued shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Granby and Trois-Rivières; raising up of churches in these and other cities in the Lord's time and in the Lord's way.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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 up 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: Luke 11:14-12:48
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization Study of the Book of Psalms, vol. 4, week 24

Announcements

- ✿ There is a BFC data entry time today starting from 2pm. Anyone who has a burden to help with data entry is welcome to attend. Please bring your laptops.
- ✿ This Thursday, September 27 there will be a service meeting for Chinese-speaking saints at 7:30 pm in the meeting hall.
- ✿ Registration for the Winter Semi-Annual Training is now open. Please sign up with Esther before the deadline of October 21, 2012.
- ✿ Pre-order the 2013 Chinese Gospel Calendar today. Please sign-up on the sheet in the book room. The deadline for pre-ordering is October 28, 2012.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

23	✿ Serving: English (A)
	✿ Cleaning: English
30	✿ Serving: N.D.G
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One
OCT	✿ Serving: French/Spanish
7	✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish
14	✿ Serving: East Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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**

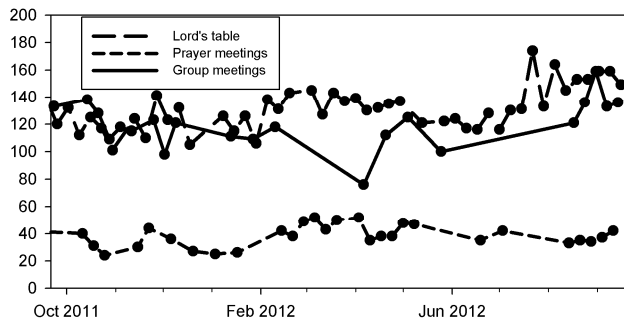
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

SEPTEMBER	✿ 10am-12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30-1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
24	✿
Monday	
25	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
Tuesday	
26	✿ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting
Wednesday	
27	✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Chinese-speaking service meeting
Thursday	
28	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
SEPTEMBER	✿
29	
Saturday	

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Attendance Statistics



Our Life

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

III. I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST (continued)

You have to believe in this truth. Your eyes need to be open to see that your sins were upon Christ and your person was also upon Christ. Your sins were on the cross, and your person was also on the cross. Your sins were taken away, and your person was also crucified. All this has been accomplished by Christ. Many people fail because they keep looking at themselves. Those who have faith should look at the cross and see what Christ has accomplished. God placed me in Christ. When Christ died, I also died!

But why is this "person" still living today? Since you have been crucified, why are you still living? To solve this problem you must believe and exercise your will to identify yourself with God. If you are looking at your own "self" every day, hoping that it will improve, this self will become more alive; it will not die by itself. What is death? When a person is so weak that he cannot be weakened any further, he has died. Many people do not admit their own weakness. They are still demanding so much from themselves. This means that they are not yet dead.

Romans 6 says that God has crucified us with Christ. But Romans 7 tells us of one person who is still trying to will. Even though God has crucified him, he still wills to do good. He cannot die, yet he cannot do good either. If he would say, "Lord, I cannot make it, and I do not believe I will make it. I cannot do good, and I will not will to do good," everything would be fine. But Romans 7 tells us that man is not willing to die. God has already crucified our old man, but we are unwilling to die; we still exercise our will to do good. Today many Christians are still trying when they know very well that

they cannot make it. Nothing can be done about these Christians. Suppose there is a person who cannot be patient. What can he do? He may try his best to be patient by himself. Whenever he prays he asks for patience. Even while he is working he thinks about patience. But the more he tries to be patient, the less patient he becomes. Instead of trying to be patient, he should say, "Lord, You have already crucified this impatient person. I am impatient. I do not want to be patient and do not intend to be patient." This is the way to victory.

The Lord has crucified you. You should say simply, "Amen." He has crucified you, and it is futile for you to try to be patient by yourself. God knows you cannot make it. This is why He crucified you. Even though you still try to be patient, God considers you hopeless. He has even crucified you. It is a great mistake to think you can make it. It is also a great mistake to try to live the Christian life. God already knows that you cannot make it; the only way He has for you is crucifixion. Even though you think that you can make it, God says that you cannot make it and that you should die. How foolish it is to still make resolutions and to struggle! God knows that you cannot make it, and it would be well with you if you agreed with Him. God knows that you deserve to die. If you would say, "Amen, I will die," everything would be well. The cross is God's assessment of us. In God's view we cannot make it. If we could make it, God would not have crucified us. He knows that the only way for us is death. This is why He crucified us. If we saw things the same way God sees them, everything would be settled. Brothers and sisters, God must bring us to the point where we accept His verdict.

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