

## Pray for:

- ✳ Video training (Dec 25-Jan 6).
- ✳ The raising up of the next generation of saints to overcome sin, the world, the flesh, and the self and to be constituted with the divine life and the divine truth, so that the move of God may continue on the earth for the accomplishment of His divine economy.
- ✳ Bible distribution in Hamilton, ON (January 2013): the Lord would strengthen the church life in Hamilton; new ones would be added to the church life.
- ✳ The saints in Montreal would have a burden to make passing out Bibles to their friends or in the metro and gaining of local people as part of their daily living.
- ✳ Campus club at McGill: Pray that the Lord would open the door for a club at McGill University to effectively reach the students.
- ✳ 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: John 2:23-4:54
- ✳ HWMR: The Genuine Oneness of the Body, the Proper One Accord in the Church, and the Direction of the Lord's Move Today, week 1

## Announcements

- ✳ There will be a book sale today. Most books will be at a 25% discount.
  - The bookroom is looking for Chinese speaking saints to serve. If you are available, please see any book room serving one.
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  - The bookroom needs the help of young people with its inventory on January 5th and 6th. Please let the YP serving ones know if you are available to serve.
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- ✳ The video training will be from December 25th to January 6th. Please sign up in the bookroom if you would like to participate even if only for part of the time.

## Week 2

- Tuesday, Jan 1: 2 messages with prayer meeting
- Saturday, Jan 5: 2 messages
- Lord's Day, Jan 6: 2 messages

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

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**30** ✳ Serving: West Chinese  
✳ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

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**JAN 6** ✳ Serving: North District  
✳ Cleaning: Non-Chinese

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**13** ✳ Serving: French/Spanish  
✳ Whole Hall Cleaning

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**20** ✳ Serving: English (B)  
✳ Cleaning: Chinese District One  
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## Upcoming Events

- ✳ Dec. 25- Jan.6, Montreal: **Video Training**
- ✳ Date TBA, Anaheim, CA : **Chinese speaking conference**

*More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

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**30** ✳ 10–11am, Meeting hall: Lord's table  
**LORD'S DAY** ✳ 11am-12:30pm, Video training, msg 5  
✳ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast  
✳ 1:45-3:45pm, Video training, msg 6

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**31** ✳  
**Monday**

**JAN 1** ✳ 4-6pm, Meeting hall, Video training, msg 7  
**Tuesday** ✳ 6-7pm, Dinner (Please bring a sac dinner)  
✳ 7:00-7:30pm, Combined English and French prayer meeting at the meeting hall, Chinese by districts  
✳ 7:30-9:30pm, Meeting hall, Video training, msg 8

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**2** ✳  
**Wednesday**

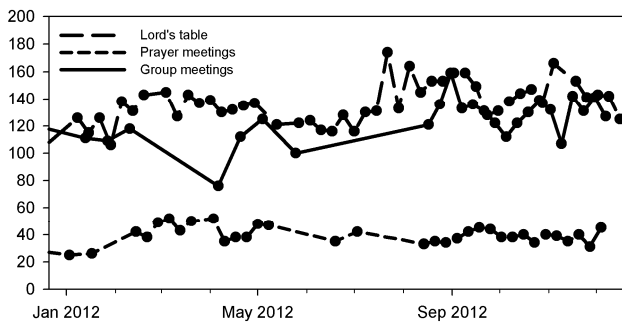
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**Thursday**

**4** ✳ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)  
**Friday**

**5** ✳ 4-6pm, Meeting hall, Video training, msg 9  
**Saturday** • 6-7pm, Dinner (Please bring a sac)

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	☼ 7-9pm, Meeting hall, Video training, msg 10
<b>6</b>	☼ 10-11am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	☼ 11am-12:30pm, Video training, msg 11
	☼ 12:30-1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
	☼ 1:45-3:45pm, Video training, msg 12

## Attendance Statistics



## Governmental Forgiveness

### II. ETERNAL FORGIVENESS(cont.)

In preaching the gospel, we often find sinners who are awakened to their sin by our word. We bring them to the Lord, and they confess that they are sinners. They pray for forgiveness with weeping and tears of repentance, and they receive the Lord Jesus with a sincere heart. But they do not know the meaning of forgiveness because they are heathens. At such times, it is good for a representative of the church to stand up and say to them, "God has forgiven you of your sins!" This will save them much suffering and anxious searching. If a person has truly believed, you may say to him, "You have accepted the Lord today. You can thank Him because He has forgiven you of your sins!" If the church cannot forgive or retain men's sins, it has no way to decide who may be baptized. Why do you accept one candidate for baptism while refusing another? Why do you receive some for the bread-breaking meeting while refusing others? This is an exercise of the authority that the church has received from the Lord. It proclaims who is saved and who is not, and whose sins are forgiven and whose are retained. Such declarations must not be made in a light way. Those whose sins are forgiven are forgiven, while those whose sins are retained have their sins retained. Such a

statement must be made under the authority of the Holy Spirit. John 20:22 says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Verse 23 continues, "Whosoever sins you forgive, they are forgiven them; and whoseever sins you retain, they are retained." Only when the church has received the Holy Spirit and is under the authority of the Holy Spirit can it act as an instrument to God. Only after the Lord has made a man an instrument can he proclaim to a sinner, "You are forgiven of your sins!" or to another sinner, "Your sins are not forgiven!" This is the second kind of forgiveness described in the Bible. In this forgiveness, God does not forgive directly; He does it through the church. Eternal forgiveness is God's direct forgiveness of men. Instrumental forgiveness is God's proclamation of forgiveness through man.

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