

Pray for:

- ✿ South Africa: The beginning of the FTT in Pretoria as of March 2013; the Lord's calling of the first set of 12 to 15 trainees for the first term; a new beginning in perfecting young people for the Lord's move in Africa; renovation of the church's meeting hall to meet the practical needs of the training centre.
- ✿ Europe: That the Lord continue to bless the FTTA Boston Extension and prepare more young ones to migrate to Europe; that the necessary finances would be available for the graduates to serve in Europe.
- ✿ Ontario: Bible distribution in Hamilton and St. Catherines, Jan. 25 to Feb. 11.
- ✿ Prayer ministry of the church: that the Lord perfect us all to be men of prayer at every opportunity throughout the week, cooperating with Him to pray for His will on the earth.
- ✿ Campus club at McGill: That the Lord would establish a club at McGill University as a tool for building up His testimony on that campus.
- ✿ 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 5:1-6:71
- ✿ HWMR: The Genuine Oneness of the Body, the Proper One Accord in the Church, and the Direction of the Lord's Move Today, week 3

Announcements

- ✿ The 2013 International Chinese-speaking Conference will be held from Friday, February 15- Lord's Day, February 17 in Anaheim, CA. All saints are invited to participate in this gathering. Please see brother A. Chen to register.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

13	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: English and College
20	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Whole Hall Cleaning
27	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: French and Young People
3	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1

Upcoming Events

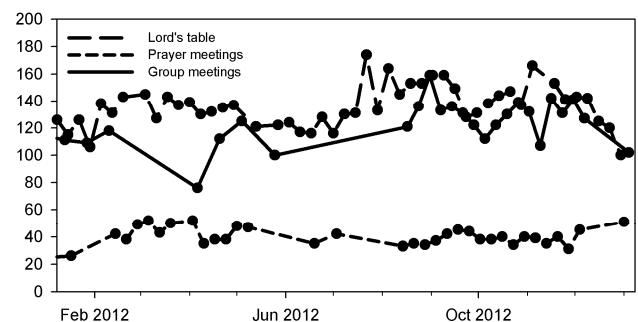
- ✿ February 15-17, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese speaking conference**
- ✿ March 15-17, Belleville, ON: **Working & College Saints Conference**
- ✿ March 22-24, Toronto meeting hall: **Parents & Serving Ones Conference**
- ✿ April 12-14, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

6 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
7 Monday	✿
8 Tuesday	✿ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts
9 Wednesday	✿
10 Thursday	
11 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
12 Saturday	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBA, Young people's meeting
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Attendance Statistics



Governmental Forgiveness

III. FORGIVENESS IN FELLOWSHIP

C. How to Restore Our Fellowship with God

A child of God does not lose his status as a child after he has sinned. However, he may lose his fellowship with God through his sin. There is a forgiveness, however, which we call forgiveness in fellowship. We call it forgiveness in fellowship because only when one turns back to God and confesses his sins can his fellowship with God be restored. Otherwise, he has no way to fellowship with God. He may not even be able to pray to God or say amen when others pray. He will suffer very much within himself.

What should one do? Take the earlier example of the little girl who stole from her mother. She must go to her mother and say, "I have stolen the biscuits you have prepared. I have eaten the fruit you placed on the table. I should not have done this." She has to stand on the ground of her mother and acknowledge her sin as sin. She must give sin the proper name. She must say, "Please forgive my sins!" In the same way, we must come to God and say, "I have sinned. I have sinned against You in this matter. Please forgive me!" If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Such a forgiveness has nothing to do with eternal forgiveness. It has to do with our fellowship with God. This is why we call it forgiveness in fellowship.

IV. GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS

There is another kind of forgiveness in the Bible which we call governmental forgiveness. We can understand this kind of forgiveness from the following verses: Matthew 6:14-15; 9:2, 5-6; 18:21-35; James 5:15. We call the forgiveness that is spoken of in all these verses governmental forgiveness.

Let me once again use the illustration of the little girl. Before such an incident as described above occurred, her mother would have left the doors of the rooms in the house open whenever she left the house. She would have left the door to the kitchen open and the kitchen cabinet doors unlocked. Even though there may have been considerable food in the cabinets, she would have left the door open. On that particular day, when she comes back to the house, she may discover that her daughter has stolen food from the cabinets. Since the mother has found out, the daughter has no choice but to confess her sins and ask for forgiveness. The mother forgives her and kisses her. She says, "I forgive you," and the matter is over with and the fellowship restored. But from that time on, she begins to lock the doors whenever she leaves the house. She has changed her way! Fellowship is one thing, while government is another thing.

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