

Please pray:

- ✿ Montreal serving brothers' fellowship Saturday April 6 in Ste-Adèle: oneness and one accord among all the serving brothers; a fresh consecration for the Lord to work Himself into each brother; a renewed burden to practice the God-ordained way for gaining new ones, shepherding existing and new saints, for pursuing the truth, and for building up the church.
- ✿ Young people's retreat April 5-7 in Markham, ON: that our young people may know the divine life; that our young people in eastern Canada grow properly in the church life and be properly established in truth and in life; for the proper coordination among the serving saints.
- ✿ Polish NT Recovery Version translation project: intensive course on NT Greek for two brothers in Poland; beginning of translation work in June, for a multi-year project; the Lord's provision of all necessary resources, including finances; one accord and the Lord's blessing among members of the translation team; the Lord's preparation of Polish-speaking people everywhere to receive His interpreted Word.
- ✿ Guelph, ON; raising up of a lampstand in the next few months; that the saints in Guelph be stirred up to pray desperately for the Lord's will and for His blessing; that the Lord gather those in the recovery and also gain many new ones for His testimony in Guelph.
- ✿ Halifax: Strengthening and building up of the church; preparation for summer BfC distribution; growth in life and growth in numbers; that saints might migrate to strengthen the church; that the church might be perfected to be a shining golden lampstand.
- ✿ 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: 1 Sam 20:1-30:31
- ✿ HWMR: The Unique Work in the Lord's Recovery, week 8

Announcements

- ✿ There will be the Annual General Meeting to be held at 12:00 PM today at the meeting hall after the prophesying meeting.
- ✿ Registration for the 2013 Summer Training is now open. Please sign up with Esther or Monica for the live training and on the bulletin board for the video training by **April 28, 2013**.

- The live training will be from July 1-6, 2013. The video training will be held from July 2-7, 2013 (2 messages per day).
- For the Chinese speaking, the dates of the video training will be July 27 (3 messages), 28 (2 messages), 30(1 message), Aug 3(3 messages), 4 (2 messages), and 6 (1 message).
- The suggested donation costs are \$150 for the live training, \$75 for the video training, and \$5 for the outline. Please indicate the language for your outline at the time of registration.
- Please seek the Lord's leading whether you should attend the live training or video training.
- ✿ The **International Memorial Day Conference** this year will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from Friday, May 24, 2013 through Monday, May 27, 2013. All saints are invited to participate in this gathering.
- ✿ The next "A Pattern of the Healthy Words" (96 Lessons) will be held on April 20 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM with three languages concurrently in the meeting hall.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

31	✿ Serving: English (B)
	✿ Cleaning: English and College
7	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1
APRIL	✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
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14	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1
21	✿ Serving: N.D.G.
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2

Upcoming Events

- ✿ April 5-7, Markham, ON: **Young people's retreat**
- ✿ April 6, Ste-Adèle, QC: **Serving brothers' fellowship**
- ✿ April 12-14, Anaheim, CA: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**
- ✿ April 20, Montreal meeting hall: **96 Lessons**
- ✿ May 18-19, Toronto, ON: **Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 24-27, Atlanta, Georgia: **International Memorial Day Conference**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

31	✿ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	

✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

**APRIL 1
Monday**

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Tuesday** ✿ 7:00–9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts

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Wednesday** ✿

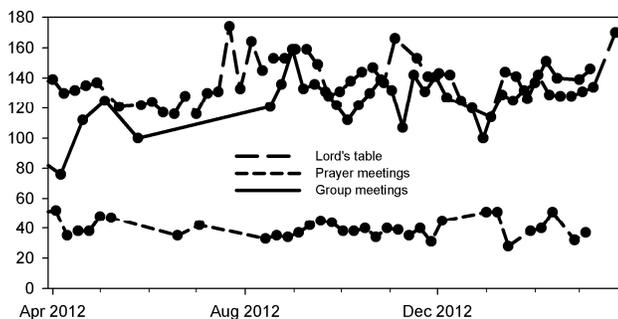
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Thursday**

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Friday** ✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
✿ Young people's retreat

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Saturday** ✿ Serving brothers' fellowship
✿ Young people's retreat

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LORD'S DAY** ✿ 10am–12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
✿ Young people's retreat

Attendance Statistics



The Discipline of God

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

I. The Proper Attitude of Those Under Discipline

A. Struggling against Sin, Having Not Yet Resisted unto Blood

Let us consider Hebrews 12:4-13, point by point. Verse 4 says, "You have not yet resisted unto blood, struggling against sin." In this verse the apostle said that the Hebrew believers had struggled against sin. But even though they had suffered much, gone through great trials, encountered various problems, and met with much persecution, they had not yet resisted unto blood. If we compare these sufferings with that of our Lord, they are quite light! Verse 2 tells us that the Lord

Jesus despised the shame and endured the suffering of the cross. What a believer goes through is far less severe than what the Lord went through! The Lord Jesus despised the shame and endured the suffering of the cross unto the shedding of blood. Although the Hebrew believers also suffered some shame and endured the cross, they had not yet resisted unto blood.

B. Finding the Reasons for Our Sufferings

What should a person expect after he becomes a Christian? We should never put a false hope before the brothers. We should show them that we will encounter many problems. However, God's purpose and meaning are behind all of them. We can expect many trials and tribulations, but what is the purpose and meaning behind all these trials and tribulations? Unless the Lord grants us the privilege of becoming martyrs, we will probably not have the chance to resist and struggle against sin "unto blood." But even though it is not a resistance unto blood, we are nevertheless resisting! Why do these things happen to us?

C. Not Fainting nor Regarding Lightly

Verses 5 and 6 say, "You have completely forgotten the exhortation which reasons with you as with sons, 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when reproved by Him; for whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.'"

The apostle quoted Proverbs in the Old Testament in this portion of the Word. He said that if the Lord disciplines us, we must not regard it lightly; and if the Lord reproves us, we must not faint. A believer should adopt these two attitudes. Some regard difficulties, sufferings, and God's discipline as insignificant matters. They do not think much of them and easily allow God's discipline to slip by. There are also some who faint when they go through the Lord's reproach and fall into His hand. As Christians they feel that they have suffered too much hardship in their environment and that it is too hard to live the Christian life. They expect their way to be smooth. Their thought is on entering the pearly gates and walking on a golden street wearing fine, white linen garments. It never occurred to them that Christians would experience all kinds of difficulties. They are not prepared to be Christians under such circumstances. They faint and waver at the difficulties along the way. Proverbs shows us that both of these attitudes are wrong.

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