

Please pray:

- ✿ Malta: gaining of contacts in this tiny European country with presently no testimony of the Lord's recovery; raising up of an eventual lampstand on this island.
- ✿ Uppsala, Sweden: the vital house-to-house church life in this new church; building up among the nine saints who have migrated there; gaining of many of the 40,000 Uppsala University students; opening up of job opportunities for a young couple from Singapore who plan to migrate there this year.
- ✿ Blending of all languages in the church: that all the saints might strive to be blent and built up with others, regardless of language; that the cross and resurrection life be applied to our languages and cultures in the church life; that we might grow to only identify ourselves by Christ, not by language or any other aspect of culture; that the Lord might gain a pure testimony of the one new man in Montreal.
- ✿ Quebec City: shepherding of the present contacts there; increase in visitation between Quebec and Montreal; the Lord's advance in His testimony in Quebec.
- ✿ 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 20:23 – Acts 1:26
- ✿ HWMR: Prayer and the Lord's Move, week 2

Announcements

- ✿ We will need volunteers to move the books on the pallets downstairs. Please see David Wu after lunch.
- ✿ There will be a Teachers Training on Saturday April 27 from 8:30am till 4pm with lunch break from 12-12:45pm.
- ✿ The new multilingual website of the church has been launched. The new addresses are:
 - English: <http://churchinmontreal.ca>
 - French: <http://egliseamontreal.ca>
 - Chinese: <http://ch.churchinmontreal.ca>
- In the following weeks, those serving on the website will present the website and its details to saints on the Lord's day. Please prayerfully examine the website to consider how the Lord could use it for His testimony. If you have any feedback or suggestions, or would like to join the service team, please e-mail webservant@churchinmontreal.ca.
- ✿ Registration for the 2013 Summer Training is only one week left. 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 English and French video training will be held from July 2-7, 2013 (2 messages per day).
- The Chinese 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.
- Please sign up for video training, even if you are planning to attend only part-time.
- ✿ 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 Saturday May 11 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

21	✿ Serving: N.D.G.
APRIL	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2
28	✿ Serving: English (A)
	✿ Cleaning: French and Young People
5	✿ Serving: French / Spanish
MAY	✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
12	✿ Serving: East Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1

Upcoming Events

- ✿ May 11, June 15, 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

21	✿ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
APRIL	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

☼ 2pm – 5pm, Meeting hall: 96 Lessons

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Monday

23 ☼ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese
Tuesday prayer meetings by districts

24 ☼
Wednesday

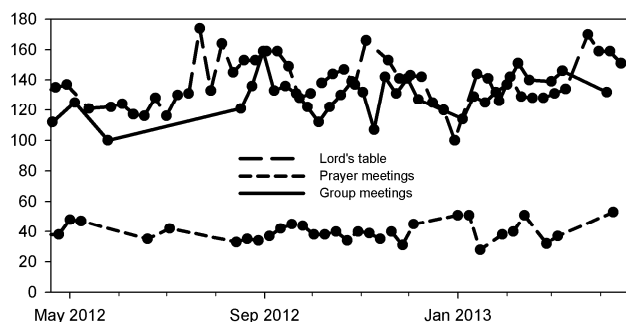
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Thursday

26 ☼ Various home meetings (English /
Friday French / Chinese)

27 ☼ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young
Saturday People's Meeting
☼ 8:30am-4pm, Location TBD: Teachers
training

28 ☼ 10am–12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's
LORD'S DAY table and prophesying meetings
☼ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love
feast

Attendance Statistics



The Discipline of God

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

II. WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES

B. Discipline Being the Father's Education (continued)

At the very beginning of his Christian life, a child of God must realize that God has prepared many lessons for him. He has made many provisions in the environment and has ordered many things, experiences, and sufferings for the purpose of producing a certain kind of character and disposition. This is what God is doing today. He wants to build up a certain kind of character in us, and He does it by ordering all kinds of circumstances to come our way.

The minute we become Christians, we have to realize that God's hand is guiding us in all things. The ordained circumstances will come, and the scourgings will come. As soon as we get off the right way, His scourges will be upon us and will goad us back to the way. Every child of God should be prepared to accept God's disciplinary hand. God disciplines us because we are sons. God does not waste His time on others. He has no time to discipline those who are not His beloved sons. God has no time to reprove those who are not yet accepted as sons. Scourging and discipline are expressions of God's love and acceptance. Only Christians can have a share in God's scourging and discipline.

C. Discipline Not Being a Punishment but a Glory

What we are receiving is discipline; it is not punishment. Punishment is for the retribution of one's mistakes, while discipline is for the purpose of education. Punishment comes because we have done something wrong; it responds to the past. Discipline is also related to our mistakes, but it is something for the future. Discipline bears an element of the future; it has a purpose. We have been called into the name of the Lord today; we belong to Him. Now we must be prepared to allow God to make us vessels of glory to Him. I can say with much confidence that God wants every one of His children to glorify Him in certain areas. Every child of God should glorify Him. However, each one does it in a different way. Some will glorify Him in one way, some in another way. We glorify God through different circumstances. As a consequence, God is glorified in a full way. Everyone has his own part and his own specialty. God wants to create a certain kind of character in us for the purpose of glorifying Him. No one is exempt from God's disciplinary hand. Such a hand works to accomplish the things of God. We have never seen a child of God who was exempt from His disciplinary hand.

D. Ignorance of Discipline Being a Great Loss

It is indeed a great loss if God's children do not understand His discipline. Many people live a foolish life in the eyes of God for many years. They have no way to go on. They do not know what the Lord wants to do in them. They walk according to their own will and wander in a wild, unrestrained, and aimless way through the wilderness. God does not operate this way. He is a God of purpose. He does things for the purpose of molding a specific character in us so that we may glorify His name. All discipline is for the purpose of bringing us on in this way.

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