

## Please pray:

- ✳ Chile: spiritual progress and meetings of university students in the south of Chile; that more saints, especially couples, be burdened for the students' care; that through these gatherings those students and young people who have left the church life may be recovered, saved, and brought back fully to the flock.
- ✳ Europe: that the leading brothers in all the churches might take the lead to experience life, grow in life, and minister life for the building up of the Body.
- ✳ Toronto: the spread of the kingdom gospel; visitation of Bible recipients and residents in the neighborhood of the meeting hall; gaining of 50 typical Canadians by the end of 2013 for the building up of the church.
- ✳ Kitchener: that the Lord would provide a proper and adequate space, either purchased or leased, for the corporate meetings of the church and for the Bibles for Canada inventory and book room; that the saints be brought into one accord concerning the meeting place; for adequate material offerings for this place.
- ✳ Lord's table meeting in Montreal: that we might become the worshippers whom the Father is seeking, who worship Him in spirit and truthfulness; that the Lord might truly lead us in our praising the Father each week; that saints might have a daily life of eating Christ and enjoying His redemption and salvation to overflow Him on the Lord's day; that each saint might offer a praise, prayer, thanksgiving or hymn each Lord's day.
- ✳ 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: 2 Sam 8:1 – 18:33
- ✳ HWMR: Prayer and the Lord's Move, week 3

## Announcements

- ✳ The Victoria Day Conference in the Toronto meeting hall will be held Saturday May 18 (Meeting 1 at 4 pm; Meeting 2 at 7 pm) and LD May 19 (Meeting 3 at 9 am; Meeting 4 at 2 pm after lunch). Please register with Chew, Dennis or Simon no later than May 10.
- ✳ The Grade 6 Conference will be held from June 21 to 23 in Markham. Please register with the serving ones.
- ✳ 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](mailto:webservant@churchinmontreal.ca).

- ✳ Registration for the 2013 Summer Training is **TODAY**. Please sign up with Esther or Monica for the live training and on the bulletin board for the video training.
  - 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 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

<b>28</b>	✳ Serving: English (A)
<b>APRIL</b>	✳ Cleaning: French and Young People
<b>5</b>	✳ Serving: French / Spanish
<b>MAY</b>	✳ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
<b>12</b>	✳ Serving: East Chinese
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese 1
<b>19</b>	✳ Serving: West Chinese
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese 2

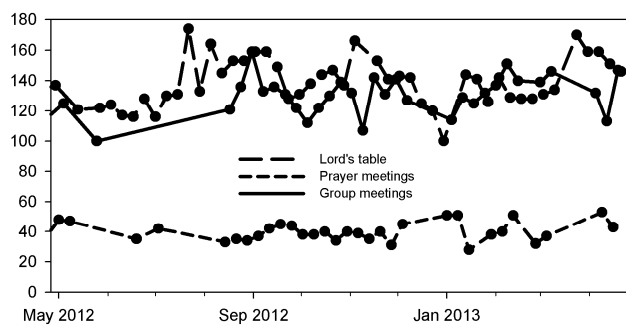
## Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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**
  - ✳ June 21-23, Markham, ON: **Grade 6 Conference**
  - ✳ July 1-6, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>28</b> <b>APRIL</b>	☼ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	☼ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
<b>29</b> <b>Monday</b>	
<b>30</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	☼ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>1</b> <b>MAY</b>	☼
<b>2</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>3</b> <b>Thursday</b>	
<b>4</b> <b>Friday</b>	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>5</b> <b>Saturday</b>	☼ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
<b>6</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	☼ 10am–12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meetings
	☼ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

## Attendance Statistics



## The Discipline of God

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:4-13

### III. ENDURING FOR GOD'S DISCIPLINE

The apostle quoted Proverbs when he wrote to the Hebrew believers. In verse 7 the apostle explains the quotation from Proverbs in verses 5 and 6, saying, "It is for discipline that you endure." This is the first New Testament explanation of the subject; it is a crucial word. Here the apostle shows us that endurance, suffering, and discipline are the same thing. God is disciplining us. The apostle shows us that this disciplining is the same as our endurance. It is for discipline that we endure.

### A. Suffering Being God's Discipline

Perhaps some will ask, "What is God's discipline? Why is He disciplining us?" Verses 2 through 4 speak of enduring the cross, despising the shame, and resisting sin, whereas verses 5 and 6 speak of discipline and scourging. What is the relation between these two things? What are the discipline and scourging in verses 5 and 6, and what are the shame, affliction, and resistance against sin in verses 2 through 4? Verse 7 is a conclusion of verses 2 through 6. It shows us that what we endure is God's discipline. Thus, suffering, shame, and affliction are God's discipline. Although our resistance against sin is not unto blood, the pain and tribulation are nevertheless part of God's discipline.

How does God discipline us? His discipline has to do with whatever He is bringing us through and whatever He is charging us to endure. Do not consider God's discipline as anything else. God's discipline is what we endure every day, things such as harsh words, an unkind face, a sharp tongue, an impolite retort, an unreasonable criticism, unexpected troubles, various kinds of shame, irresponsibility, infractions, and other more serious problems arising in the family. Sometimes it may be sickness, poverty, affliction, or difficulty. We encounter many things and endure many things. The apostle said that all these are God's discipline! It is for discipline that we endure.

### B. No Experience Coming to Us by Accident

The question today is: What kind of response do we have when others give us an ugly look? If their look is God's discipline, how should we react? If our business fails because others have forgotten to do something for us, how should we react? If the poor memory of another person is God's discipline to us, what should we do? If we become sick through another's infection, how should we deal with it? If things turn sour through various misfortunes, what do we say? If things do not go our way because God's discipline is behind them, what should we say? Brothers and sisters, the response to all these things makes a great difference in us! We can consider everything in our environment as being a mere encounter; this is one kind of attitude. We can also consider it to be God's discipline; this is another kind of attitude. The words of the apostle here are very clear. He says that it is for discipline that we endure. Please do not consider all these things to be unendurable. They are God's discipline. Do not conclude foolishly that they are mere coincidence. We must realize that God daily arranges these things and measures them for our discipline.

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