

Please pray:

- ✿ Memorial Day Conference, May 24 to 27 in Atlanta, USA.
- ✿ Kiev, Ukraine: continued construction of meeting hall as a centre for the work; the release of finances; completion of the structure by the end of the year; the Lord's use of this hall to strengthen His move in the Russian-speaking world.
- ✿ Bibles for America: success of subway ads in Boston as of Monday, May 13, potentially reaching over 400,000 people per day; that many would see the ads and order the New Testament Recovery Version; that the new two-book set of *The Normal Christian Life* by Watchman Nee and *The Economy of God* by Witness Lee might be ordered and read by many people throughout America.
- ✿ Church finances: that the Lord may use the present need to gain us absolutely for Himself; that we might gain the Lord in His providing our needs and overflowing in our giving to Him; that the Lord might meet the financial needs of everything He is leading us to do in the church, especially the current meeting hall renovations.
- ✿ 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: Acts 4:23 – 7:60
- ✿ HWMR: Prayer and the Lord's Move, week 6

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a children blending activity time in the parks during this summer. The dates are on Saturday June 8, July 13 and August 10. It will be from 11am - 3pm. The place will be announced later. This is an opportunity for the children and families to be blended together outside of the meeting hall.
 - ✿ 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.

- ✿ 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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

19	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 2
26	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: French and Young People
2 JUNE	✿ Serving: South Chinese ✿ Cleaning: English ✿ Whole Hall Cleaning
9	✿ Serving: South Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Chinese 1

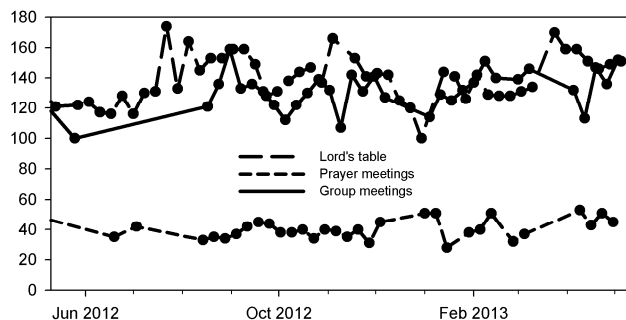
Upcoming Events

- ✿ May 24-27, Atlanta, Georgia: **International Memorial Day Conference**
 - ✿ June 8, July 13, August 10: **Children Blending Activity**
 - ✿ June 15, Montreal meeting hall: **96 Lessons**
 - ✿ 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

19 MAY	✿ 10am –12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
20 Monday	
21 Tuesday	✿ 7:00-9:00pm, English, French, Chinese prayer meetings by districts
22 Wednesday	✿
23 Thursday	
24 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
258 Saturday	✿ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
26 LORD'S DAY	✿ 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

IV. BEING SUBJECT TO THE DISCIPLINE OF THE FATHER OF SPIRITS

A. Being Subject to God in Two Matters

We must obey God in two matters: One is to obey God's commandments, and the other is to obey His discipline. On the one hand, we have to obey God's word, that is, His commandments. We have to obey all of God's ordinances written in the Bible. On the other hand, we must subject ourselves to God's arrangement in the environment. We must obey His discipline. Often, obedience to God's word is enough. But there are times when we have to subject ourselves to God's discipline as well. God has ordered many things in our environment, and we must gain profit and learn lessons from these things. This is the profit God has ordained for us. He wants to lead us to the straight path. We must learn to obey not only His commandments but also His discipline. Obedience to God's discipline may involve a price, but it puts us on the straight path.

Obedience is not an empty word. Quite a number of the brothers ask, "What should I obey?" The answer to this question is simple. We may think that we have nothing to obey, but when God disciplines us a little, we immediately think of ways of escape. It is strange that many people seem to have no commandment to obey! Please bear in mind that when God's hand of discipline is upon us, that is the very time we have to obey. Some may ask, "Why do you not call God's hand the hand of guidance? Why do you call it the hand of discipline? Why do you not say that God is guiding us all the way, rather than God is disciplining us?" God knows how terrible our

temper is, and we also know. There are many people to whom obedience will never come without proper discipline.

B. Learning Obedience through Discipline

We should know the kind of person we are in the eyes of God. We are rebellious and stubborn by nature. We are like naughty children who will not obey unless their father has a rod in his hand. Every one of us is the same. Some sons will never obey unless they are rebuked or scourged. They have to be spanked before they will pay attention. Please bear in mind that this is the kind of person we are! We pay attention only when we are spanked. If we are not spanked, we turn our face the other way. This is why discipline is absolutely necessary. We should know ourselves. We are not that simple. Even a spanking may not change us that much. The apostle showed us that chastisement is for the purpose of humbling us and making us obedient. He said, "Be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live." Submission and obedience are indispensable virtues. We must learn to obey God and say, "God, I am willing to subject myself to Your discipline! Whatever You do is right!"

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