

Please pray:

- ✿ Israel: that the Lord may continue to rain down with His blessing of bringing new ones in contact with the recovery; very seeking contacts in Haifa, Pikeen and Eilaboun that the Lord has sovereignly brought in contact with saints in the churches; translation of hymns into Arabic (they only have one thus far); young people's conference Sept. 15-17.
- ✿ FTT Caacupé, Paraguay: that more young people might attend short term from all parts of South America; that the gospel might run from FTTC for the benefit of all the saints and churches in South America.
- ✿ Ottawa: Establishing the saints in the apostles' teaching; raising up of a vital group church life; increased blending and regular visits by saints from Montreal; gaining of contacts in Gatineau.
- ✿ Renovations: that the Lord might use the renovations as an opportunity to blend the saints together as we serve in spirit; that many saints might offer their time and money to the Lord for these needs; that the Lord might make the meeting hall more appropriate for our practical needs.
- ✿ Montreal universities and colleges: that the students be burdened to grow in life and truth during the new school year; shepherding of the numerous new contacts from the past two weeks, and that some would become remaining fruit for the church; that many saints be burdened for the shepherding and gaining of students.
- ✿ 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: Rom 1:26 – 5:11
- ✿ HWMR: Recovery of Christ as everything in the church, week 4
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 19 – 21

Announcements

- ✿ As the new school year is beginning, all those serving the children (including parents and others interested in serving) should please come and attend a service meeting TODAY during lunch to fellowship about this year's children service.
- ✿ If anyone has a burden to serve in the bookroom or library, please talk to the saints in the bookroom. Thank you!

- ✿ Since September 1, there are now four service groups based on geographical location. the rotation sequence is East with YP, North, West, and South.
- ✿ The monthly 96 Lessons training will resume on Saturday September 21 from 2 to 5 pm.
- ✿ We encourage the saints to engage in life study reading beginning from Genesis Life Study, preparing for three semi-annual trainings counting from the past one. Each week, the saints are encouraged to read 3 messages.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

SEPT 8	✿ Serving: NDG ✿ Cleaning: East and YP
15	✿ Serving: South Chinese B ✿ Cleaning: North
22	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: West
29	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 2 ✿ Cleaning: South

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sept 14–15, Lausanne, Switzerland: **French-speaking conference**
- ✿ Sept 20–22, Paris, France: **Chinese-speaking conference**
- ✿ Sep 21, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons**
- ✿ Oct 25-27, Antigua, WI: **English-speaking conference with French translation.**
- ✿ Nov 28-Dec1, Schaumburg, Illinois: **International Thanksgiving Conference**

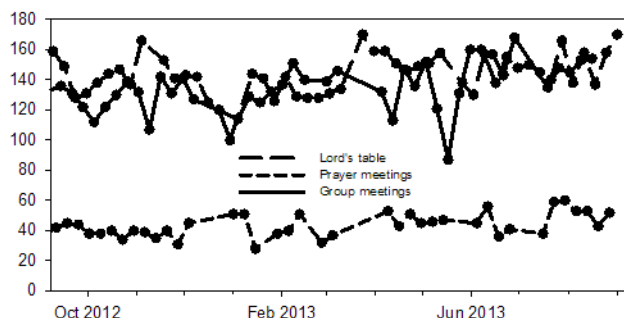
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

8	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Children's service meeting
9	✿
Monday	
10	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
11	✿
Wednesday	
12	✿
Thursday	
13	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	

14 Saturday	☼ 3:30-6pm, Location TBD: Young People's Meeting
15 LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



Withstanding the Devil

Scripture Reading: James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

I. SATAN'S WORK

B. Satan's Work on Man's Body (continued)

The complication lies in the fact that Satan does not want us to uncover and expose the illnesses he has inflicted. He always hides behind natural symptoms and makes us think that every sickness is the result of natural causes. If we allow him to hide behind these natural symptoms, our illness will not go away. Once we expose his work and rebuke him, the sickness will go away. One Christian had a very high fever and suffered greatly. He could not sleep and did not understand what was happening to him. Later, he was convinced that it was Satan's work. He prayed to the Lord about it, and the next day the fever went away.

When a Christian becomes sick, he should first find the cause for his illness. He should ask: Is there any proper reason for this sickness? Is this out of natural causes or is it an attack from Satan? If there is not a proper reason for the illness and you discover that it is indeed an attack from Satan, you should withstand him and reject him.

The work of Satan on man's body results not only in illness but also in death. Satan was a murderer from the beginning, in the same way that he was a liar from the beginning (John 8:44). We should withstand not only Satan's sickness but also his murdering. All thought of death is from Satan. Every notion of death as a means to escape from anything is from Satan. Satan made Job think of death. He did this not only to Job but also to every child of God. All notions of suicide, death wishes, and premature death are temptations

from Satan. He tempts man to sin, and he also tempts man to die. Even thoughts of danger during one's travels are Satan's attacks. We must reject these thoughts whenever they come and not allow them to remain in us

C. Satan's Work on Man's Conscience

Revelation 12:10 says, "The accuser of our brothers...who accuses them before our God day and night." This shows us that part of Satan's work is to accuse us. This work is carried out in man's conscience. As soon as a person is saved, his conscience is quickened, and he begins to know sin. Satan knows this. He knows that the Holy Spirit touches the conscience of God's children concerning sin. He knows that He guides them into confession and prayer for forgiveness before God. Consequently, Satan steps in to counterfeit the Holy Spirit's work. He accuses man in his conscience. Such an attack is found frequently among God's children, and it causes much havoc.

Many children of God cannot differentiate between the Holy Spirit's reproach and Satan's accusation. As a result, they are hesitant to withstand anything. This gives Satan further ground to exercise his accusations. Many children of God could have been very useful in the hands of God, but their conscience has been weakened to the uttermost by Satan's attack. They are bombarded constantly with the accusation and feeling that they have sinned in this and that matter. They are unable to stand up before God or before men. As a result, they become spiritually handicapped for the rest of their lives.

It is true that we should pay attention to the reproach of the Holy Spirit once we become Christians. However, we also need to withstand Satan's accusation. We need to pay attention to the difference between the Holy Spirit's reproach and Satan's accusation. Many so-called reproaches are counterfeits; they are, in fact, Satan's accusations.

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