

## Please pray:

- ✿ International Thanksgiving Conference, Schaumburg, Illinois, USA, November 28 to December 1.
- ✿ Philippines: In the wake of the typhoon with over 5,000 people killed, let us pray that the Lord would care for all the suffering ones, both within and outside the churches, and would turn this disaster into an opportunity for the spreading of the gospel of the kingdom.
- ✿ Bibles for Canada: that saints in the churches throughout Canada might eat and be constituted with the Bible, with the truths in the Recovery Version, and with the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee; that the saints might build up a habit of regularly distributing the free Bibles for Canada materials to friends, colleagues, family members, neighbours and strangers throughout Canada; that through the participation of each saint, the goal of 7,000 Bibles distributed by the end of 2013 might be met.
- ✿ France: that the Lord would gain more French students from the Sorbonne and Nanterre universities in Paris; that all the new ones would grow normally in the divine life and be added to the church for the building up of the Body; that some of the FTT London trainees from France would be sent by the Lord to serve in His work in France.
- ✿ 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: Neh 9:1 – Esth3:15
- ✿ HWMR: The Completing Ministry of Paul, Week 2
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 52 -54

## Announcements

- ✿ Lord's Move for Europe (LME) is coordinating donations to help saints and churches affected by the disastrous typhoon in the Philippines. In addition to praying, if the Lord leads you to give to care for these members of the Body, you can either: 1) give directly to LME online, by mail or bank transfer, following instructions on their website at <http://www.lordsmove.org/offerings.html> (donations should be designated for "Philippines Relief"); 2) give to the church, and the church will forward the gifts to LME.
- ✿ Bibles for Canada has a goal to distribute 7,000 Bibles this year. So far 5,000 have been distributed. That leaves

2,000 more by the end of December. Montreal has been asked to help by giving out 500 by the end of December. If each family could take 5 Bibles to give out, we could reach that goal. Please sign out the Bibles so we can keep track how many are going out. May the Lord bless all these Bibles!

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

<b>NOV 24</b>	✿ Serving: NDG
	✿ Cleaning: North
<b>DEC 1</b>	✿ Serving: South Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: West
<b>8</b>	✿ Serving: English A
	✿ Cleaning: South
<b>15</b>	✿ Serving: French / Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

## Upcoming Events

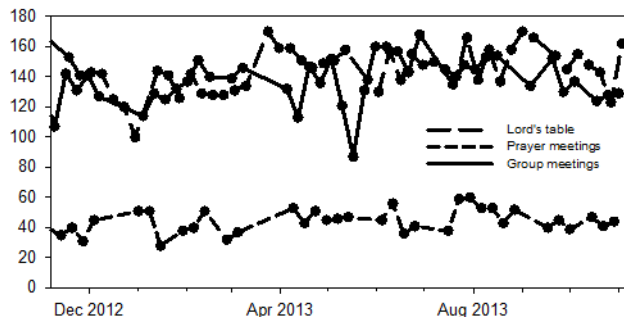
- ✿ Nov 28-Dec1, Schaumburg, Illinois: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
  - ✿ Dec 14, Meeting hall: **96 Lessons**, Series 3, Lessons 4 and 5 (E/F/C)
  - ✿ Dec 23-28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter live training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>24 NOVEMBER LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>25 Monday</b>	✿
<b>26 Tuesday</b>	✿ 2:30pm-3:30pm, McLennan Library 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, McGill: Bible Study*
	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>27 Wednesday</b>	✿ 2pm-3pm, Concordia Library 4 <sup>th</sup> floor, Concordia: Bible Study*
<b>28 Thursday</b>	✿ 11:30am-12:30pm, McLennan Library 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, McGill: Bible Study*
<b>29 Friday</b>	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>30 Saturday</b>	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
<b>1 DECEMBER LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

\* Since the room number may sometimes change, please contact Dennis or James if you would like to attend

## Attendance Statistics



## Withstanding the Devil

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

### II. WITHSTANDING SATAN BY FAITH

#### D. Believing That the Ascension of the Lord Is Far above the Power of Satan (continued)

Ephesians 6:11 and 13 say, "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil...and having done all, to stand." Chapter two shows us that we are seated together with the Lord in the heavenlies. Chapter six shows us that we need to stand firm. Chapter two says that we need to sit, while chapter six says that we need to stand. What does it mean to sit? To sit means to rest. It means that the Lord has overcome and that we can now rest in His victory. This is what it means to depend on the Lord's victory. What does it mean to stand? To stand means that spiritual warfare is not a matter of assault but of defense. To stand does not mean to attack; it means to defend. Because the Lord has overcome completely, we have no need to attack again. The victory of the cross is complete, and there is no further need to attack. Here we see two attitudes: One is to sit, and the other is to stand. To sit is to rest in the Lord's victory, while to stand is to withstand Satan and to stop him from taking away our victory.

Christian warfare is a matter of warding off defeat; it is not a matter of fighting for victory. We have already overcome. We fight from the position of victory, and we fight to maintain our victory. We are not fighting to win a victory. We fight from victory; victory is something that is in our hands. The warfare spoken of in Ephesians is the warfare of the overcomers. We do not become overcomers through fighting. We need to distinguish between these two things.

How does Satan tempt us? He causes us to forget our own position and our victory. He blinds our eyes to our own victory. If we give in to his tactics, we will feel that victory is far away and beyond our reach. We must remember that the victory of the Lord is complete. It is so complete that our whole life is included in this victory! Once we believe, we overcome. Satan is defeated and we have overcome in Christ. Satan wants to steal away the victory which we have gained. His work is to taunt us to secretly find out if we still have the faith. If we do not know that victory is already ours, we will fail. But if we know our victory, his work will fail.

Therefore, we counter the work of Satan with the work of the Lord Jesus. We withstand Satan through the Lord's manifestation, death, resurrection, and ascension. We are standing today upon the accomplished work of the Lord. We do not need to try to overcome in any way when Satan attacks us. Once we have the slightest thought of trying to overcome, we have failed, because our position is wrong. How great is the difference between a person who tries to overcome and one who withstands by knowing that he has already overcome. To withstand the devil means that we withstand him by the victory of Christ.

This matter indeed needs revelation. We need to see the manifestation of the Lord. We need to see His death, resurrection, and ascension. We need to know all these things.

As Christians we must learn to withstand the devil. We must say to Satan under all circumstances, "Get away from me!" May God be gracious to us so that we may all have such a faith. May we have faith toward the four things the Lord has accomplished for us, and may we exercise strong faith to withstand Satan and reject his work upon us.

*Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #21, Withstanding the Devil by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.*