

Please pray:

- ✿ Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: for the growth and strengthening of the church life after the reestablishment of the Lords table on December 1.
- ✿ Madrid, Spain: that the Lord would have a breakthrough in Madrid, with an increase in life and number to gain the vessels that He needs for a strong expression in the capital city of Spain.
- ✿ Visitation and care of Halifax, Ottawa, Quebec City: that saints in Montreal might be burdened to pray for and visit saints in these nearby cities; that genuine blending might occur through the cross and by the Spirit.
- ✿ Renovations: blending and building up of saints of different languages through the practical renovation labour; that the Lord would bless the work to make the meeting hall adequate for our growing needs; financial provision for the renovation needs.
- ✿ Philippines: that saints affected by the typhoon would be preserved and strengthened by the Lord; that the Philippine government operate efficiently to quickly deliver relief goods to the affected areas; the recovery of the electricity and communication systems; that the brothers quickly find out about each of the affected saints so that proper assistance can be granted; that the co-workers, elders and saints in Central Philippines would grasp the opportunity to preach the gospel in the mingled spirit.
- ✿ 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:
1 Cor 3:10 – 6:20
- ✿ HWMR: The Completing Ministry of Paul, Week 3
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 55 - 57

Announcements

- ✿ For those attending the live winter training, please remember to pay your \$150 to Monica. For the video training, please put a donation in the offering box.
- ✿ 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

DEC	✿ Serving: South Chinese
1	✿ Cleaning: West
8	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: South
15	✿ Serving: French / Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
22	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: East with YP

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

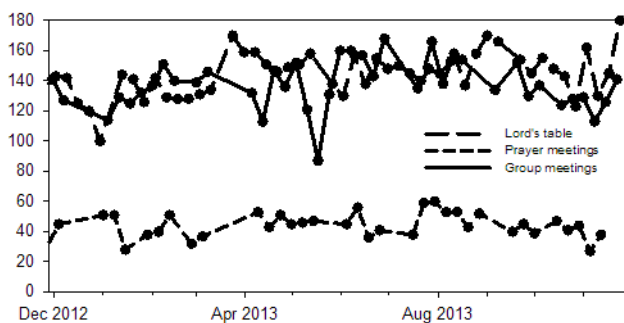
This Week's Activities

1	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
DECEMBER	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
2	✿
Monday	
3	✿ 2:30pm-3:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm, English, French and Chinese prayer meetings by districts
4	✿ 2pm-3pm, Concordia Library 4 th floor, Concordia: Bible Study*
Wednesday	
5	✿ 11:30am-12:30pm, McLennan Library 3 rd floor, McGill: Bible Study*
Thursday	
6	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
7	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	

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

Attendance Statistics



LOVING THE BROTHERS

Scripture Reading: John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

The Gospel of John was the last Gospel written, and the Epistles of John were the last Epistles written. Before the Gospel of John there are three Gospels, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, which cover many acts and teachings of the Lord Jesus. The Gospel of John shows us the highest and most spiritual things concerning the coming of the Son of God to earth. It tells us clearly what kind of people can receive eternal life. It repeatedly says that those who believe have eternal life. The Gospel of John is full of the matter of believing. A person receives eternal life when he believes. This is the subject and emphasis of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John pays special attention to things that the other Gospels do not cover. John 5:24 says, "Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life." In other words, those who hear and believe have passed out of death into life. Here the door of the gospel is very wide.

When we come to the Epistles, Paul, Peter, and the other apostles also explain faith in a very clear way. They show us that every believer can receive grace. Yet when we come to the final Epistles, the Epistles written by John, we find the emphasis shifting to other things. While the other Epistles pay much attention to a man's faith in God, John emphasizes one aspect of practical conduct before God. His Epistles speak of

love. The other Epistles say that those who believe are justified, forgiven, and cleansed. But John's Epistles say that a person's faith must be evidenced by his love.

If we ask someone, "How do you know that you have eternal life?" he may answer, "God's Word says so." But this is not quite enough. He may have spoken it out of his mental knowledge; he may not have truly believed in God's Word. Therefore, John shows us in his Epistles that if a man says that he has eternal life, he must prove it. If a man says that he is of God, others must witness some kind of manifestation or testimony in him.

A person may say, "I have believed; therefore, I have eternal life." He may say this based on his knowledge. He can make the process of believing and having eternal life a formula: First, one hears the gospel; second, he understands; third, he believes; and fourth, he knows that he has eternal life. But this kind of formulaic "salvation" is not trustworthy. The Bible tells us that at the time of Paul there were false brothers (2 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 2:4). False brothers are those who call themselves brothers but are not actually brothers. Some claim to be of God but are actually void of life. They make their way into the church through doctrines, knowledge, and certain regulations. How can we know whether or not a person's faith is genuine? How do we know whether a person's faith before God is living or merely a formula? What way is there to prove who is of God and who is not? The Epistles of John settle this problem. John gave us a way to differentiate between true brothers and false brothers, between those who are born of God and those who are not born of God. Let us look at John's way of discernment.

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