

Please pray:

- ✿ France: French-speaking young people's conference in Lyon, 28 February—2 March: for the gathering of the French-speaking young people and for the Lord's rich speaking to them and His shining in their hearts to gain them through the heavenly vision of His economy.
- ✿ Europe: the raising up of the Lord's testimony in major cities including Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Sofia, Bulgaria; Thessaloniki, Greece; Zagreb, Croatia; Belgrade, Serbia; Geneva, Switzerland; Barcelona and Bilbao, Spain; and Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Munich, Germany
- ✿ Brothers' retreat, March 16: the Lord's release of His burden concerning the direction of the church; perfecting, building up and knitting together of the brothers in love.
- ✿ Raising up of vital groups in the church in Montreal in all the languages; that all the saints would rise up to live vitally with vital companions for gospel preaching, shepherding, pursuing the truth, and prophesying to build the church.
- ✿ Renovations: kitchen renovation in January and February; renovating the downstairs stage area; fellowship and building up of saints through the labour of renovation; financial provision for the 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: 2 Cor 3:12 – 5:21
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Genesis (I), Week 7
- ✿ Life-Study of Genesis, Message 91 – 93

Announcements

- ✿ Because of renovations in the kitchen, the love feast on the Lord's Day will be canceled from January 19 until March 2. It will resume on March 9.
- ✿ All the saints who took out Bibles to distribute for Bibles for Canada, please indicate on the form near the bookroom if you have given them all out and bring in any forms you have received that are filled out. We had at least 300 Bibles signed out and would like to confirm what has been given out. Please feel free to continue to sign out the Bibles so we can reach our goal.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

FEB 23	✿ Love Feast Canceled
MAR 2	✿ Serving: English (C) ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
9	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: North
16	✿ Serving: Central Chinese 1 ✿ Cleaning: West

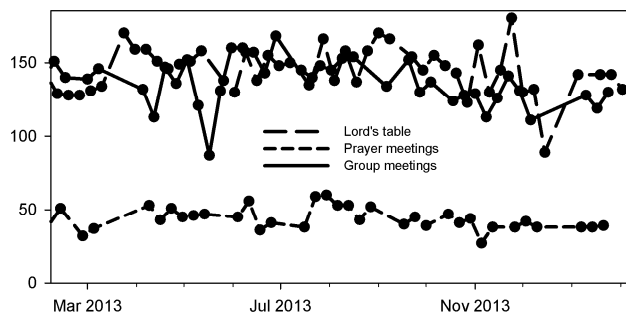
Upcoming Events

- ✿ Feb, 28 – Mar. 2, **Lyon, France: Conference for French-speaking Young People**
 - ✿ Mar. 22-23, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Teachers' Training**
 - ✿ Mar. 29-30, Toronto, ON: **East Canada Parents & Serving Ones Conf.**
 - ✿ Apr. 04-06, Anaheim, CA: **Spring Intl. Training for Elders & Resp. Ones**
 - ✿ Apr 11-13, Palgrave, ON: **East Canada Young People's Retreat**
 - ✿ Apr 19, 96 Lessons training
 - ✿ Apr 25-27, Wickliffe, Ohio, USA: **Regional Blending Conference in Cleveland**
 - ✿ Apr 26-27, Paris: **Conference in France**
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

FEBRUARY 23	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY 24	✿
Monday 25	✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday 26	✿
Wednesday 27	✿
Thursday 28	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
March 1	✿ 3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
Saturday	
MARCH 2	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:30pm: Whole meeting hall cleaning

Attendance Statistics



The Priesthood

II. THE KINGDOM OF PRIESTS BECOMING THE HOUSE OF PRIESTS

According to the revelation of the Scripture, God's purpose is not to have only one or two persons as His priests. His purpose is to have all His people as His priests.

A. God Choosing the Israelites to Be a Kingdom of Priests

After the Israelites came out of Egypt, they came to Mount Sinai. God charged Moses to speak to the Israelites, saying, "Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation" (Exo. 19:6). God told the Israelites that they would be a kingdom of priests. This expression is somewhat difficult to understand. Why did God say that they would be a kingdom of priests? He meant that He wanted the whole nation to be priests. No one in the nation would be an ordinary person; the whole kingdom would be priests. This was God's purpose.

When God chose Israel to be His people, He set this goal before them. This nation was to be different from all other nations on the earth. It was a kingdom of priests. All the people of this nation would be priests. This meant that every person in the nation would have one unique occupation, the occupation of serving God. God delights in separating men from the earth for His service. He delights in seeing men live solely for His affairs. God wants all of His children to be priests and to serve Him.

God told the people of Israel when they reached Mount Sinai that He would make them a kingdom of priests. This is a wonderful calling. We call England "the kingdom of the navy," the United States, "the kingdom of gold," China, "the kingdom of manners and virtues," and India "the kingdom of philosophers." But here is a kingdom which is called "the

kingdom of priests." This is a wonderful thing. Everyone in this nation is a priest. Men, women, adults, and children are all priests. Everyone in this kingdom serves only God. Both adults and children have only one thing as their occupation—offering sacrifices and serving God. This is a wonderful picture.

After God promised to establish Israel as a kingdom of priests, He told Moses to go up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments which were written upon two tablets of stone. Moses remained on the mountain forty days while God wrote the Ten Commandments on the stone tablets. The first commandment says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The second says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image" (20:3-4). It seems that God was dictating the commandments one by one.

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