

Please pray:

- ✿ French translation work: that the Lord might thrust out workers to labour in translating the French books; that many saints and churches around the world might pray and give financially for this labour; that many French-speakers around the world might be hungry for the New Testament ministry.
- ✿ Israel: for recently baptized young people and contacts, that their baptisms might be a living beginning of life in the Body of Christ; the Lord's blending and building up the churches for the advance of His recovery.
- ✿ Europe: the raising up of the Lord's testimony in major cities: Lisbon, Portugal; Krakow, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria; Sofia, Bulgaria; Thessaloniki, Greece; Zagreb, Croatia; Belgrade, Serbia; Geneva, Switzerland; Barcelona and Bilbao, Spain; Hamburg, Frankfurt, and Munich, Germany; and Tirana, Albania
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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: Psa 119:121 – 140:13
- ✿ HWMR: Entering into the Fourth Stage of the Experience of Life to Arrive at a Full-grown Man for the Fulfillment of God's Purpose, Week 8
- ✿ Life-Study of John, Message 1-3

Announcements

- ✿ This year's Summer School of Truth will be held from Lord's Day evening, August 17th through Friday, August 22nd at 3:00 p.m. held at Upper Canada Camp (UCC) one hour away from Toronto. The basic requirement for attendance is that the young person be regenerated and be in secondary school or CEGEP this coming September. For more information please pick up the letter to the parents.
- ✿ Because of the Tour la nuit and Tour de l'Île (annual bicycle festival), some streets will be closed the night of Friday May 30 and Lord's day morning June 1. Please keep informed to make sure you arrive at the meetings on time. For details on which streets will be closed and the detours available, please go to

<http://www.velo.qc.ca/en/govelo/Infocirculation-and-roads-closed-to-cars>.

- ✿ STM has a new policy that permits distribution of Christian literature in Metro stations without having to ask permission in advance. Praise the Lord! Specifically, we are permitted to distribute free literature inside the Metro stations as long as we do not block anyone's way, and we don't cross the turnstiles beyond which only paying passengers may go. (In particular, we are **not** permitted to distribute inside the trains.) May we seize this opportunity to offer Bibles to all Montrealers! We do not need to organize a large distribution: anyone, whether small groups of twos or threes or even individual saints, may freely distribute as the Lord leads them.
- ✿ For the churches in Eastern Canada, there will be a 2014 sixth grade gospel conference held at the north Markham meeting hall June 20-22. The purpose of the conference is to insure that all the grade six children in the churches have a good beginning as new believers through a genuine and solid salvation experience. For those parents with children who qualified please contact your children serving ones to obtain the forms and to register before June 1, 2014.
- ✿ The Full-Time Training in Anaheim needs to move from its current location on Ball Road to a new dedicated training centre to be built in the Ministry Conference Center on La Palma Avenue. The current facilities are now insufficient for the increasing number of trainees (well over 300 trainees); the new centre is necessary to meet the present and future growing needs. Living Stream Ministry can contribute \$2.5 million to this project, but there is a need of an additional \$5.5 million by August 2014 to complete this project. If the Lord leads you to participate in this grace, then please send a donation through the church designated for "FTTA Training Center."

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

May 25	✿ Serving: South Chinese ✿ Cleaning: West
June 1	✿ Serving: English C ✿ Cleaning: South
8	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: North
15	✿ Serving: Chinese Central ✿ Cleaning: East

Upcoming Events

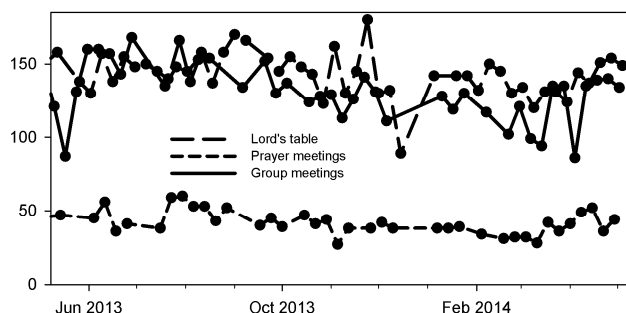
- ✿ June 13-15, St. George's, Grenada: **Annual conference**
- ✿ June 20-22, Markham: **Grade six conference**
- ✿ June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA: **2014 Summer live training**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

MAY	☼	10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
25		
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
26	☼	
Monday		
27	☼	7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
28	☼	
Wednesday		
29	☼	
Thursday		
30	☼	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
31	☼	3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
Saturday		
JUNE	☼	10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
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LORD'S DAY	☼	12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



The Priesthood

VIII. THE SERVICE OF THE PRIESTS

As soon as you become a Christian, you become a priest. If you want to be a Christian, you have to be a priest. Do not expect anyone to be a priest for you. You have to be a priest yourself. There is no intermediary class among us. No one will attend to spiritual affairs for us. No one will work for us. Among us we must not have another class of people called workers.

A. The Need for the Whole Church to Serve

If God is merciful to us, all the brothers and sisters will spontaneously be working, preaching the gospel, and serving the Lord together. The more universal the priesthood is, the more visible the church will be. Once the priesthood becomes non-universal, we have failed and our pathway has been corrupted.

B. God Honoring Us by Allowing Us to Serve Him

We are poor, weak, blind, and crippled. For the Lord to accept persons such as ourselves to be priests is an honor to us. In the Old Testament, such people could not be priests. All who were disabled, lame, or blemished could not be priests. However, today the base, the unclean, the blind, and the disabled have all been called by God to be priests! He is the Lord. I have said this before: We should gladly give ourselves to His service even if it means crawling to His feet to beg for service. We should be happy to kneel down to beg for this honor. I am happy to crawl on my knees and plead with the Lord, "Lord, I want to serve You. I gladly offer myself to Your service. You honor me by allowing me to come to You." To be a priest is to draw near to God. To be a priest is to have no distance between us and God; it is to be able to enter in directly and to wait for no one. To be a priest means that we can touch God ourselves.

C. God's Kingdom Realized When Everyone Serves

If one day all the brothers and sisters in all the churches rise up to serve, the kingdom of God will come among us. It will be a kingdom of priests; all the people will be priests. This is glorious. I look forward to the day when all idols are removed from among us. Before the Lord, we should pay whatever price it takes to achieve this. The Levites paid the price; they were faithful in setting aside their personal affection. Only such people can have a share in the priesthood.

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