

Please pray:

- ✿ Sixth-grade Conference, Markham, Ontario, June 20-22: that all the grade six children in the churches would have a good beginning as new believers through a genuine and solid salvation experience.
- ✿ China: that the false reports concerning the local churches, Watchman Nee and Witness Lee be neutralized and corrected; that the Lord sustain the Chinese saints being persecuted because of their testimony for the Lord's recovery; that the Lord use this opportunity to clarify many Chinese, save them, and gain them for the church life.
- ✿ India: that all the churches would pick up the burden to gain new contacts; that the churches would take care of the children, young people, college students and the young working saints in the church life; that the Lord would head up the political situation, preserve religious freedom and cover an open environment for the gospel and His move; for numerous propagations and trainings in June and July throughout India.
- ✿ Halifax: Strengthening and building up of the church; growth in life and growth in numbers; that saints might migrate to strengthen the church; that the church might be perfected to be a shining golden lampstand.
- ✿ Perfecting training July 11-13: that many saints might be stirred up to consecrate to give themselves to be trained at this time; for the practical services needed to carry out the training effectively.
- ✿ 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: Eph 4:11 – 5:33
- ✿ HWMR: The Mending Ministry of John, Week 2
- ✿ Life-Study of John, Message 10 - 12

Announcements

- ✿ The English and French video training will be held from July 1 to 6. Please sign up at the bookroom and reserve your outline (specify language) so we can order enough outlines in each language.
- ✿ The Chinese video training will be held from August 2 to 12:
 - Saturday (Aug 2 and 9): 3 messages
 - Lord's day (Aug 3 and 10): 2 messages
 - Tuesday (Aug 5 and 12): 1 message
- ✿ 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.

- ✿ 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

June 15	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: East
22	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 2 ✿ Cleaning: West
29	✿ Serving: NDG ✿ Cleaning: South
July 6	✿ Serving: /south Chinese B ✿ Cleaning: North

Upcoming Events

- ✿ June 20-22, Markham: **Grade six conference**
- ✿ June 30-July 5, Anaheim, CA: **2014 Summer live training**
- ✿ July 1-6, Meeting hall: **Video training** (English and French)
- ✿ July 11-13, Meeting hall: **Perfecting training**
- ✿ Aug 2-12, Meeting hall: **Video training** (Chinese)
- ✿ Aug 17 – 22, Upper Canada Camp: **Summer school of Truth**

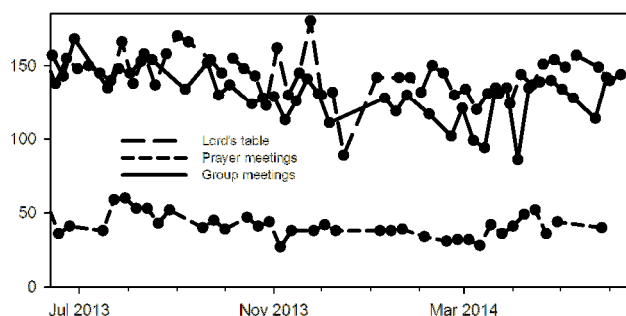
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

JUNE 15	✿ 10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY 16	✿ 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
Monday 17	✿
Tuesday 18	✿ 7:30-9pm, English / French / Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Wednesday	✿

19 Thursday	☼	
20 Friday	☼	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
21 Saturday	☼	3:30-6pm: Young People's Meeting
JUNE 22 LORD'S DAY	☼	10am – 12:30pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting 12:30pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



The Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:23; 4:11-13; 5:29-30; Gen. 2:21-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 12:12-30; Rom. 12:4-8

I. THE CHURCH BEING OF CHRIST (Continued)

Some may ask, "How could the Body of Christ be expressed on earth during Paul's time? From the time Paul was on earth until now, one thousand nine hundred years have passed. Every year countless numbers of people throughout the world are saved and added to the Body of Christ. Many more will be added in the coming days and years. How could the church at Paul's time be called the Body of Christ?" One brother in the last century gave a good answer. He said that the church is like a bird. When it first hatched, the feathers were not well developed. Yet we can say that it was a bird. When it becomes full grown, we still say that it is a bird. Feathers from elsewhere are not added to the bird; they grow from the bird itself. The growth and maturity of the bird are the result of the inward activities of the bird's life. This is how the church grows on earth today. Although Paul persecuted the church in its infancy, it was nevertheless the Body of Christ. From that time on until today, nothing has been added to it; it has only become more full grown.

Although the church on earth today is still very small in size, it is nevertheless perfect within. The growth of the church issues from within itself. It grows out of Christ. The church on earth today is the Body of Christ. Apparently, saved ones are

being added to the church. But as far as its spiritual reality is concerned, no one has ever joined the church. The Body of Christ grows by itself from within. It grows continually out of the Head. The church is simply the extension of the Body of Christ on earth. The church dwells on earth but comes out of the heavenly Head. At the same time, it is a Body in oneness with the Head.

We must be clear about what the church is in the eyes of God. The church is the Body of Christ. Therefore, anything smaller than the Body cannot be the basis for the formation of a church. We cannot establish a church based on doctrines, systems, or rituals. Neither can we establish a church based on the name of a founder or a place of origin. All these are smaller than the Body of Christ. If we want to start a church in a locality, we must learn to stand on the ground of the Body. We must welcome and accept all the members who have fellowship in the Body of Christ. Whoever is in the Body and of the Body is a brother or sister in the church. If we stand in the position of the Body of Christ, our number may be small, but we will still have a proper basis for forming the church. However, if we do not stand on the position of the Body of Christ, we will have no basis to form any church, even though our number may be very great.

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