

Please pray:

- ✿ Winter training in Anaheim (Dec 22-27) and video training in English and French (Dec 23-28).
- ✿ Ontario: that the Lord would establish and strengthen His testimony in Guelph, London, Mississauga, Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie; that the existing saints in the recovery in these cities might be strengthened to continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and in the New Testament ministry; that the Lord might stir many saints to migrate to these cities for His testimony.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Translation of French hymns: that many more hymns might be translated into French for the sake of a richer Lord's table meeting for all the languages in the church, and for an increased enjoyment of the riches in Christ through the hymns by the French-speaking saints.
- ✿ 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: Heb. 9:5-11:19
- ✿ HWMR: Aspects of the Christian Life and Church Life seen in the New Jerusalem, week 8

Announcements

- ✿ The sign-up sheet for the winter video training is on the bulletin board in the main hallway. To ensure that you will receive the outline of your language choice, please sign up as soon as possible.
- ✿ Since November 16, prophesying meetings end at 12:15 pm for the sake of the fellowship and services after the meetings.
- ✿ There is a burden to pray and coordinate concerning how to care for the babies and toddlers each Lord's day. This includes practical matters such as cleaning the children's rooms, but also how to help the children and their parents enjoy the Lord's day meetings. Anyone who shares this burden should please contact Edith.
- ✿ We are burdened to translate more French hymns so that we have more hymns to sing in all three languages on the Lord's day. We should all pray for this. In addition, if you can serve practically, please contact Ethan. We need saints from all languages who can serve in coordination with the following practical skills:

- Native French speakers with strong language skills, even if you do not know English or Chinese.
- Bilingual saints: English-French or French-Chinese
- Saints with a good musical sensibility regardless of your language

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

14	✿ Serving: English ✿ Cleaning: West
21	✿ Serving: French / Spanish ✿ Cleaning: East
28	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: South ✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North

Upcoming Events

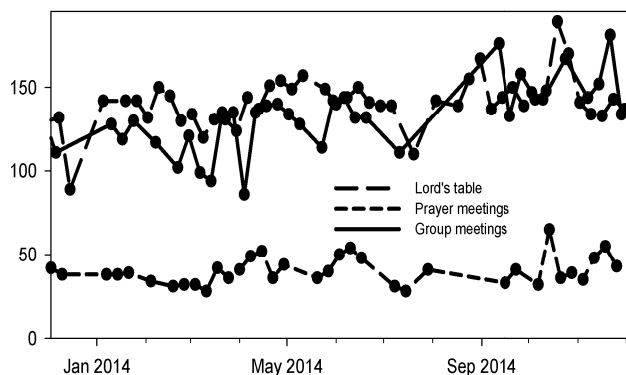
- ✿ Dec 22-27, Anaheim, CA: **Winter semi-annual training**
- ✿ Dec 23-28: **English/French Video Training**
- ✿ Dec 27 (3 msgs), Dec 28 (2 msgs), Dec 30 (1 msg): **Chinese Video Training**
- ✿ Jan 3 (3 msgs), Jan 4 (2 msgs), Jan 6 (1 msg): **Chinese Video Training**

More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

14 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15 – 1:30pm: Love feast
15 Monday	✿
16 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
17 Wednesday	✿ 7:30-9pm: Central English / French prayer meeting ✿
18 Thursday	
19 Friday	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
20 Saturday	✿
21 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

Attendance Statistics



Terminating the Past

I. THE TEACHING OF THE BIBLE BEING CONCERNED WITH WHAT ONE DOES AFTER SALVATION (cont.)

Ephesians 4:17-24 also speaks of our past condition. "This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk in the vanity of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness...that you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality."

"Therefore having put off the lie" (Eph. 4:25a). This refers to the things hereafter. It does not tell us how to deal with our past falsehood but that henceforth we should no longer remain in falsehood. Today we must "speak truth each one with his neighbor...Be angry, yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your indignation, neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:25b-27). These verses do not refer to the past but to the future. "He who steals should steal no more" (Eph. 4:28a). Paul did not say that he who steals needs to return what was stolen. His emphasis is still on hereafter. What was stolen in the past is another matter. "But rather should labor, working with his own hands in that which is respectable...Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, according to the need, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...Let

all bitterness and anger and wrath and clamor and evil speaking be removed from you, with all malice" (Eph. 4:28b-31).

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