

## Please pray:

- ✿ Winter training in Anaheim (Dec 22-27) and video training (Dec 23 to Jan 6).
- ✿ Lisbon, Portugal: strengthening of saints to shepherd existing and new contacts from recent conference in December; that more saints would migrate and that a lampstand would be raised up in Lisbon.
- ✿ 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: Isa. 63:1—Jer.2:37
- ✿ HWMR: The Heavenly Vision, week 1

## Announcements

- ✿ 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

21	✿ Serving: French / Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Central
28	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
4	✿ Serving: West Chinese
<b>JANUARY</b>	✿ Cleaning: East + South
11	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North + West

## Upcoming Events

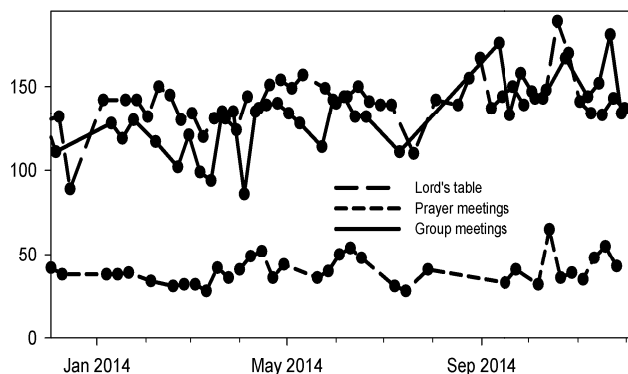
- ✿ Dec 22-27, Anaheim, CA: **Winter semi-annual training**
- ✿ Dec 23-28: **English/French Video Training**
- ✿ Dec 27 (3 msgs), Dec 28 (2 msgs), Dec 30 (1 msg): **Chinese Video Training**
- ✿ Jan 3 (3 msgs), Jan 4 (2 msgs), Jan 6 (1 msg): **Chinese Video Training**

*More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>21</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am –12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15 – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>22</b> <b>Monday</b>	✿
<b>23</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	✿ 5:30pm: English/ French video training, Message 1 7:00pm: Message 2
<b>24</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	✿ 5:30pm: English/ French video training, Message 3 ✿ 7:00pm: Message 4
<b>25</b> <b>Thursday</b>	✿ 5:30pm: English/ French video training, Message 5 7:00pm: Message 6
<b>26</b> <b>Friday</b>	✿ 5:30pm: English/ French video training, Message 7 ✿ 7:00pm: Message 8 ✿ Various home meetings (Chinese)
<b>27</b> <b>Saturday</b>	✿ 10:30pm: English/ French Video Training, Message 9 ✿ 1:00pm: Message 10
<b>28</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 11:00am: English/French video training, Message 11 ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:30pm: Message 12

## Attendance Statistics



## Terminating the Past

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

"But fornication and all uncleanness or greediness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints, and obscenity and foolish talking or sly, filthy jesting, which are not becoming, but rather the giving of thanks" (Eph. 5:3-4). These words are still in the same principle. They speak of things after one believes in the Lord. They are not about the termination of things done before one believes in the Lord.

After reading all the Epistles, we find a marvelous truth: God pays attention only to what a person should do after he has believed in the Lord. He does not pay attention to the things he has done in his past. He does not tell us what to do with them. This is a basic principle.

Many people are in bondage because they have accepted a wrong gospel. Such a gospel places too much stress on dealing with one's past. This does not mean that we do not need to deal with our past. Certain things of our past must be dealt with, but such a dealing is not the foundation of our going on. God always draws our attention to the fact that our past sins are under the blood. We are fully forgiven and saved because the Lord Jesus has died for us. Our salvation is not based on how we deal with the past. Man is not saved by repentance for his past bad deeds, just as he is not saved by trusting in his past good deeds. Man is saved through the salvation accomplished by the Lord on the cross. We should hold fast to this foundation.

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