

Please pray:

- ✿ 2015: genuine repentance for our shortcomings in 2014 and newness of life for the new year; that the saints in the church might grow in life and truth, and be more conformed to the image of the Firstborn Son of God; that the church might be further perfected to be a pure golden lampstand to be the faithful testimony of Jesus in Montreal; growth in numbers with the gaining of remaining fruit from all kinds of people who live in Montreal and surrounding areas; for the Lord to return quickly.
- ✿ Video training until January 6.
- ✿ 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. 11:20-12:29
- ✿ HWMR: The Heavenly Vision, week 2

Announcements

- ✿ 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

28	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall
4 JANUARY	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: East + South
11	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North + West
18	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: Central

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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**

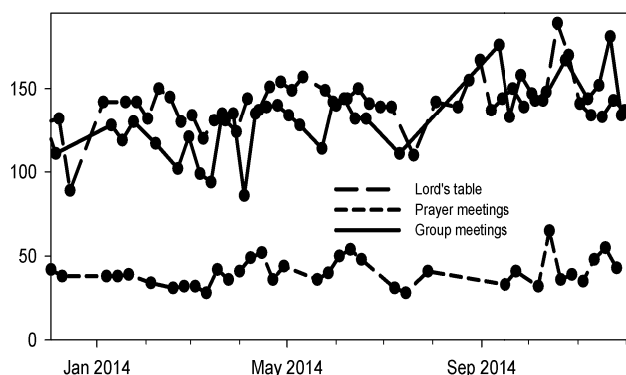
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

28 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 11:00am: English/ French video training, msg 11 ✿ 11:00am: Chinese video training, msg 4 ✿ 12:15 – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:30-2:30pm: English/French video training, msg 12 ✿ 2:00-3:30: Chinese video training, msg 5
29 Monday	✿
30 Tuesday	✿ 7:15-9:15pm: Chinese video training, msg 6
31 Wednesday	✿ 6-7pm: Love Feast ✿ 7:00pm- 7:40pm: Combined prayer with all languages ✿ 7:40-8:10pm: Truth pursuit by language ✿ 8:10-8:30pm: Prayer by language ✿ 8:30-8:50pm: Personal prayer and consecration
1 Thursday	
2 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (Chinese)
3 Saturday	✿ 3:00-4:30pm: Chinese video training, msg 7 ✿ 5:00-6:30pm: Chinese video training, msg 8 ✿ Bring your own dish and eat together ✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese video training, msg 9
4 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 11:00am: Chinese video training, msg 10

- ⊗ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
- ⊗ 2:00-3:30pm: Chinese video training, msg 11

Attendance Statistics



Terminating the Past

II. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF DEALING WITH THE PAST

What then should we do with the things of our past? In reading the New Testament, I have spent much time to find out how one should terminate his past after believing in the Lord. I found only a few passages where the subject is mentioned briefly. However, they are not teachings but examples.

A. Matters Related to Idols Needing to Be Dealt with Thoroughly

First Thessalonians 1:9 says, "You turned to God from the idols." When a person believes in the Lord, he must deal with all idols. Please remember that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. What agreement does the temple of God have with idols? Even the apostle John, in addressing the believers, said, "Little children, guard yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21). Hence, this is not as simple a matter as many may think.

One thing we must take note of is that God forbids man to make an image of anything. We cannot consider a man-made object to be living. The moment we have such a thought, the object becomes an idol to us. Of course, idols are nothing, but if we consider them to be living, we fall into error. This is why God forbids the worship of such things. Even an inclination in the heart towards them is forbidden. One of the Ten Commandments forbids the making of idols (Deut. 5:8).

Deuteronomy 12:30 says, "Be careful...lest you seek after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods?" This shows us that

we should not even inquire how the Gentiles worship their gods. Some who are curious like to study how the nations worship and serve their gods. But God forbids us to inquire about such matters. If we inquire about them, the next thing we will do is worship their gods. Hence, we are forbidden from being curious.

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