

## Please pray:

- ✿ Europe: that more saints would be burdened to emigrate for establishing and strengthening the lampstands; financial supply so that emigrating saints might have homes near the campuses; gaining of local, typical Europeans in each country for the churches.
- ✿ UK: that the radio ministry might continue to shepherd and bring in many people; strengthening of existing saints to shepherd the new and existing contacts; for the continual financial supply for the radio broadcasts.
- ✿ 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: Jer 3:1—9:26
- ✿ HWMR: The Heavenly Vision, week 3

## 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

<b>4</b> <b>JANUARY</b>	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: East + South
<b>11</b>	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North + West
<b>18</b>	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: Central
<b>25</b>	✿ English (C) ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning

## Upcoming Events

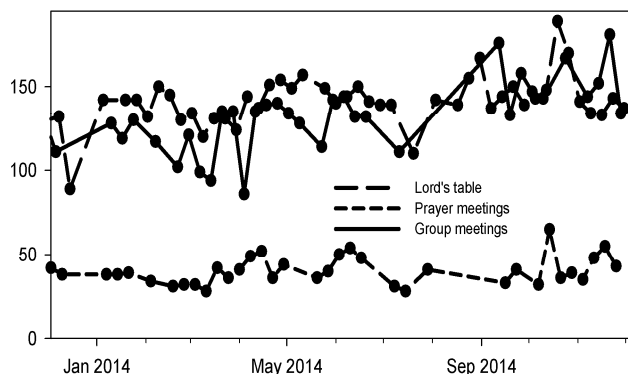
- ✿ Jan 4 (2 msgs), Jan 6 (1 msg): **Chinese Video Training**

*More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>4</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 11:00am-12:15pm: English/ French prophesying meeting ✿ 11:00am: Chinese video training, msg 10 ✿ 12:15 – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿ 1:30-2:30pm: Chinese video training, msg 11
<b>5</b> <b>Monday</b>	✿
<b>6</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30-8:00pm: Chinese prayer meeting ✿ 7:30-9:00pm: West English prayer meeting ✿ 8:00-9:30pm Chinese video training, msg 12
<b>7</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
<b>8</b> <b>Thursday</b>	
<b>9</b> <b>Friday</b>	✿ Various home meetings (Chinese)
<b>10</b> <b>Saturday</b>	✿
<b>11</b> <b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast ✿

## 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 (continued)

Second Corinthians 6:16 says, "What agreement does the temple of God have with idols?" The meaning here is quite obvious. Christians should not visit temples. There are exceptions of course, such as when a person is stranded on a deserted mountain and cannot find a place for shelter at night and there is only a temple for lodging. But generally speaking, believers should not visit any temple. This is because 2 Corinthians 6:16 says clearly that we are the temple of the living God. It also says that there is no agreement between idols and the temple of the living God. Unless one is pressed by special occasion or circumstance, it is inadvisable to go near or purposely tour any temple. John says, "Little children, guard yourselves from idols." Guarding ourselves from idols means staying away from them.

Psalms 16:4 says, "Nor will I take up their names upon My lips." Even at the pulpit, we should carefully avoid the names of other gods except in the case of a necessary illustration. We should not hold on to any superstition, fear of misfortune, or taboo for certain associations or words. Many believers still pay attention to fortunes, the reading of facial features, and destinies. Everything related to fortune-telling or horoscopes is prohibited. Everything in the realm of idolatry should be dealt

with thoroughly before God. We should sever our relationship with it completely.

A new believer must give up his idols from the very first day of his salvation. He should not mention the names of idols, be involved with fortune-telling, or visit any temples. We cannot worship anything with an image. Even the thought of worshipping such things is forbidden. We cannot inquire about the worship of other religions. All these things belong to the past, and we should deal with them. Anything that falls into these categories should be destroyed; they should not even be sold. We should destroy, exterminate, and remove them. I hope that new believers will not take this matter lightly; they have to be very careful about these things, for God is extremely jealous of idols.

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