

Please pray:

- ✿ France: that the recent events would soften the hearts of the French to receive the gospel of the kingdom; that Christ might be preached as the reality that all people seek, in opposition to all religion and atheism; that the churches in France might shine brightly with the testimony of Jesus.
- ✿ Africa: continued growth in life and numbers of the churches in Ethiopia, that the saints might consecrate themselves absolutely to Christ and the church, and continued spread of the gospel to many small villages, especially Muslim ones; continued oneness and one accord among the churches in Ghana and West Africa, and the Lord's continued spread in that region.
- ✿ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might stir the saints in the new church districts to pray to receive the Lord's burden for how He would go on through them; for the building up of saints in the district regardless of language or age; for the gaining of remaining fruit in all languages in each district.
- ✿ 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 13:1 – James 1:27
- ✿ HWMR: The Heavenly Vision, week 4

Announcements

- ✿ The Courant de vie (publisher of books in French) is launching a standing order of books newly printed in French. There would be about 7 to 10 per year, with half of them being Life-Study messages. Prices will be discounted, though shipping and taxes would be added. If interested, please contact Monica today so that the book room can decide what orders to place.
- ✿ The saints in the church are being grouped into five districts according to geography (not language) for prayer, building up, church services, and receiving the Lord's burden for gaining remaining fruit and shepherding contacts in all languages. Based on where you live, the districts are:
 - West: Montreal Island west of Highway 13 or 32nd Avenue in Lachine

- East: Montreal Island east of Papineau Avenue
- North: Montreal Island north of Highway 40 in between Highway 13 and Papineau Avenue; and all of Laval
- South: South Shore
- Central: Montreal Island in between Highway 13/32nd Avenue and Papineau Avenue, south of Highway 40 and north of the Saint Lawrence River
- ✿ 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

11 January	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: North + West
18	✿ Serving: South Chinese (A) ✿ Cleaning: Central
25	✿ English (C) ✿ Cleaning: Whole Hall Cleaning
1 February	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: East + South

Upcoming Events

- ✿ February 27- March 3, Paris, France: **The French-Speaking YP Conference**
- ✿ February 21-22, Taipei, Taiwan: **The International Chinese-Speaking Conference**

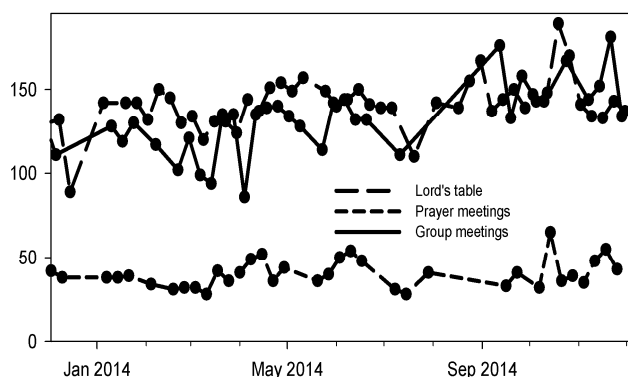
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

11 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting - English with Chinese District 2; French with Chinese District 1 ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
12 Monday	✿
13 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts

14 Wednesday	☼ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
15 Thursday	
16 Friday	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
17 Saturday	☼
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Attendance Statistics



Terminating the Past

II. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF DEALING WITH THE PAST

A. Matters Related to Idols Needing to Be Dealt with Thoroughly (continued)

If you cannot take a strong stand against idols today, you will have a hard time escaping the greatest idol on earth in the future. Of course, we should not worship idols made of clay or wood. But even if there is an idol that is living, we must not worship it. There are actually living idols—the man of lawlessness (2 Thes. 2:3) being one. Please remember that you cannot worship any idols; you must reject all of them, even images of the Lord Jesus and Mary.

We must deal with this matter thoroughly. Otherwise, we will be distracted to follow another way. We are those who serve not in the flesh but in spirit. God is seeking those who serve Him in spirit, not in the flesh. God is Spirit, not an image. If all the brothers and sisters take care of this matter, they will not fall into the hands of Roman Catholicism in the future. One day Antichrist will come, and the power of Roman Catholicism will be greatly expanded.

In the Bible, the first thing one has to do in dealing with his past is to reject all former idols. We must turn away from idols and wait for the coming of the Son of God. We should not even keep any picture of the Lord Jesus. Such pictures are not the real image of the Lord Jesus; they are worthless. In the museums in Rome, there are over two thousand different images of the Lord Jesus. All of them represent the imagination of the artists. In some countries artists often look for people who resemble their idea of Jesus and then pay them to pose for portraits of Jesus. This is blasphemous. Our God is a jealous God, and He will not tolerate such things among us. There should not be any kind of superstition. Some people like to say, "It is not a good day today; there are bad omens." Such remarks are directly from hell. God's children should get rid of these ideas from the very first day and deal with them in a thorough way. They should not allow any flavor of idolatry to come in.

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