

Please pray:

- ✿ Student retreat, August 26-28: that many university and college students, serving ones, and caring families might participate in the retreat to receive a common vision and burden from the Lord for the coming semester.
- ✿ Brothers and sisters' houses in Montreal: that the Lord would receive the consecration of the saints who live in these houses and strengthen them to pursue Him in corporate living; that many older saints might be burdened to individually shepherd them; that they might receive the Lord's love and might overflow to love each other in the divine love; that they might learn to take up their cross daily and live by the resurrection life; that they might grow and be perfected in their spiritual exercise and function for the building up of the church.
- ✿ The Caribbean: for the upcoming conference in Angtigua in October; for the French-speaking saints in Martinique and Guadalupe; for the oneness and one accord among the saints in all the Caribbean Islands and nations; for the gaining and maturing of more saints, especially brothers; that the literature work might prevail and reach many seekers; that the Lord would thrust out many workers to reap the harvest; that the Lord would stir up many of His seekers to leave the denominations to meet in oneness as the local churches in their respective cities; that the Lord might gain His genuine testimony.
- ✿ Quebec: shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Ste-Adèle, Laval, Longueuil and Gatineau; that saints in Montreal be strengthened to visit contacts in other cities; the Lord's advance in His testimony throughout this province.
- ✿ GTCA Laval: that key homes would be gained in Laval for the Lord's testimony; that saints in Montreal would be burdened to continue shepherding the contacts; for remaining fruit for the practical building up of the Body of Christ.
- ✿ 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: Luke 8:1 – 9:36 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Crucial Points of the Major Items of the Lord's Recovery Today, week 8
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 69

Announcements

- ✿ We will have a perfecting training in the meeting hall from Friday August 19 to Lord's Day August 21. The focus is mainly on consecrating ourselves to the Lord for the building up of His house. You may register with the serving brothers in your district. The cost (mainly to cover meals) is \$30 for full-time attendance, and \$15 for part-time. The schedule is:
 - Fri. 6–7 pm: Registration and dinner
 - Fri. 7–9 pm: Message 1
 - Sat. 9 am–12:30 pm: Messages 2 and 3
 - Sat. 12:30–2:30 pm: Lunch and rest time
 - Sat. 2:30–6 pm: Workshop
 - Sat. 6–7 pm: Dinner
 - Sat. 7–9 pm: Message 4
 - LD 9:30–10:15 am: Lord's table meeting
 - LD 10:15 am–12:15 pm: Video and Message 5
 - LD 12:15–1:15 pm: Lunch
 - LD 1:15–2:45 pm: Extra message on prophesying
- ✿ The International Conference will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland from September 10th until September 11th, 2016. Registration can be done on the Amana Trust website under Events.
- ✿ There is a need for some to serve on the Library service. An inventory and rearrangement needs to occur. Please talk to Monica or Bookroom if you are able to help so we can finish checking the books before the summer is over.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

August 21	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
28	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
Sep 4	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: French: (Chitu, Achille, Allan responsible)
11	✿ Serving: Chinese south (A) ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sep 10-11, Lausanne, Switzerland: **International conference**
The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

21 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	☼ 9:30am – 12:15pm: Lord's table meeting and perfecting training ☼ 12:15pm – 1:15pm: Lunch ☼ 1:15 – 2:45 pm: Message on prophesying
22 Monday	☼
23 Tuesday	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
24 Wednesday	☼ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
25 Thursday	☼
26 Friday	☼ 6-9pm: Dinner and Perfecting Training Message 1
27 Saturday	☼ Perfecting Training
28 AUGUST LORD'S DAY	☼ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ☼ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

II. COMMON MISTAKES (continued)

C. Fear of Men

Some people dare not confess because they are afraid of men. Many people can honestly say that they have no other reservation in their heart; they are willing to stand up and confess, but when they see the faces of others, they become afraid. When they look at their parents' faces or their friends' faces, they feel too shy to speak up. This is where many people are stumbled; they are afraid of men and do not have any boldness to open their mouth. Some people are naturally timid; they are timid not only in confessing the Lord but also in other things. If you want them to tell others about their faith, you are asking them for their life. They simply dare not open their mouth.

However, this kind of person needs to hear what God has to say. Proverbs 29:25 says, "The fear of man bringeth a snare." If you are afraid when you see someone, you will fall into a "snare." As soon as you become afraid, you fall into a snare. Your fear becomes your snare. Whenever your heart is afraid of men, you are creating a snare for yourself. Once you are afraid, you fall into a snare. This snare is created by your own fear. Actually, the person you fear may be very willing to

listen to you. Even if he is not inclined to listen, he may not be as fearsome as you think.

There is a story about two persons who were colleagues. One was a believer and the other was not. The one who believed was very timid; the one who did not believe was also very timid. The timid believer did not dare tell his colleague that he was saved. The one who did not believe was puzzled by the great changes that were happening to his colleague. His colleague used to have a quick temper but had now changed. He dared not ask his colleague the reason. The two of them shared a table and sat face-to-face every day. One was too timid to speak, and the other was too timid to ask. Every day they just looked at each other. One was afraid to speak, and the other was afraid to ask. One day the believer could not hold back any longer. After praying about it, he went to the other one and shook his hand tightly and said, "I am a very timid person. For at least three months I have been struggling to tell you something. Now I am going to tell you. I have believed in Jesus." After saying these words, his face turned pale. The other one said, "I too have waited for three months. I wanted to ask why you have become so different, but I was too afraid to ask." The believer mustered enough courage to open his mouth. From that time on, the opportunity opened up, and he was able to bring his friend to the Lord.

Those who are fearful of men will fall into a snare. Please remember that while you are afraid of others, others may be afraid of you too. We must never have a fear of men. We who follow God should not fear men. If you have a fear of men, you cannot be a good Christian and you cannot serve God. A Christian must be bold to speak to his relatives and friends. He must be bold to confess the Lord both in private and in public. We must take this way from the beginning.

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