

Please pray:

- ✿ Galilee, Israel: Pray for the saints in Galilee, for their pursuit of the ministry, that their vision, experience and enjoyment of Christ in God's economy would increase and spread unto the building up of the Body of Christ.
- ✿ Paris, France: Pray for the young couples in the church in Paris, that the Lord would shepherd and perfect them to become normal, vital and functioning members of the Body of Christ; that they may be the proper testimony of Jesus.
- ✿ Anchorage, Alaska: A total of 2,050 copies of Bibles and 1,334 Basic Elements Vol. 1 had been distributed in recent distributions in Anchorage this year. Please pray that the saints in Alaska would be richly supplied and that some Bible and book recipients would be open for further shepherding; that the Lord would stir in every person who received a Bible or book and draw them to seek after Him.
- ✿ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we would all be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our own needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✿ 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 24:36 – John 2:22 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR:Crystallization study of Exodus, Vol 6, week 33
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 85

Announcements

- ✿ For the upcoming Chinese Gospel Meeting, we would like to have the English and French speaking saints help to serve on children and kitchen cleaning. We will need at least 6 children's serving ones - preferably 2 from each children's group and 6 serving ones for cleaning (could also serve children). Please let brother Aaron Chao know if you can serve.
- ✿ The Collected Works of Witness Lee will be completed by Aug. 2018. They will be printing only about what they have as existing orders, therefore the collection will be unable to be ordered after completion. Any who wishes to order them, can still go on standing order to receive them at a

- 40-45% discount. All on standing orders will get a free index book once all are printed. See pamphlet on bulletin board.
- ✿ Sign up for the Video training on the board. Late registration fee is \$25 extra. Please pay Monica. Indicate language needed for outline to ensure we have enough of each language. Also indicate Full-Time (FT) or Part-Time (PT) registration.
- ✿ Gospel calendar is now available. If you signed up for it, please go to the bookroom to pick it up.
- ✿ Piano service is requesting all saints who can play to contact Catherine. Several saints who serve will be moving in the near future and there is an immediate need for those who can play the piano to join in. If you have a heart to even be a helper, please contact Catherine also.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Dec 11	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
18	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
25	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
Jan 1	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: All groups

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Dec 26 – 31, Anaheim, CA : **Winter Training**
- ✿ Dec 27, 2016 - Jan 3, 2017: **Video Training (EN/FR)**
- ✿ Jan 3 - 15, 2017: **Video Training (Chinese)**
- ✿ Jan 29- Feb 5: **GTCA in Ottawa**
- ✿ Feb 4- Feb 11: **GTCA in Laval**
- ✿ Feb 17-19, Anaheim, CA: **Chinese New Year International Conference**
- ✿ March 31- Apr. 2, 2017, Anaheim: **ITERO**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

11 DECEMBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 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	✿ 6:00-7:00pm: Love feast ✿ 7:00 – 9:00pm : Chinese Gospel meeting
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READING THE BIBLE

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 3:15-17; Psa. 119:9-11, 15, 105, 140, 148

III. DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE (continued)

Let us assume for now that a person has one hour a day to study the Bible. He can allocate his time in the following way:

4. The Fourth Ten Minutes—Paraphrasing

The final ten minutes can be used to paraphrase the Bible. This exercise is very useful. Paraphrasing the Bible gives fresh insight into a passage. By paraphrasing the Bible with simple words, we express a passage in a way that others can understand at a glance.

For example, you may be doing a chapter-by-chapter study of the book of Romans. If a teen-ager comes and says, "I have read Paul's word in Romans, but I cannot understand it," you will have to think of some ways to explain this book to him using your own words. A paraphrase is not a commentary; you are merely using your own words to convey what Paul said so that those who do not understand it can understand. In order to do this, you have to learn to paraphrase the Bible with your own words. Take the book of Romans and try to paraphrase it with your own words. Paul wrote the Epistles in his words. Now you should try to write the same thing in your own words. Try your best to do this. Do it properly and intelligently so that you can understand it and so that other brothers and sisters who read it can understand it as well.

Such paraphrasing will show how well we know the Scriptures. Using our own words to reiterate the apostles' thought is a good way to prepare us for biblical exposition. Paraphrasing is the first step; exposition is the second step. First we should learn to paraphrase the text of the Bible with our own words. Our training before God must be in the proper order. Do not try to expound the Bible before learning to paraphrase it; this is too hasty. Learn to paraphrase the Bible first and then learn to expound it. If we cannot paraphrase the Bible well, it is impossible for us to expound it well. We must paraphrase first and then expound. We must all learn this basic lesson. First, paraphrase Paul's Epistles, then paraphrase the remainder of the New Testament.

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