

Please pray:

- ✿ Europe: A six-day Winter School of Truth (WST) will be carried out in the UK, the Netherlands, and the Iberian Peninsula on 26-31 December. The goal of the WST is to produce a group of young people in Europe who are constituted with the divine truths in the Word of God. Please pray that the Lord will give the European young people a hunger for the truth and will make the truth their inward constitution year by year.
- ✿ Winter training: Please pray that the Lord will speak to His churches around the world through this training; that trainees will be opened and unloaded to receive a fresh speaking and dispensing from the Lord; that the Lord will gain what He is after in this training; that the speaking brothers will be covered from the enemy to release the words that the Lord has on His heart; that more saints will be released to attend the video training.
- ✿ Nepal: Pray for the saints in Kathmandu to practice preaching the gospel after the Lord's table meeting; pray for the propagation in Lalitpur that more key ones and open families can be gained; and pray for the Regional Blending Conference in Pokhara on Dec 31st that the saints can enter into the speaking and see the vision of Christ and the Church.
- ✿ Laval: Pray for the last bible study of the year, that the Lord will gain what He is after in this bible study; that the Lord will continue to open up a time during the week for the bible study next year; that the Lord will add more contacts and families to the bible study next year; that the Lord will continue to brood over the land of Laval and prepare the hearts of men for the upcoming GTCA.
- ✿ 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: Josh 5:1 – 12:24 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Exodus, Vol 6, week 34
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 86

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a fellowship during lunch about the addition of new children's rooms in the French prophesying room.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Here is the schedule for the video training in English with French translation:
Dec 27, Tue (5pm) Message 1
Dec 27, Tue (7:30pm) Message 2
Dec 28, Wed (9am – 12pm) English Study time at Dennis'
Dec 28, Wed (5pm) Message 3
Dec 28, Wed (7:30pm) Message 4
Dec 29, Thu (9am – 12pm) English Study time at Charles'
Dec 29, Thu (5:00pm) Message 5
Dec 29, Thu (7:30pm) Message 6
Dec 30, Fri (9am – 12pm) English Study time at Boy's
Dec 30, Fri (5:00pm) Message 7
Dec 30, Fri (7:30pm) Message 8
Dec 31, Sat (9am – 12pm) English Study time at Chew's
Dec 31, Sat (4pm) Message 9
Jan 1, Sun (11:00am) Message 10
Jan 1, Sun (1:30pm) Message 11
Jan 2, Mon (9am – 12pm) English Study time at Chew's
Jan 3, Tue (7:30pm) Message 12

- ✿ Here is the schedule for video training in Chinese:
Jan 3, Jan 10 7:30 – 8pm: Prayer meeting
8 – 9pm: Message 1, 7
Jan 7, Jan 14 2:30 – 4pm: Message 2, 8
4:30 – 6pm: Message 3, 9
7 – 9pm: Message 4, 10
Jan 8, Jan 15 11am – 12pm: Message 5, 11
1:50 – 3:30pm: Message 6, 12

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Dec 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
8	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

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

18 DECEMBER LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
19 Monday	
20 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
21 Wednesday	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
22 Thursday	✿
23 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
24 Saturday	✿
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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 (continued)

In paraphrasing the Bible, try to avoid using the words of the Bible. Use your own words instead. The main lesson to learn here is to express the meaning of a passage with words that are within your grasp. After you have tried one book, you will know how precious the experience is and how profitable the exercise is. A careless and sloppy person cannot paraphrase the Bible. You must pray much before the Lord and read the Bible properly before you can paraphrase it correctly. After you finish a book, go back and revise your work once or twice, modifying it with appropriate words and polishing your sentences. This will give you a better impression of the book, and you will come to know what the apostles were talking about. You need to paraphrase a passage before you can have a deep impression of it.

In order to paraphrase the Bible, one must first study it thoroughly. He must understand what a passage says and what is implied in the passage. He can then incorporate all his knowledge into his paraphrase. This requires a thorough understanding of a verse. A person can only paraphrase the Bible when he has a clear grasp of what it says. Through practicing a little every day, and through careful reading and meticulous writing, one will eventually be able to paraphrase one of Paul's Epistles. He will then be able to understand Paul's word and will be able to use other words to convey the same meaning.

We have mentioned four things already. First, study by topic; second, do a word study; third, gather information; and fourth, paraphrase. We should go through all twenty-eight methods one by one. A definite schedule of Bible study is an exercise for us. We must gird up our loins, be restricted and regulated before the Lord, and not be loose. If we have made up our mind to study for an hour, keep this hour. We should not shorten or lengthen the time, unless we are sick or on vacation. Other than such exceptions, we should always keep our schedule. If we persist in this exercise daily, we will soon reap the harvest.

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