

## Please pray:

- ✿ Winter training: Please pray for the continual releasing of the saints to attend the remaining messages of the Chinese video training; pray that the Lord would grant the saints attending a clear sky to see the vision in the book of Ezekiel; pray for the saints who have attended the live training and the video training to maintain a clear sky in our fellowship with the Lord by having a personal, intimate, affectionate and private relationship with the Lord; pray that the word that the Lord have spoken would find good earth, take root and grow in us; pray that the visions we have seen would become our reality and our being.
- ✿ Sri Lanka: Please pray for the intensified propagation of the Lord from Jan 3rd to 29th in Jaffna, Vavuniya, and Moratuwa with 14 FTTT trainees and the raising up of the church in Moratuwa on Jan 29; please pray for the saints to pick up the burden to participate in the Lord's move through material offering.
- ✿ Europe: Currently, approximately 4500 saints are meeting in many cities in Europe. However, in Ezekiel 36:37 the Lord promised to increase His people with men like a flock. In this verse the Lord said that He would be inquired of by His people concerning this matter. Therefore, we need to pray for this and ask the Lord to fulfill this word in Europe in 2017(Luke 10:2).
- ✿ Germany: Please pray that the Lord would burden more to offer themselves to serve in Germany both short term (one month or more) or long term (for several years); pray that the door would remain open for the full-timers to obtain visas to labor in Germany long term; pray that the Lord would have a way to gain university students in Germany; pray that in 2017 the Lord would continue the shepherding and perfecting of the new ones who were saved in 2016.
- ✿ Laval: Please pray that the Lord would restore the families in Laval to enjoy Him and to have fellowship with the saints; pray that more families and contacts would be added to the Bible study in the new year; pray that more homes would be open to strengthen the Lord's testimony in Laval; pray for the continued care of the existing contacts, that they would see the vision of Christ and the Church and would enter into the church life; that the Lord would 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: John 5:1 – 6:71 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel, week 1
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 89

## Announcements

- ✿ There will be a fellowship meeting with all the HWMR subscription coordinators today during lunch in the French prophesying room.
- ✿ This year's International Chinese Speaking Conference (ICSC) from February 17 - 19 will be a special conference for all the saints in the Lord's recovery on the burden of "the world situation and the Lord's move today". 2 out of the 3 messages are in English and there is translation.
- ✿ If you are available to participate with the GTCA events, please return the GTCA forms to brother Dennis or brother Charles as soon as you can.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ 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 video training in Chinese:
  - Jan 8, 11am – 12:30pm: Message 7
  - 1:45 – 3:30pm: Message 8
  - Jan 14, 9:30 – 11am: Message 10
  - 11:15am - 12:45pm: Message 11
  - 1:30 – 3pm: Message 12

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

<b>Jan 8</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1
	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
<b>15</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
<b>22</b>	✿ Serving: French/Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

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29 ☼ Serving: Chinese East  
Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan  
responsible)

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## Upcoming Events

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- ☼ 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

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<b>8</b>	☼ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	☼ 11am- 12:30pm: Video training, Chinese Msg 7
	☼ 12:30 – 1:30pm: Love feast
	☼ 1:45pm: Video training, Chinese Msg 8
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<b>Monday</b>	
<b>10</b>	☼ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>11</b>	☼ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>12</b>	☼
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>13</b>	☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>14</b>	☼ 9:30 – 11am: Video training, Chinese Msg 10
<b>Saturday</b>	☼ 11:15am - 12:45pm:: Video training, Chinese Msg 11
	☼ 1:30 – 3pm: Video training, Chinese Msg 12
<b>15</b>	☼ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	☼ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## MEETING

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**Scripture Reading:** Scripture Reading: Heb. 10:25; Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 14:23, 26

## II. THE CHURCH AND THE MEETING

One outstanding characteristic of the church is that it meets. A Christian can never substitute meetings with "self-taught" pursuits. God has a category of grace reserved for the

meetings only. If we do not meet with others, that portion of corporate grace will not be available to us.

In the Old Testament God commanded the Israelites to meet. In many places in the Bible they are called the congregation. That they were called a congregation meant they had to meet together. When we come to the New Testament, the revelation is even clearer. We have the clear commandment not to abandon "our own assembling together." God is not that interested in individuals being "self-taught." We must assemble ourselves together before we can receive His corporate grace. No forsaker of meetings will keep His grace. It is a foolish thing to abandon assembling together. A man must meet; he must come together with other children of God before he can receive the corporate grace.

The Bible gives explicit commandments as well as clear examples of people meeting together. When the Lord was on the earth, He often met with His disciples. He met with them on the mountain (Matt. 5:1), in the wilderness (Mark 6:32-34), at home (2:1-2), and at the seaside (4:1). On the last evening before His crucifixion, He borrowed a large upper room and met with the disciples (14:15-17). After His resurrection, He appeared in the midst of their gathering (John 20:19, 26; Acts 1:4). Before the day of Pentecost, the disciples gathered together in one accord to pray (v. 14). When the day of Pentecost came, they were also gathered together (2:1). After that they continued steadfastly in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles, in the breaking of bread and the prayers. Shortly thereafter, they were persecuted and went back to their own places. Yet they still met together (4:23-31). After Peter was released, he went to the house where the disciples were gathered together (12:12). First Corinthians 14 tells us clearly that the whole church gathered together (v. 23). It was the whole church that gathered together. No one who is part of the church can be exempt from meeting together with the church.

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