

Please pray:

- ✿ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✿ Conference with contacts in Egypt on the last weekend of Jan: that the Lord would cover the conference and supply the contacts with life and vision; that the Lord would give the saints the wisdom, patience and grace to shepherd them into the church life and into the universal blending and fellowship of the Body of Christ.
- ✿ New school semester: Please pray that the Lord would lead us how to take care of the existing and new contacts this semester; that the Lord would bring new seeking contacts to the bible studies and college meetings.
- ✿ Laval: Please pray for the preparation of the practical matters concerning GTCA; that the Lord would prepare the land before the distributions; that the Lord would give us remaining fruits; that saints would rise up to participate in the Lord's move in Laval.
- ✿ 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: Judg 1:1 – 7:25 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel, week 2
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 90

Announcements

- ✿ 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.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

Jan 15	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
22	✿ Serving: French/Spanish ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
29	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
Feb 5	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

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

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MEETING

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

II. THE CHURCH AND THE MEETING (continued)

What is the meaning of the word church? The word church is ekklesia in Greek. Ek means "to come out," while klesia means "to congregate or to gather." Thus, ekklesia means the gathering of those who have been called out. God is not only after some called out ones; He wants the called out ones to gather together. If all the called out ones are separated from one another, we will not have the church; the church will not be produced.

After we have believed in the Lord there is a basic need we must take care of, that is, to come together with other children of God. We should never have the strange thought that we can be "self-taught" Christians. We must eliminate such a thought from our mind. Christianity does not have "self-taught" Christians; it only has the gathering of the whole church. Do not think that we can be Christians who just shut ourselves up to pray and to read the Bible alone at home. Christianity is not built on just individuals but also on the assembling together.

III. THE FUNCTIONING OF THE BODY MANIFESTED THROUGH THE MEETING

First Corinthians 12 speaks of the Body, and chapter fourteen speaks of the meeting. Chapter twelve speaks of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and chapter fourteen also speaks of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Chapter twelve speaks of the gifts in the Body, whereas chapter fourteen speaks of the gifts in the church. According to these two chapters, it seems that the mutual functioning of the members of the Body is expressed in the meeting. When we put chapters twelve and fourteen together, we see clearly that chapter twelve shows us the Body while chapter fourteen shows us the Body in function. One chapter speaks of the Body, while the other speaks of the meeting. One speaks of the gifts in the Body, while the other speaks of the gifts in the meeting. The functioning of the Body is realized specifically through the meeting. The mutual help, mutual influence, and mutual care of the members (e.g., the eyes helping the legs, the ears helping the hands, the hands helping the mouth) are more clearly manifested in the meetings. Through the meeting, we receive many answers to prayer. We often receive no light individually. But when we come to the

meeting, we find light. What we see individually through our own pursuit can never match what we see in the meetings. All the ministries ordained by God operate through the meeting and are for the meeting. If a person rarely meets with others, he will have little opportunity to realize the functioning of the Body.

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