

## Please pray:

- ✿ London Ontario: Pray that the Lord would restore His testimony in London; that the saints there might be strengthened to continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and in the New Testament ministry and be one with the churches; that the Lord might stir many saints to migrate to these cities for His testimony.
- ✿ Egypt: Pray for the Lord's strengthening of the new church life in Cairo; that the new ones would consecrate themselves for the church life; that the serving ones would be strengthened and encouraged to live in such difficult and persecuted environment; for the binding of the enemy's attempt to sow discord and chaos in Egypt and persecution towards believers.
- ✿ FTTA upcoming spring 2017 term: Pray for those who are currently considering applying to the FTTA for the upcoming spring term, that the Lord would call them to consecrate themselves to go to FTTA; that the recent graduates would be normal, functioning members in their respective churches; that the Lord would bless this upcoming term of training with the ongoing perfecting of the trainees in truth, life, gospel, and service unto the building up of His Body.
- ✿ FTTA winter 2017 gospel trips: Pray for the Lord's blessing on the 305 trainees on gospel trips to 21 countries in Africa, Europe, North America and South America during January and February; that the Lord would gain what He is after through these trips.
- ✿ GTCA Ottawa (Jan 29th - Feb 4th) and Laval (Feb 4th - Feb 11th): Pray that the Lord would prepare and brood over the land before the distributions; that the Lord would strengthen all the saints and rise up in us to participate in His move; that the Lord would grant us remaining fruit; pray for the binding of the enemy against any distractions and attacks; that the Lord would gain what He is after in this time.
- ✿ 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 8:1 – 18:31 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: The Gospel, week 4 and 5
- ✿ Life-Study of Ephesians: Messages 92

## 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. If you have a heart to even be a helper, please contact Catherine also.

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

<b>Jan 29</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese East
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>Feb 5</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
<b>12</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese South A
	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
<b>22</b>	✿ Serving: English A
	✿ Cleaning: French: (Achille, Allan 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**
- ✿ May 26-29, 2017, New York City, NY: **Memorial Day Conference**

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

29 JANUARY LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
30 Monday	✿
31 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: Chinese / West English prayer meetings by districts
1 February Wednesday	✿ 7:30pm-9:00pm: Central English/French prayer meeting
2 Thursday	✿
3 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
4 Saturday	✿ 11am – 1:30pm, Laval: GTCA Bible distribution ✿ 1pm – 3pm, Laval: GTCA Bible distribution ✿ 6pm – 9pm: Dinner and Bible seminar
5 JANUARY LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## MEETING

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

### III. THE FUNCTIONING OF THE BODY MANIFESTED THROUGH THE MEETING (continued)

It is a spontaneous thing for God's children to function in mutuality when they come together. We do not know how this mutuality in the Body works in the meeting, but we know that this mutuality is a fact. When one brother stands up, others see the light. When another brother stands up, others feel the Lord's presence. One brother opens his mouth to pray and others touch God. Another brother speaks a few words and others feel the supply of life. This phenomenon cannot be explained by human words; it surpasses human explanation. Only when the Lord comes back will we really know how the Body of Christ functions in mutuality. Today we merely obey the Lord's ordination.

Perhaps you have not paid much attention to the meeting because you have just been saved. You do not know what the light of the Body is and what the function and efficacy of the Body is. However, experience tells us that many fundamental spiritual lessons are learned only in the Body. The more you meet, the more you learn. If you do not meet, you have no part at all in these riches. Therefore, we hope that you

will learn to meet properly from the very beginning of your Christian life.

### IV. THE PRINCIPLES OF MEETING

How should we meet? The first principle in the Bible concerning meetings is that all meetings are conducted in the Lord's name. Matthew 18:20 says, "Gathered into My name," which can also be translated as, "Gathered under My name." What does it mean to be gathered under the Lord's name? It means to be under the Lord's authority. The Lord is the center, and everyone is drawn to Him. We do not go to a meeting to visit certain brothers or sisters, nor do we go because we are attracted by certain brothers or sisters. We go to the meeting to be gathered together with other saints under the Lord's name. The Lord is the center. We do not meet to listen to someone's preaching but to meet the Lord. If you meet to listen to someone's preaching, I am afraid you are coming under that person's name, not under the Lord's name. Sometimes, men's names are used to attract people. This is to draw men under that person's name. But the Lord says that we have to meet under His name.

We should come under the Lord's name because the Lord is not with us in a physical sense (Luke 24:5-6). Whenever the Lord is not physically present, there is the need of His name. When the Lord is physically present, there is less of a need for His name. The name is present because the person Himself is not present. As far as His physical body is concerned, the Lord is in heaven. Yet He has left us with a name. The Lord has promised that if we meet under His name, He will be in our midst. This means that His Spirit will be in our midst. Although the Lord is sitting in heaven, His name is still in our midst, and His Spirit is also in our midst. The Holy Spirit is the One who upholds the Lord's name. The Holy Spirit is the guardian of Christ's name; He protects and guards the Lord's name. Wherever there is the name of the Lord, there is the Holy Spirit, and there the Lord's name is manifested. Those who want to meet must meet under the Lord's name.

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