

## Please pray:

- ✿ The church in Coquitlam: Pray that the Lord would provide all the necessary funds for the closing of the meeting hall purchase on May 1st. May we be open to cooperate with the Lord to offer concerning this need in the Body.
- ✿ Eastern Canada young people's spring retreat (Apr 14-16): Pray for the releasing of the young people to attend this retreat; pray for the preparation of this retreat; that the young people going will receive a personal speaking from the Lord; that the Lord will gain this generation of young people for His purpose.
- ✿ Lord's testimony in Croatia: Please pray for the first Lord's table in Split, Croatia, which is planned for 23 April 2017, and for the raising up of the Lord's testimony in the cities of Croatia.
- ✿ India: Pray that the Lord would build up the local churches in India by establishing the framework of the gospel and home meetings in the practice of the God-ordained way and the burden of raising up 500 "pillars" in the coming 5 years; that the Lord would spread into many more cities in India; for the shepherding of these new churches; that the Lord would gain a young generation from the campuses in the major cities and many young ones will be released to join the FTTND (Full-Time Training in New Delhi).
- ✿ ITERO: Pray that the Lord would guard the good deposit that was transmitted into the brothers, that the Lord's burden and speaking would be practically carried out in the labor and service of all the brothers, and for the spread of the Lord's word throughout the recovery.
- ✿ 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: 1Sam 31:1 – 2Sam 7:29 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Exodus, week 37

## Announcements

- ✿ Summer Training registration is open. Deadline is April 30. Live training is \$200, video training is \$100. Late registration is an addition \$50 for the live or \$25 for the video training. Please register with Monica.
- ✿ The International Memorial Day conf. will be held in White Plains, NY, May 26 to 29, 2017. It is only a 5 hour drive from Montreal. If you are interested in attending, please fill out the google doc sent out so rides and rooms can be co-ordinated. If you don't have a room yet, check who needs a roommate to find a place to ensure you have

somewhere to stay. Hotels are almost full now. See conf. information on the bulletin board for more details.

- ✿ 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.

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

Apr 9	✿ Serving: Chinese South B ✿ Cleaning: French: (Achille, Allan responsible)
16	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: All groups
23	✿ Serving: Chinese South A ✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
30	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ Apr 14-16, Toronto, ON: **Eastern Canada Young People's Spring Retreat**
- ✿ April 22-23, Paris, France: **Conference in Paris**
- ✿ May 6-7, Sainte Anne, Guadeloupe: **Conference in Guadeloupe**
- ✿ May 20-21, Toronto, ON: **Canada Victoria Day Conference**
- ✿ May 26-29, 2017, White Plains, NY: **Memorial Day Conference**
- ✿ July 3-8, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

9 APRIL LORD'S DAY	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
10 Monday	✿
11 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
12 Wednesday	✿

13	*
Thursday	
14	* Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
15	*
Saturday	
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## PRAYER

**Scripture Reading:** John 16:24; James 4:2-3; Luke 11:9-10; Psa. 66:18; Mark 11:24; Luke 18:1-8

## II. CONDITIONS FOR PRAYERS BEING ANSWERED

In the Bible we can see many conditions for having prayers answered, but only a few of them are basic. We believe that if we meet these few conditions, our prayers will be answered. These few conditions are equally applicable to those who have prayed for many years. These are very basic conditions, and we should pay attention to them.

### A. Asking (continued)

A new believer needs to learn to pray. He needs to pray with a specific goal in mind. "You do not have because you do not ask" (James 4:2). Many people go through the motion of prayer without asking for anything. It is useless to spend an hour or two hours or even eight or ten days before the Lord without asking for anything. You need to learn to ask for something; you need to knock, really knock hard, at a door. Once you clearly identify the entrance and seek to go in, knock hard at the door. When you seek something specific, you will not be satisfied with just anything; you want that particular thing. Do not be like some brothers and sisters who stand up in the meeting to pray for twenty minutes or half an hour without knowing what they want. It is strange that many people have long prayers that do not ask for anything.

You must learn to be specific with your prayer. You should know when God has answered your prayers and when He has not answered your prayers. If it makes no difference to you whether or not God answers your prayers, it will be hard for you to effectively pray to Him if you come across a difficulty in the future. Empty prayers will not be effectual in times of need. If prayers are empty when needs are specific, one cannot expect any solution for the problem. Only specific prayers can deal with specific problems.

### B. Not Asking Evilly

We should ask, but there is a second condition to prayer; we should not ask evilly. "You ask and do not receive because you ask evilly" (James 4:3). We should ask God out of necessity. We should not ask mindlessly, unreasonably, or wildly. We should never ask carelessly or evilly for any unnecessary things according to our lust or our flesh. If we do, our prayers will be in vain. While God often gives us "superabundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20), asking evilly is a different matter.

Asking evilly means asking beyond one's capacity or real need. If you have a need, you can ask God. But you should only ask God to take care of your need. Asking beyond what you need is asking evilly. If you have a great need, it is not wrong to ask God to satisfy such a need. But if you do not have a great need, and you ask for it, you are asking evilly. You can only ask according to your capacity and need. You should never ask foolishly for this and that. Asking carelessly is to ask evilly, and such asking will not receive any answer from God. Asking evilly before God is like a four-year-old child asking his father for the moon in the sky. God is not pleased with evil asking. Every Christian should learn to confine his prayers within the proper scope. Do not open your mouth rashly and ask for more than you actually need.

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