

Please pray:

- ✿ Edmonton: With the passing of our dear brother Bill Sakellariou, please continue to pray and stand with his wife Linda and his sons, Jamie and Timothy. May the Lord strengthen and supply them. Please pray for the the brothers in Edmonton to rise up in one accord to exercise their talents and function according to their measure.
- ✿ Conference in Guadeloupe: Pray that the Lord would use this conference to strengthen and advance His move in this region; that the words that will be spoken during the conference would take roots and grow in the saints.
- ✿ Myanmar: Pray for the translation of the Old Testament Recovery Version to be finished by November 2017 and the translation of the Life-study of Genesis Volume 3 to be finished by the end of June 2017; pray for the propagation in Nay Pyi Daw City and Maw La Myaing City.
- ✿ Laos: Pray for the local families to be touched and be constituted through their enjoyment of the word of the ministry; pray for the new believers in Pakse to grow in life and for the seeking students to move into the student center.
- ✿ Children service: Pray for the serving ones to be built up together with much prayer and fellowship; pray that the Lord would lead the serving ones on how to conduct the opening time with the children.
- ✿ GTCA Ottawa and Laval: Pray that the Lord would give us a heart to shepherd the new contacts; that the new contacts would be shepherded according to their needs; that the Lord would give us remaining fruits; that the Lord would gain what He is after in Ottawa and 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: Acts 2:1- 4:22 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Exodus, week 40

Announcements

- ✿ Summer Training registration is open. Deadline is TODAY. Live training is \$200, video training is \$100. Late registration is an addition \$50 for the live or \$25 for the video training after today. 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

April 30	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
May 7	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
14	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
21	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

30	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
APRIL	
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
1	✿
MAY	
Monday	
2	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: French / Chinese / English prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
3	✿
Wednesday	

4	✿	
Thursday		
5	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
6	✿	
Saturday		
7	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
MAY		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

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 (continued)

D. Believing (continued)

1. The Lord's Power—God Can

Let us look at Mark 9:21-23, which says, "And He questioned his father, How long has this been happening to him? And he said, From childhood. And it has often thrown him both into fire and into water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. And Jesus said to him, You say, If You can. All things are possible to him who believes." The father said to the Lord Jesus, "If You can do anything...help us." The Lord Jesus repeated his word and said, "If You can." The Lord's "if You can" is a quotation of the father's "if You can." The Lord Jesus was repeating what the father said. The father said, "If You can do anything...help us." The Lord Jesus said, "If You can. All things are possible to him who believes." It was not a question of "if You can," but a question of whether or not he could believe.

When man finds himself in difficulty, he is usually full of doubt; he cannot believe in the power of God. This is the first thing we need to deal with. It may seem at times that the power of the obstacle is greater than the power of God. The Lord Jesus rebuked the father for doubting the power of God. In the Bible we seldom find the Lord interrupting a person as He did in this case. It seems that the Lord was angry when He said, "If You can." The Lord rebuked the father when the father said, "If You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." What the Lord meant was, "How can you say, 'If You can'? What is this? All things are possible to him who believes. This is not a matter of 'if I can,' but a matter of whether or not you believe. How dare you ask if I can!" When God's children pray, they should learn to lift up their eyes and say, "Lord! You can."

Mark 2 records the incident of the Lord healing a paralytic. The Lord said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven" (v. 5). Some scribes reasoned in their hearts, saying, "Why is this man speaking this way? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins except One, God?" (v. 7). In their hearts they thought that only God could forgive sins and that Jesus could not. They regarded forgiveness of sins as a great thing. But the Lord said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Rise and take up your mat and walk?" (vv. 8-9). The Lord was showing them that to man it was a question of whether or not one could do it, but to God it was a question of which was easier. For man, it is impossible for anyone to forgive sins or to ask the paralytic to stand up and walk. However, the Lord showed them that He could forgive sins as well as make the paralytic rise up and walk. Both forgiving and making the paralytic rise up and walk were easy for the Lord. The Lord was showing them that "God can." In our prayer we need to know that "God can" and that nothing is too difficult for the Lord.

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