

Please pray:

- ✿ Eastern Canada College Retreat, Wesley Acres Retreat Centre (Sep 29 – Oct 1): Pray that the college students, working saints, and families would be emptied and unloaded so that they may receive a fresh speaking and a fresh vision from the Lord concerning His goal, the Body of Christ; pray that the Lord would gain a fresh consecration from the ones who are going to give themselves for the building up of the Body of Christ; that the Lord would gain what He is after in this retreat.
- ✿ Federal election in Germany (Sep 24): Please pray that the Lord would be the One ruling and reigning over this election that will decide for the next German Chancellor; may the Lord rule over the political situation in Germany for His move in this country.
- ✿ Ottawa Bible studies and contacts: Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless the work that He has started since the last distribution and continue to draw new ones to come to the Bible studies and meetings; may the Lord raise up proper shepherding for these new ones; may these new ones become remaining fruits to be added into the Church in Ottawa.
- ✿ Florida & South Texas: pray that the churches and saints affected could quickly recover from all the losses and that families who have lost their homes be able to quickly get back on their feet and not lose heart; pray that the hearts of men be opened through this environment and turn to the Lord; may the Lord gain what is He is after in this situation.
- ✿ Church in Kingston: Pray for the strengthening of the testimony in Kingston; pray that there may be adequate follow-up from the Bible distributed at Queens University on the 8th of Sep; may there be adequate follow-up and shepherding to usher these new contacts into the church life.
- ✿ 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: Rom 5:12 - 8:2 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 1, week 6

Announcements

- ✿ Anyone who wishes to be added to French Standing Order and get all new books in French that come out, please add your name to list at the Bookroom. Anyone who signed up

for French Standing Order, please see Bookroom to get your books.

- ✿ Registration for the 2017 Winter training in Anaheim is now open. The registration deadline is November 1. If you are interested in going please register with sister Monica. The cost is USD\$200 (CAD\$250) per trainee plus USD\$5 for the outline.
- ✿ The video training registration sheet is also available and posted on the board across from the Service office. All those interested in attending should register before the November 1 deadline as well. The cost for the video training is USD\$100 (CAD\$125) per trainee plus USD\$5 (CAD\$6.25) for the outline.
- ✿ The 2018 Internal Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16 th -18 th Feb 2018 in Taipei. Proceeding the conference, there will be a blending trip with the churches in Taiwan. Brother James Kao from Toronto will lead the group, and we extend the invitation to all saints in Eastern Canada. Please contact brother Joe for more information.
- ✿ The translation work in French is on track to translate 2500 pages this year. However, there is a continued need for translator and editor support. The French translation fund is currently low. Please pray for this need.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Sep 17	✿ Serving: Chinese South A
	✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
24	✿ Serving: Chinese North
	✿ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
Oct 1	✿ Serving: English A
	✿ Cleaning: All Groups
8	✿ Serving: English B
	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, Bloomfield, ON: **Fall Eastern Canada College Retreat at Wesley Acres Retreat Centre**,
 - ✿ October 5 to 7, 2017, Leipzig, Germany: **Fall ITERO**
 - ✿ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
 - ✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

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| 17 | ✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and |
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SEPTEMBER	prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✻ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
18	✻
Monday	
19	✻ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese
Tuesday	prayer meetings by districts
20	
Wednesday	✻
21	✻
Thursday	
22	✻ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	
23	✻
Saturday	
24	✻ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER	prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✻ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

CONFESSION AND RECOMPENSE

Scripture Reading: Lev. 6:1-7; Matt. 5:23-26

III. THE TEACHING OF MATTHEW 5 (continued)

If you are offering a gift at the altar and remember that your brother has anything against you or has any reason to sigh because of you, do not offer up your gift. If you want to offer to God, "First go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." God wants the gift, but you must first be reconciled to others. Those who are not reconciled to men will not be able to offer a gift to God. You must "leave your gift there before the altar, and first go and be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Do you see the proper way? You must first go and be reconciled to your brother. What does it mean to be reconciled to one's brother? It means to remove the brother's wrath. You may need to either apologize or recompense. However, the point is to satisfy your brother. It is not a matter of adding one-fifth or one-tenth; it is a matter of reconciliation. Reconciliation means satisfying the other's demand.

When you have offended and transgressed against your brother, when he is disturbed and feels that you are unrighteous, and when you have caused him to sigh before God, your spiritual fellowship with God is interrupted; your spiritual prospects are gone. You may not have the slightest feeling that you are in darkness, and you may feel that you are all right, but the gift you offer at the altar has become void. You cannot ask anything of God. You cannot even give anything to God. You cannot offer anything to God, much less receive any answer from Him. You may have offered up everything on the

altar, but God is not pleased with any of it. Therefore, when you come to God's altar, you must first be reconciled to your brother. Whatever demands he has, you must try your best to satisfy him. Learn to satisfy the righteous requirement of God as well as the righteous requirement of your brother. You can offer your gift to God only after you have done this. This is quite serious.

We should not offend others easily. In particular, we must not offend a brother or a sister lightly. If we offend a brother or a sister, we immediately fall under God's judgment, and it is not easy to be recovered. In verse 25 the Lord emphasized, "Be well disposed quickly toward your opponent at law, while you are with him on the way." Here is a brother who has suffered injustice at our hand; he is not at peace before God. The Lord's words to us are in human terms. Our brother is like a plaintiff in a court of law. The expression while you are with him on the way is wonderful. Today we are all still on the way. Our brother has not died and neither have we. He is here, and we are here. He is on the way, and we are also on the way. We have to be well disposed quickly with him. It is very easy for us to not be here someday; it is very easy for us to not be on the way. It is also very easy for our brother to not be here and to not be on the way. No one knows who will go first. By then it will be too late to do anything. While he and we are still on the way, that is, while both parties are still here, there is the opportunity to speak to one another and apologize. We should be reconciled to each other quickly. The door of salvation will not be open forever. The same is true with the door of mutual confession among the brothers. Brothers have often regretted that they lost their opportunity to confess to each other; the offended party is no longer on the way. If we have any offense toward men, we should seize whatever opportunity we have to be reconciled to them quickly while we are both still on the way. We do not know whether or not others will be here tomorrow. We also do not know whether or not we ourselves will be here tomorrow. Therefore, we have to be well disposed with the brothers while we are still on the way. Once one party is no longer on the way, it is impossible to settle the matter.

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