

Please pray:

- ✿ Natural calamities: Please pray that the natural calamities that are still happening around some regions of the world be used by the Lord for the advancement of His economy on the earth; that these environments may cause people to be open to the gospel and turn to the Lord; that the saints in New Mexico city and the Caribbean may be protected, comforted, strengthened and encouraged at this time; may these natural calamities remind all the saints around the world to redeem our time to pursue the Lord, grow unto maturity and be prepared for His coming.
- ✿ Meeting hall purchase, Church in Ottawa: Please pray that the leading brothers in Ottawa may have much prayer and fellowship for this matter; that the real building up may take place during this time of prayer and fellowship among the saints in Ottawa; may other churches around be burdened to support this need in the Body.
- ✿ Senior coworkers in the Lord's recovery: that the Lord would keep them strong and healthy in spirit, soul and body as they take the lead in the Lord's move; for the health of many older brothers and that of their family members; that the Lord would continue to mature and perfect many saints to take the way of ministry to become genuine ministers of the new covenant for the building up and going on of the churches.
- ✿ Laval: Pray that the Lord would grant us a burden and a heart to pray for this land; that shepherds be raised up to take care of the contacts who come to the Bible studies or express desire to be contacted; that the Lord would raise up a proper testimony in Laval according to His timing.
- ✿ 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: 2 Ch 9:1 - 22:12 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 1, week 7

Announcements

- ✿ The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat will be held October 20-22 in the Church in Toronto meeting hall. The cost is \$60 and the registration deadline is October 8. Registration will be done online.
- ✿ If you wish to be added to the French Standing Order to obtain all new books printed in French, please add your name to the list in the Book room. If you are currently

signed up for the French Standing Order, please see Book room to receive 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 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16th -18 th Feb. 2018 in Taipei. Preceding the conference, there will be a blending trip with the churches in Taiwan. Brother James K from Toronto will lead the group, and the invitation is extended 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. For this work to continue, there is a financial need required for translation and editor support through the French translation fund. Please pray for this need and also for the Lord to lead concerning giving to this fund..

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

Sep 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)
15	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan 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**
- ✿ October 20 to 22, Toronto, ON: **The Eastern Canada Young People Fall Retreat**
- ✿ 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

24	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
SEPTEMBER		
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
25	☼	
Monday		
26	☼	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
27		
Wednesday	☼	
28	☼	
Thursday		
29	☼	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
30	☼	
Saturday		
1	☼	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
OCTOBER		
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)

We have to realize how serious this matter is! You cannot be nonchalant or careless about it. While there is still today, be well disposed with your brother quickly! If you know that a brother has a complaint against you, you have to deal with it. You must try your best to apologize lest there be no opportunity to reconcile later.

Following this, the Lord speaks again in human terms, saying, "Lest the opponent deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Truly I say to you, You shall by no means come out from there until you pay the last quadrans." We will not go into biblical interpretation concerning the paying of the last quadrans. We are only pointing out the practice of paying the last quadrans. We have to see that this matter must be resolved properly. If we do not resolve it properly, the case will not be settled. The Lord is not speaking of a future judgment or of being thrown into and being released from an actual prison. The Lord's emphasis is not on these things. His concern is that we would be reconciled today, that we would pay every quadrans today, not putting the matter off until later. We must do this while we

are still on the way. We must not put off the matter today and hope that it will be resolved later. This is unwise, and it does not pay to leave the matter to the future.

God's children should learn this lesson well. We must make recompense when recompense is due and confession when confession is due. We should make recompense again and again and apologize again and again. We should not allow a brother or sister to harbor any complaint against us. If our conscience is pure, and the wrong is clearly not on our side, we can be at peace. Otherwise, if there is any wrongdoing on our part, we must confess. We must be above reproach in our conduct. We should not always think that others are wrong and we are right. It is certainly wrong to ignore the complaints of others and to instead insist that we are right.

IV. A FEW PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

First, the scope of your confession should be as wide as the scope of your offense. You should do everything according to God's Word and should not take the extreme way. Do not overdo anything. Once you overdo, you will come under Satan's attack. If you offend many people, you must confess to many people. If you offend only one individual, you should confess only to that individual. To confess to an individual when you have offended many people is to under-confess. To confess to many people when you have offended only one individual is to overdo. The scope of confession depends on the scope of offense. The scope of testifying is another matter. Sometimes you have offended one individual, but because you want to testify to the brothers and sisters, you tell them about it. That is another matter altogether. As far as apology and confession is concerned, it should only be according to the scope of the offense. We should not go beyond that scope. We have to pay particular attention to this point.

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