

## Please pray:

- ✿ Follow-up of the contacts after the Bible distribution: Please pray that all the ones who desire to be contacted be contacted according to the Lord's timing; pray that the Lord would keep them hungry and seeking for truths; that shepherds may be raised up to take care of these contacts.
- ✿ Autumn European university conference in Oswestry, UK (3-5 November): Please pray for this gathering of university students from all over Europe; that the Lord will release a timely word from the ministry and speak to each student personally; each student will love the Lord more and have a clearer vision of the Lord, His economy and heart's desire; that every attendee will have a fresh consecration to the Lord to be one with Him for His ultimate move; that this conference will increase the blending of all the students in Europe and give them the sense that they are members of the Lord's one Body and of the one new man on the whole earth.
- ✿ Political situation in Canada and Quebec according to 1Ti 2:1-4: I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men; on behalf of kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Saviour God, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.
- ✿ Laval: Pray that the Lord would grant us a burden and a heart to continually 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: Rom 14:13 - 1 Cor 1:4 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Special Fellowship concerning the World situation and the Lord's Move, week 1

## Announcements

- ✿ The bookroom is working on clearing up past due accounts. If you know you still owe money for books you have picked up in the past, please see the bookroom to pay for those books. Saints will be advised of any outstanding accounts.

- ✿ LSM is releasing the 2018 Gospel Calendar. Please make your orders with the book room. Deadline is TODAY.
- ✿ Winter training in Anaheim registration deadline is TODAY. Please register with 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.
- ✿ 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.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>Oct 29</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>Nov 5</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: Chinese Central 2 and Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
<b>12</b>	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: English Central and College (Dennis, Joe responsible)
<b>19</b>	✿ Serving: English B ✿ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

<b>29</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>OCTOBER LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>30</b>	✿
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>31</b>	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>1</b>	
<b>November Wednesday</b>	✿

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2	✿	
Thursday		
3	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
4	✿	
Saturday		
5	✿	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
NOVEMBER		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

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## FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

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**Scripture Reading:** Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5

### I. FORGIVING ONE'S BROTHER (continued)

#### C. God's Expectation

God expects to see one thing from us: Whoever wants to receive grace must first learn to dispense grace. Whoever receives grace must first learn to share grace. If a man receives grace, God expects him to share this grace with others.

Matthew 18:28-29 says, "But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and he took hold of him and began to choke him, saying, Repay me what you owe. Then his fellow slave fell down and begged him, saying, Be patient with me and I will repay you." Here the Lord shows us that we owe Him ten thousand talents, while others only owe us only a hundred denarii. When we say to the Lord, "Be patient with me and I will repay you all," He not only releases us but also forgives our debt. Our fellow slave, our brother, owes us a hundred denarii at the most. When he says, "Be patient with me and I will repay you," he has our same hope and request. How can we not be patient with him? But the slave "would not; instead, he went away and threw him into prison until he would repay what was owed" (v. 30).

The Lord spoke such a parable to expose the unreasonableness of those who do not forgive others. If you do not forgive your brother, you are the very slave spoken of in these verses. When we read this parable, we are indignant at this slave. The master had forgiven his debt of ten thousand talents, but he would not forgive his fellow slave's debt of a hundred denarii. He put his fellow slave into prison and kept him there until the latter would pay what he owed. He acted according to his standard of "righteousness"! A believer should treat himself according to righteousness but should treat others according to grace. Your brother may owe you something, and the Lord knows clearly that your brother owes you something. But He also clearly shows us that if a believer does not forgive

his brother, he is not dealing with others according to grace. Such a one is short of grace in God's eyes.

Verses 31-33 say, "His fellow slaves, seeing what had taken place, were greatly grieved and came and explained fully to their master all that had taken place. Then his master called him to him and said to him, Evil slave, all that debt I forgave you, because you begged me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave even as I had mercy on you?" The Lord expects us to do to others as He has done to us. He has not made demands on us according to righteousness. In the same way He expects us to not make demands on others according to righteousness. The Lord has forgiven our debts according to mercy, and He expects us to forgive others' debts according to mercy as well. With what measure the Lord measures to us, He expects us to measure the same measure to others. The Lord dispenses grace to us according to a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. He expects us to do the same thing to others according to a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. The Lord expects us to do to our brother as He has done to us.

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