

## Please pray:

- ✿ London, Ontario: Pray that the Lord would continue to open the doors for fellowship and blending with other churches; that the Lord would heal the wounds and shepherd the saints in London; that there be a full restoration of a proper testimony in this city.
- ✿ Southwest Ontario: Pray for the families from Aylmer, Forest, Inwood, Blenheim, Dresden and Leamington, Ontario; that the Lord would strengthen and encourage the saints in this region; pray that the Lord would increase the blending and fellowship in this region.
- ✿ Pray that we may not only know the truths but experience them so that they may become our reality in our daily living; pray that we may allow Christ to saturate and permeate us until we become the proper testimony of Jesus; pray that we may have the burden to propagate the truths that we have in the Lord's Recovery.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Follow-up of fall 2017 ITERO and blending trips: During the two weeks following the ITERO in Leipzig, more than 35,000 New Testament Recovery Versions were distributed in Europe, including more than 31,000 in Germany. Please continue to pray that all who received a Bible will read it and receive the light and life embodied in it; that many seeking ones, especially the key ones, will be shepherded 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: Neh 9:1 Esth 3:15 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ, week 1

## Announcements

- ✿ Please renew or sign-up for the HWMR subscription for 2018 starting this week with your district serving one who gives you HWMR. The cost for the annual subscription is \$75. We want to complete the sign-up by December 18.
- ✿ Registration for the video training is now late. Please add a \$25 late fee to your payment. Please sign up right away

on the board so we can confirm how many outlines in each language are needed, even if you only plan to attend part-time. Here is the schedule:

- Messages 1, 2: Tue. Dec 26 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm
  - Message 3: Wed. Dec 27, at 7:30pm
  - Message 4: Thu. Dec 28, at 7:30pm
  - Message 5: Fri. Dec 29, at 7:30pm
  - Messages 6, 7, 8: Sat. Dec 30 at 3pm, 5pm and 7:30pm
  - Messages 9, 10: Sun. Dec 31 at 11 am and 1pm
  - Messages 11, 12: Mon. Jan 1 at 5:30pm and 7:30pm
- ✿ 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.
  - ✿ The 2018 International Chinese New Year Conference will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> 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>Nov</b>	✿ Serving: English B
<b>19</b>	✿ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
<b>26</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✿ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
<b>Dec</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese South B
<b>3</b>	✿ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
<b>10</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese East ✿ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ November 23 to 26, 2017, Phoenix, Arizona: **International Thanksgiving Conference**
- ✿ December 25 to 30, 2017, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- ✿ December 26, 2017 to Jan 1, 2018, Meeting hall: **Video Training**

*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>19</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	

LORD'S DAY	✠	12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
20	✠	
Monday		
21	✠	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
22		
Wednesday	✠	
23	✠	
Thursday		
24	✠	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
25	✠	
Saturday		
26	✠	10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting
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## FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

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

### II. RESTORING THE BROTHER

It is not sufficient for us to just forgive our brother. This only takes care of the negative side. We still need to restore him. This is the charge in Matthew 18:15-20.

#### A. Telling the Person (continued)

We need to learn this lesson before God. We should never say anything behind the back of the brother who has offended us, and we should not speak to him in front of many people. We must point out his fault only when we are alone together. We do not have to talk about other things or bring up other problems; we simply need to point out the fault. This requires grace from God. It is one lesson God's children must learn.

Some brothers and sisters may think that this is too troublesome. While this is, in fact, quite troublesome, you cannot be afraid of trouble if you want to walk according to God's Word. If you feel that your brother's offense against you is too small to be bothered with, you may feel no need to speak to him. If this is the case, there is also no need to tell others about it. If you feel that a matter is insignificant, simple, trivial, and unworthy of bringing to his attention, you should not tell others about it either. You should not think that he does not need to be informed but that others do need to be informed. If you want to speak of it, speak to him alone. If there is no need to speak of it, simply keep silent. It is wrong for others to know about something when the offending brother is ignorant of it.

#### B. The Reason for Telling

The second half of verse 15 says, "If he hears you, you have gained your brother." This is the reason for telling. The reason for telling your brother is not to receive any compensation. There is only one reason for telling: "If he hears you, you have gained your brother."

Therefore, the issue is not how much loss you have sustained. If your brother has offended you, and the matter is not cleared up, he will not be able to get through to God; there will be obstacles in his fellowship and prayer. This is why you have to admonish him. It is not a matter of venting your hurt feelings, but a matter of your responsibility. It is a very small matter if it is simply a matter of hurt feelings. If it is just a matter of hurt feelings, if the issue does not pose a problem to you, and if you think you can get over it, you do not need to speak to your brother or anyone else. No one knows better than you do how serious the matter is to you. The responsibility of making the decision to go or not to go rests with you. Such responsibility rests with the party who is clearest about the matter. There are many things that can be let go of, but there are also many things that must be dealt with. If some offenses will indeed stumble your brother, you must point out his fault to him while he and you are alone together. Anything that should be dealt with must be dealt with carefully. You may let the matter go easily, but the other party may not be able to get through like you. He has committed an offense before God, and God has not yet forgiven him. If a brother has committed a mistake that will jeopardize his relationship with God, this is not a small matter, and you should go and clearly tell him about it. You must find an opportunity while he and you are alone together and say, "Brother, it was not right for you to offend me in such a way. Your offense will ruin your future before God. You will create obstacles and bring loss to yourself before God." If he listens to you, "You have gained your brother." In this way you restore your brother.

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