

## Please pray:

- ✿ College students: As the end of semester approaches, many students are now preparing for their finals, papers and presentations. Pray that our college students and contacts would learn how to depend on the Lord and experience Him in their studies; that the Lord would continue to shepherd and cherish them during this time.
- ✿ Church in Ottawa: As the church in Ottawa continues to look for a suitable venue to have a meeting hall, we bring this matter before the Lord. May the Lord open and release a suitable property at the time of life.
- ✿ Burden released during the American Thanksgiving Conference (Nov 23-26): Please pray that the Lord's speaking concerning the genuine church life would be guarded and spread among the saints throughout His recovery; that the Lord would gain the recovery of His church life on the earth.
- ✿ Pray that we would cooperate with the heavenly ministry of Christ in ascension by seeking the things which are above (seeking to live Christ in and with the Church) and learning how to separate our soul from our spirit in our daily activities.
- ✿ 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: Esth 4:1 - Job 5:27 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✿ HWMR: Cooperating with the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ, weeks 4 and 5

## 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>Dec 3</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese South 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)
<b>17</b>	✿ Serving: Chinese North ✿ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
<b>24</b>	✿ Serving: English A ✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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>3 DECEMBER LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and prophesying meeting ✿ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast
<b>4 Monday</b>	✿
<b>5 Tuesday</b>	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>6 Wednesday</b>	✿
<b>7 Thursday</b>	✿
<b>8</b>	✿ Various home meetings (English / French /

Friday	Chinese)
9	✻
Saturday	
10	✻ 10am – 12:15pm: Lord's table and
DECEMBER	prophesying meeting
LORD'S DAY	✻ 12:15pm – 1:30pm: Love feast

## 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.

### D. Telling Others

Verse 16 says, "But if he does not hear you, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." If you go to him by yourself and speak to him with a proper motive, a good attitude, and gentle words, and he still does not hear you, then go and tell others about it. However, you must tell someone else only after he has rejected your words. You must not tell others loosely.

If a problem arises between two of God's children and if both of them go to the Lord and deal with it, everything will be solved easily. But suppose one is not careful with his words and the problem spreads to the ear of a third person. The problem will be compounded, and it will be hard to solve. If there is no contamination of a wound, the healing process is relatively simple. If dirt gets into a wound, not only does the level of pain increase, but the dirt makes it harder for the wound to heal. Unnecessarily spreading a problem to a third person is like adding dirt to a wound. Any problems between the brothers and sisters should be dealt with directly by the involved persons. The only time we should tell another person or persons is when one party will not receive the admonition. The purpose of telling others is not to multiply the gossip but to invite others to exhort, help, and fellowship together.

The "one or two more" here should be experienced persons in the Lord; they should be those who are weighty in their spiritual measure. You should present the case before them and ask for their opinions. They should check whether the fault lies with the offending one. The mature ones should pray and consider the matter before the Lord and then arbitrate according to their spiritual discernment. If they feel that the fault lies with the offending brother, they should go to that brother and say, "You are wrong in this matter. By doing this

you have cut yourself off from the Lord. You must repent and confess."

"That by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established." The "one or two more" must not have a loose tongue. Do not invite talkative persons to such a meeting. Talkative ones can never convince people; instead, invite those who are trustworthy, honest, spiritual, and experienced before the Lord. In this way every word will be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses.

### E. Finally Telling the Church

Verse 17 says, "If he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church." If we cannot deal with the problem by ourselves, we should bring one or two with us to deal with it. If the other person still refuses to hear them, we have to tell it to the church. Telling the church does not mean that we publicize the matter when the whole church is gathered together. It means telling the responsible elders in the church. If the conscience of the church also feels that this brother is wrong, he must be wrong. If the offending brother is one who walks before God, he should lay aside his own view and accept the witness of two or three. If he does not accept the witness of two or three, he should at least accept the verdict of the church. The unanimous view and judgment of the church reflect the heart of the Lord. The brother should realize that it is wrong to ignore the church. He should be meek and not trust in his own feelings or his own judgment. Rather, he should accept the feeling of the church.

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