

Please pray:

- ✳ Quebec: shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Ste-Adèle, Longueuil and Gatineau; that saints in Montreal be strengthened to visit contacts in other cities; the Lord's advance in His testimony throughout this province
- ✳ FTTL graduating trainees: Thirteen have just graduated from FTTL this term (June 9). Eight of the graduated ones are in fellowship regarding serving full time. Please pray for the Lord's clear leading and sending of this semester's 13 graduates; for more than 20 to enter the training in August 2018; that the young people in Europe will have a proper view of the training and a desire to be trained.
- ✳ Montreal Chinese speaking gospel meeting & French and English speaking BFC seminar (June 16): Pray that the Lord would go before us to prepare the hearts of men to be the good ground to receive His words; that the Lord would bring the ones whom He has predestinated to come; pray that many saints would be burdened and released to participate in the gospel preaching and Bible distribution on June 10th; that the Lord would give us fruit that remains.
- ✳ Grade six gospel conference (June 22-24): Pray that the children will receive a real infusion of the gospel as the power of God unto salvation and that the children will respond to the Spirit's operation with repentance and faith; pray that the Lord's Spirit would work in the hearts of our grade six children; that they will respond to the shepherding of the serving ones and the Word shared with them will produce genuine fruit of repentance and saving faith; that in the next few months before they go into grade seven, they will all be strengthened and equipped to live a life in the new creation and that they will give themselves to their Lord and Savior to be gospel seeds in their respective schools.
- ✳ Northeast College Training (Jul 13-19): Please pray that many college students would be released to be trained by the Lord during this time; pray that the Lord would start to prepare the college students' hearts to be the good ground for Him to work on; pray that the Lord would gain the college students for His use.
- ✳ Laval: May we continue to pray for this land; that the Lord may continue to shepherd the contacts in their situations; may the Lord gain a proper testimony in the city of 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: Eph 4:11 – 5:33 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: The Genuine Church Life, week 1

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a BfC seminar on the Sanctification in the Book of Romans on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 3246 rue Rushbrook, 6pm.
- ✳ The 2018 Eastern Canada Summer School of Truth will be held from August 12-17 at Upper Canada Camp, Palgrave, Ontario. This SSOT is intended for those going into grade 7 up to those going into second year CEGEP in September. The cost will be \$295 for food and lodging plus \$60 for gas and food on the way to the camp for a total of \$355. Please register by July 8 by filling out the forms provided by the young people serving ones.
- ✳ The last day for regular registration of live summer training and video training is passed. Any registration received now will be subject to a late fee. Late registration will be \$300 for the live and \$150 for the video training.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

June 10	✳ Serving: Chinese South A
	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
17	✳ Serving: Chinese North
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
24	✳ Serving: English A
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
July 1	✳ Serving:
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ June 16, 2018, 3246 rue Rushbrooke, Montreal: **BfC Seminar**
 - ✳ June 22-24, 2018, Hamilton: **Grade 6 Conference**
 - ✳ July 2-7, 2018, Anaheim: **Summer Training**
 - ✳ July 3-10, 2018, Montreal: **Summer Video Training (English/French)**
 - ✳ Aug 1-8, 2018: **Maritime Blending Trip**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

10 JUNE	✳ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings
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LORD'S DAY	✠	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
11	✠	
Monday		
12	✠	7:30-9pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings
Tuesday	✠	
13	✠	
Wednesday		
14	✠	
Thursday		
15	✠	Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
16	✠	6pm: 3246 rue Rushbrooke, BfC Seminar: Sanctification in the Book of Romans
Saturday		
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GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS

IV. GOVERNMENTAL FORGIVENESS

There is another kind of forgiveness in the Bible which we call governmental forgiveness. We can understand this kind of forgiveness from the following verses: Matthew 6:14-15; 9:2, 5-6; 18:21-35; James 5:15. We call the forgiveness that is spoken of in all these verses governmental forgiveness.

A. What God's Governmental Forgiveness Is

Some may ask, "What is God's governmental forgiveness?" I have often thought that if a person were made aware of God's government immediately upon becoming a Christian, he would spare himself many troubles and problems.

Let me once again use the illustration of the little girl. Before such an incident as described above occurred, her mother would have left the doors of the rooms in the house open whenever she left the house. She would have left the door to the kitchen open and the kitchen cabinet doors unlocked. Even though there may have been considerable food in the cabinets, she would have left the door open. On that particular day, when she comes back to the house, she may discover that her daughter has stolen food from the cabinets. Since the mother has found out, the daughter has no choice but to confess her sins and ask for forgiveness. The mother forgives her and kisses her. She says, "I forgive you," and the matter is over with and the fellowship restored. But from that time on, she

begins to lock the doors whenever she leaves the house. She has changed her way! Fellowship is one thing, while government is another thing.

What is government? Government is the way of doing things. In our words, God's government is His way of doing things; it is His administration. The mother forgives her child's sin. She says, "Since you have eaten the food already, I will not pursue the matter any further." She forgives her daughter, and the fellowship is restored. When the daughter sees her mother, she can be as happy and intimate as before. But the next time the mother leaves the house, the cabinets and the door to the kitchen will be locked. In other words, the way of handling things will be different. Fellowship can be restored, but the way of doing things cannot be easily restored. The mother is afraid that her child will do the same thing again. She will no longer grant her daughter the kind of freedom she had before. She will put on some kind of restrictions. The way is changed. Please bear in mind that God treats us according to the same principle. Forgiveness in fellowship is easy. Fellowship is easily restored for those who confess with a true heart. Once they confess that they have sinned against God, God will recover the fellowship between Him and them. But God's way of dealing with these ones may immediately become different. God's discipline may be exercised upon them. He may no longer allow them to be as free or loose.

One day the disciplining hand of God may be lifted. At that time we will have governmental forgiveness. After a period of time, the mother may feel that her child can once again be trusted. She then leaves the kitchen door open once more. This is called governmental forgiveness.

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