

Please pray:

- ✳ Children: that the children of Montreal would grow up to love the Lord and love the church life; for the regeneration of every one of our children, especially before entering secondary school; that their parents might be genuine priests to bring their children to God and bring God to their children; that the serving ones might be built up together through much prayer and taking of the cross; that the Lord would bless the children, the service and the Church through the one accord in the serving ones.
- ✳ Let us pray for the saints currently residing in Aylmer, Dresden, Leamington, Blenheim, Inwood and Forest. They are so hungry to have the proper church life, but due to their distance to the closest locality, they need to travel very far week after week. May the Lord provide a central location nearby that is suitable for their gathering together to have a normal church life.
- ✳ Vancouver and Ottawa meeting hall: 1) We continue to pray for the ongoing construction work for Hall #1 in Vancouver. May the Lord release the estimated \$16 million to meet the needs through the saints and churches' offerings. We fully trust Him that there will be no shortage of building funds to complete the new Hall 1 in Vancouver, which is expected to be around the beginning of 2020. 2) The Lord had sovereignly arranged all the necessary funds for the Church in Ottawa to close the purchase transaction on Nov. 15, 2018. Glory to Him!
- ✳ Israel: 1) Brother B (whom we could not mention the name for security reasons), a lawyer was gained last year from the Tel Aviv University campus during his one year program is now back home in Bogota, Colombia. He meets with the church there now, having left his denomination. He is seeking to go to the winter training in Anaheim. Please pray a door could be opened for him to go, since the time of registration has passed. 2) Brother A (whom we could not mention the name for security reasons), who was also gained from the Tel Aviv University campus last year and who recently attended the short term training in London, will be attending the winter training in Anaheim. Please pray the Lord would richly bless his time there and open the door for him to begin the full time training in 2019.
- ✳ 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: Isa 49:1 - 55:13

- ✳ HWMR: The Goal of the Lord's Recovery – to Bring Forth the One New Man, week 4

Announcements

- ✳ 2019 Chinese Gospel Calendar has arrived. Please come by the bookroom to pay and pick up your calendar.
- ✳ Please register for the video training. Deadline has passed, late fees are now in effect. Cost is CAD \$130 plus late fee of CAD \$35. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- ✳ Video training schedule for all languages:
 - Tues Dec 25 to Sat Dec 29 messages # 1 to 10 every evening at 5pm and 7:30pm
 - LD Dec 30 Message #11 at 1:30pm
 - Tues Jan 1 - Message #12 at 7pm.
 - Study sessions by district from 9am to noon from Tues to Sat
- ✳ Winter training dates are Dec. 24-29, 2018 in Anaheim. If you are planning to go to the live training, please sign up with Monica. Deadline has passed, late fees are now in effect.. Cost is CAD \$260 with late fee of CAD \$65.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

18 Nov	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮……)
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
25	✳ Serving: Chinese South (陳世山, 劉學成…)
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
2 Dec	✳ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真…)
	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church
9	✳ Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳…)
	✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ Nov 22-25, 2018, Charlotte, NC: **International Thanksgiving Day Conference**
 - ✳ Dec. 24-29, 2018, Anaheim, CA: **Winter training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

18 Nov	✳ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Propheying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
19	✳

Monday		
20	✠	7:30-9:00pm: Prayer meetings (English /French/Chinese)
Tuesday		
21		
Wednesday	✠	
22	✠	
Thursday		
23	✠	7:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
24	✠	
Saturday		
25	✠	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
Nov		
LORD'S DAY	✠	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture Reading: Rom. 8:28; Matt. 10:29-31; Jer. 48:11; Gen. 47:7-10

I. GOD BEING THE ONE WHO DOES THE WORK

In order to clarify the breaking and constituting work in us, we will use the phrase the discipline of the Holy Spirit for now. Although our whole environment is ordered by God, it is the Holy Spirit who applies this arrangement to us. God arranges the outward environment, but the Holy Spirit translates this arrangement into something inward and applies it to us. This conversion of outward events to inward experience is called the discipline of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, God orders the environment through the Holy Spirit; He does not order our lives directly but rather does so through the Holy Spirit. The dispensation between the Lord's ascension and His coming again is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. In this dispensation all of God's work is carried out through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit arranges everything in the environment and provides inward guidance to God's children. There are a few passages in the book of Acts which say that the Holy Spirit prompted, stopped, and forbade. We call the environmental arrangements of the Holy Spirit and the inner prompting, stopping, and forbidding "the discipline of the Holy Spirit." This means that the Holy Spirit is disciplining us through all these experiences.

This discipline is not only for our guidance but also for our disposition. It involves not only our ways but also our character. We have a new life within us; the Spirit of God is dwelling in us. He knows what we need, and He knows the kind of experience that will bring us the most benefit. The discipline of the Holy Spirit is God's ordering of the proper

environment through the Holy Spirit in order to meet our need and accomplish His work of breaking and constituting us. Thus, the discipline of the Holy Spirit destroys our natural disposition and habits and brings in the constitution of the Holy Spirit in maturity and in sweetness.

Our environment is altogether arranged by God. Even our hairs are numbered. If no sparrow falls on the ground without our Father's permission, how much more is our environment under His caring hand? A harsh word, an unkind gesture, a misfortune, an unfulfilled wish, a sudden loss of health, an abrupt departure of loved ones—all these are measured by the Father. Whether it be happiness, affliction, health, sickness, joy, or pain, everything that comes our way is approved by the Father. God arranges the environment for the purpose of destroying our old character and disposition and reconstituting us with a new character and disposition. God arranges the necessary environment for us, and unconsciously, we are broken and the Holy Spirit is constituted into us so that we acquire a character and disposition that resembles God. This God-like character and disposition will be expressed through us day by day.

As soon as we believe in the Lord, we should be clear about a few things: First, we need to be torn down, and then we need to be built up again. Second, we do not do the tearing-down and building-up work ourselves; God arranges the environment to tear us down and build us up.

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