

## Please pray:

- ✳ GTCA Vaughan (Jan. 28 - Feb. 2) and London, Ontario (Feb. 4 to 8, 2019): 1) Pray for the Lord to be Head in all the coordination for the upcoming GTCA events for the raising up of a new testimony in Vaughan and the strengthening of the existing church in London. 2) Pray that the Lord would open up venues in both cities. 3) Pray that the trainees and the saints sent would be strengthened in their tripartite being to testify concerning the Lord in both places; 4) that there may be wonderful coordination, blending and building up between the local saints, sent saints from other localities and trainees.
- ✳ Eastern Canada college conference in Montreal (Feb. 22 - Feb. 24): Pray for the releasing of the college students to register and attend this conference; that the students may be prepared by being emptied and unloaded to receive the Lord's personal speaking during this time; that all the coordination and preparations may be covered by the Lord; that all the serving ones may learn to serve in their spirit and shepherd the students according to God; that the speaking brothers may be strengthened and one with the Lord in His burden; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Book fair in Cairo, Egypt (Jan. 23 - Feb. 4): This is the second largest book fair in the world after Frankfurt. People visit from all over the Middle East. There were an estimated 5 million people who visited last year. This book fair is critical for the ministry to go out to the Lord's seeking and hungry believers. 1) Pray that the Lord will bless the book fair and bring many seekers to our booth. May the Lord also open many channels of distribution for the ministry to run throughout the Middle East. 2) That the Lord will continue to cause the church life in Cairo to be more deeply rooted and grounded. May the Lord develop a strong model of a Jesusly-Egyptian God-Man church life. 3) That the Lord will continue to order the human history for the sake of the divine history by keeping Egypt open, free and stable so that we may labour for the Lord's interest here without undue frustration.
- ✳ FTTA and FTTA-XB(Extension Boston): 1) The Spring 2019 term for FTTA-XB began on Monday, January 21st with 31 trainees, which includes 8 entering trainees. The Spring 2019 term for FTTA begins on February 17 and we are praying for at least 50 first term trainees. Please pray that the Lord may bless the trainees with His presence and that they may receive the training that the Lord has prepared for them. 2) In addition, the FTTA trainees will begin travelling to their gospel trip destinations to North America beginning Friday, January 18th while trips to

Europe will begin next Thursday, January 24th. Please pray that the trainees and serving ones from the FTTA will be blended with the local saints; pray that many people will be saved and brought into the church; pray for the spreading of the truth for the increase of His kingdom during this time.

- ✳ 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: Jam 2:1 - 5:20
- ✳ HWMR: Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him in and for the Church Life, week 8

## Announcements

- ✳ The library has not been maintained for a number of years. Anyone who has time or a burden to help set it up and/or serve on the library service, please contact Monica. We would like to try to restart the Library to help saints get into the ministry more as this is a current burden in the recovery.
- ✳ If you have not yet paid or registered for this year's subscription to HWRM, please do so right away with your district saints. The deadline has passed and we need to ensure our numbers are accurate for what we need this coming year. Do not give payments to the bookroom or service office as your district needs to mark off that you have paid.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD for the Winter Training 2018 or the Thanksgiving Conf. 2018, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.
- ✳ There are new guidelines for registration and attendance of the Semiannual Trainings and International Trainings for Elders and Responsible Ones. Please see these new guidelines on the bulletin board.
- ✳ Don't forget to pay for the video training. The cost is \$130 plus late fee of \$35. Please give it to the service office.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

20	✳ Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...)
Jan	✳ Cleaning: Whole Church
27	✳ Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...)
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)
3	✳ Serving: Chinese South (陳世山, 劉學成...)
Feb	

	✿ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
10	✿ Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真..)
	✿ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible) 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ January 26 - February 10, Burnaby, BC, Vaughn & London, ON : GTCA
- ✿ February 15-17, 2019, Anaheim, CA: **International Chinese-speaking Conference.**
- ✿ February 22 - 24, Montreal, QC: Eastern Canada Winter College conference
- ✿ April 5 - 7, 2019, Anaheim, CA: International Training for Elders and Resp ones
- ✿ April 19 - 21, 2019, Toronto, ON: Eastern Canada Young People spring retreat
- ✿ April 26 - 28, 2019, Toronto, ON: Eastern Canada parents and serving ones conference

The church website lists more events

## This Week's Activities

20	✿ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
JAN	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY	✿
21	✿
Monday	
22	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday	
23	✿
Wednesday	
24	✿
Thursday	
25	✿ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday	
26	✿
Saturday	
27	✿ 10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
JAN	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
LORD'S DAY	

## WITHSTANDING THE DEVIL

Scripture Reading: James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11

## I. SATAN'S WORK

### B. Satan's Work on Man's Body (continued)

The complication lies in the fact that Satan does not want us to uncover and expose the illnesses he has inflicted. He always hides behind natural symptoms and makes us think that every sickness is the result of natural causes. If we allow him to hide behind these natural symptoms, our illness will not go away. Once we expose his work and rebuke him, the sickness will go away. One Christian had a very high fever and suffered greatly. He could not sleep and did not understand what was happening to him. Later, he was convinced that it was Satan's work. He prayed to the Lord about it, and the next day the fever went away.

When a Christian becomes sick, he should first find the cause for his illness. He should ask: Is there any proper reason for this sickness? Is this out of natural causes or is it an attack from Satan? If there is not a proper reason for the illness and you discover that it is indeed an attack from Satan, you should withstand him and reject him.

The work of Satan on man's body results not only in illness but also in death. Satan was a murderer from the beginning, in the same way that he was a liar from the beginning (John 8:44). We should withstand not only Satan's sickness but also his murdering. All thought of death is from Satan. Every notion of death as a means to escape from anything is from Satan. Satan made Job think of death. He did this not only to Job but also to every child of God. All notions of suicide, death wishes, and premature death are temptations from Satan. He tempts man to sin, and he also tempts man to die. Even thoughts of danger during one's travels are Satan's attacks. We must reject these thoughts whenever they come and not allow them to remain in us.

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