

## Please pray:

- ✳ Let us pray for one another that we may learn how to conduct ourselves in the house of God, the church; that we may have a heart to care, to shepherd, and to love one another without any murmuring, criticism, and judgement; that we may learn how to forgive, to forget and even to love other saints who have offended us; that we may be holy and live a holy life so that we may express our holy God and eventually become the holy city.
- ✳ Grade six children: 1) Pray for the grade six children, here, in the Southwest and in the rest of the churches from Windsor to Montreal; 2) Pray that they get the adequate shepherding for the next few months in preparation for the June gospel conference.
- ✳ Paris, France: Because of the fire damage to Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral, the French people recently realized their Christian roots. Some Catholics prayed in front of Notre Dame all Wednesday night. Please pray for the French people to be saved from the veil of religion and for the saints to have the burden to preach the gospel.
- ✳ Germany: 1) A potential meeting hall property has been located for the church in Berlin. Please pray that preliminary evaluations will be completed in a timely way, that the property will be in good condition for purchase, and that the city will approve it for church use; 2) A strong beginning at the start of the semester on the university campuses in Germany, that the saints will reconnect with existing students and gain new students, especially freshmen, as remaining fruit; 3) The Lord to reap from among those who have received a German New Testament Recovery Version, especially since the October 2017 Bible distribution in Germany, that the recipients will begin to contact us for more ministry material and for fellowship.
- ✳ Sri Lanka: After the suicide bomb blasts, all the churches and saints in Sri Lanka are fine. Night curfew is going on. Pray that the government can control the situation and may the Lord prepare people's hearts for the spreading of the gospel of the kingdom.
- ✳ 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: 1 Jo 2:12 – 3:10
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Leviticus, Vol 4, week 20

## Announcements

- ✳ There will be a special fellowship titled "Getting along with the saints and managing our finance in the church life" this Lord's day afternoon at the meeting hall at 1:30pm. All saints

are encouraged to join this time. The sharing will be in English with live Chinese translation and French translation over radio.

- ✳ Victoria weekend conference will be in Montreal May 18 & 19
- ✳ The next lesson for the sisters will be on May 5 at the meeting hall at 1:30pm.
- ✳ Registration for Live summer training and video training is now open. Deadline to register is April 29, 2019. Please be reminded that there will be no late registration for the Live Training July 2019. Sign up for Video training on the board and hand in payment at service office.
- ✳ Anyone interested in borrowing the messages on CD, please see the bookroom serving ones to sign them out.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>28</b>	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: Whole Church
<b>5 May</b>	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
<b>12</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
<b>19</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ May 5, Meeting hall: **Lesson for the Sisters**
  - ✳ May 18-19, Montreal: **Victoria weekend conference**
  - ✳ May 24-27, Seattle, Washington: **Memorial Day conference**
  - ✳ May 25-26, Les Abymes, Guadeloupe: **French speaking conference**
  - ✳ June 21-23, London, ON: **Grade 6 Conference**
  - ✳ July 1-6, 2019, Anaheim, CA: **Summer Training**
  - ✳ July 14-20: **North America College Training**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>28</b>	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>29</b>	✳
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>30</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	

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MAY	✠	
Wednesday		
2	✠	
Thursday		
3	✠	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
Friday		
4	✠	
Saturday		
5	✠	10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	✠	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
	✠	1:30pm: Lesson for the sisters

## LOVING THE BROTHERS

Scripture Reading: John 5:24; 1 John 3:14

### I. THE LIFE OF LOVE (continued)

This love is proof that the faith we have acquired is a genuine faith. Such unspeakable love can only issue from genuine faith. This love for the brothers is something very special. A person loves for no other reason than the fact that the other person is a brother. He does not love because there is a common bond of interest. He loves simply because the other person is his brother. It is possible for two persons with different educational backgrounds, temperaments, family backgrounds, opinions, and views to love each other simply because both are believers. Both are brothers, and spontaneously they have fellowship one with another. There is an unspeakable feeling and taste toward each other. This feeling and taste is the proof that they have passed out of death into life. We know that we have passed out of death into life if we love the brothers.

It is true that faith brings us to God. Through faith we pass out of death into life, and through faith we are made members of the household of God and are regenerated. But faith brings us not only to the Father but also to the brothers. Once we have this life, we will have a feeling for the many people throughout the world who also have this life. Spontaneously, this life will draw us toward those who have the same life. This life takes pleasure in their presence; it delights in communicating with them and has a spontaneous love for them.

The Gospel of John and the Epistles of John show us God's ordained order: First, faith brings us out of death into life, and then those who have passed out of death into life have this love. By loving the brothers, we know that we have passed out of death into life. This is a very reliable way to ascertain the number of God's children on earth. Only those who love one another are brothers; those who do not love one another are not brothers.

Brothers and sisters! We must realize that in the eyes of God our love for the brothers is a test of the genuineness of our faith. We have no better way to tell whether a person's faith is true or false. In the absence of this discernment, the more perfectly the gospel is preached, the greater will be the danger of counterfeits. The more thoroughly the gospel is preached, the easier it will be for false ones to come in. The more the gospel is preached with grace, the more careless ones will creep in. There must be a way to discern and recognize genuine faith from counterfeit faith. The Epistles of John show us clearly that the way to differentiate true faith from false faith is not through faith itself but through love. There is no need to ask how great one's faith is. It is necessary only to ask how great his love is. Where there is genuine faith, there will be love. The lack of love proves the absence of faith. The presence of love proves the presence of faith. When we approach faith through the gateway of love, everything will become clear to us.

Whether or not a person is a genuine Christian depends on whether he has a special taste for and attraction toward other children of God. The life which God has given us is not an independent life. It is a life which spontaneously draws us toward those with the same life. It loves and desires mutual intimacy. Those who have such feelings have passed out of death into life.

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