

## Please pray:

- ✳ Victoria Day conference in Montreal (May 18 - 19): Please pray for the releasing of the saints in eastern Canada to attend this conference; that we may be prepared by being emptied and unloaded so that we may be able to hear the Lord's fresh speaking; pray that the Lord will take care of all the details of this conference and that we may learn how to serve in oneness with our Lord; that the Lord may gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Ottawa meeting hall renovation: Pray that the Lord will strengthen all the saints from Montreal supporting the renovation; that all the saints serving may learn how to be built up together spiritually as they are building the physical building; pray that the Lord would cover all the process of this renovation; may this project finish in a timely matter.
- ✳ Israel: Please pray for the sanctifying Spirit to prepare the hearts of those who have been appointed to eternal life (Acts 13:48), whom the Lord has reserved for Himself, and have not bowed the knee to Baal (Rom. 11:2-4). May the word of the truth in the gospel reach them, bringing them to full salvation.
- ✳ India translation work: Please pray for the ongoing translation work of the Recovery Version into the major languages of India. Pray for the bountiful supply to all the translators and saints working together on this project and for the word and ministry to reach many more in India.
- ✳ 2019 FTTA-XB Gospel Trip: 1) Dusseldorf: For the adequate digestion of the word shared in the Farsi-speaking perfecting training. That the Lord would bless all the students from Dusseldorf and surrounding areas as they go to the college training and blend with various churches in the U.S. May the Lord make this a turning point in their lives! That the Lord would facilitate the translation and language learning of the saints to bring in the proper blending, building, and function. 2) Frankfurt: For the saints to be richly supplied and encouraged in caring for so many new ones. For a prevailing testimony of Christ on the campus. You may view the latest prayer items at <http://beseeching.org>
- ✳ 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 3:11 – 5:13
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Leviticus, Vol 4, week 22

## Announcements

- ✳ Victoria weekend conference will be in Montreal May 18 & 19. All saints attending should register to confirm attendance for children's and outlines. Concerning the food, each district

is responsible to pick up 3 trays and bring food on Saturday for dinner or Sunday.

- ✳ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. We will be losing a piano player in 1 month and there is a desperate need for serving ones.
- ✳ 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>12 May</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Whole Church cleaning
<b>19</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
<b>26</b>	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, John responsible)
<b>2 June</b>	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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>12 MAY</b>	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>13 Monday</b>	✳
<b>14 Tuesday</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>15 Wednesday</b>	✳
<b>16 Thursday</b>	✳
<b>17 Friday</b>	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
<b>18 Saturday</b>	✳ 4pm: Victoria Weekend Conference, msg 1 ✳ 7pm: Victoria Weekend Conference, msg 2

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<b>19</b>	✿ 9:30 am: Lord's Table meeting
<b>MAY</b>	✿ 10:30am: Victoria Weekend
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	Conference, msg 3
	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
	✿ 1:30pm: Victoria Weekend
	Conference, msg 4

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## LOVING THE BROTHERS

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

### III. IF ONE DOES NOT LOVE THE BROTHERS

Now let us consider all the verses under this category in 1 John.

First John 2:9-11 says, "He who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause of stumbling in him; but he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes." Are you clear? Whether or not a man is a brother and whether or not he walks in the light and turns away from darkness are determined by whether or not he loves his brother.

If a person knows that you are a brother and yet he hates you in his heart, it proves that he is not a Christian. If he has seen five brothers and says, "I love four of them, but I hate one in my heart," it proves that he is not a brother. We must realize that we do not love a brother because he is lovable but because he is a brother. We love him because he is a brother. This is the only reason for us to love. If a person knows that you are a brother and are of the Lord yet still hates you, it proves that he has no life in him. Here it says, "He who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness." He is in the darkness and he walks in the darkness. In other words, the Bible denies the possibility that anyone can hate his brothers; it does not accept this as a possibility at all. If you know that a person is a brother and yet hate him, you must say, "Lord, I am not walking in the light. I am in the darkness and am walking in the darkness."

First John 3:10 says, "In this the children of God...are manifest. Everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, neither he who does not love his brother." He who does not practice righteousness outwardly is not of God. In the same way, he who does not have an inward love for his brother is not of God. He who does not love his brother is not of God, because this love and this feeling are not in him. In this the children of God are manifest.

Verse 14 says, "He who does not love abides in death." This love does not refer to ordinary love but to the love with which

one loves his brothers. If a person does not have such a love for the brothers within him, the Bible says that he "abides in death." We can understand why a person has no feeling or attraction for other believers before he believes. But it would be very strange if, after believing, he still has no feeling or attraction toward other believers. His faith may not be that genuine. "He who does not love abides in death." Formerly, such a person was dead. I am afraid that he is still dead because faith is based on love. Whether or not a person's faith is genuine depends on whether there is love. Those who believe in God have a love for the brothers. If love is absent, it proves that the person still abides in death.

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