

## Please pray:

- ✳️ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳️ Going into districts: Please pray for the brothers in each district to rise up and learn how to bear the responsibility of the church; that the Lord will release the prayers of the saints for this important move in Montreal; that much and adequate fellowship, building up, and coordination will be released during the following weeks to come for the preparation of going into districts; that each saint in each district may learn how to function according to their measure for the building up of the church; may the Lord gain what He is after in this move.
- ✳️ Quebec: shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Ste-Adèle, Laval, 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.
- ✳️ Conference in Halifax (June 15-16): Pray that the Lord will gather the saints and speak to them a fresh word concerning the experience of Christ; that the Lord will use this conference to encourage the saints and bless His move in this region.
- ✳️ 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: Jude 1:1 – 1:11
- ✳️ HWMR: Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-Inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God, week 2

## Announcements

- ✳️ The library would like the saints who has borrowed material to please return the book or CD's to the bookroom as soon as possible so inventory can be completed.
- ✳️ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. We are losing a piano player 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>9 June</b>	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 2 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang responsible)
<b>16</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Whole Church
<b>23</b>	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
<b>30</b>	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳️ 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>9 JUNE</b>	✳️ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳️ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>10 Monday</b>	✳️
<b>11 Tuesday</b>	✳️ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>12 Wednesday</b>	✳️
<b>13 Thursday</b>	✳️
<b>14 Friday</b>	✳️ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
<b>15 Saturday</b>	✳️
<b>16 JUNE</b>	✳️ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳️ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## LOVING THE BROTHERS

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

### III. IF ONE DOES NOT LOVE THE BROTHERS (continued)

First John 4:20-21 says, "If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen."

And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God love his brother also." Here John shows us that to love one's brothers is equal to loving God. He who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. We should love our brothers if we want to love God. This is the commandment which we have received from God.

We must be careful not to do anything that will offend love. We should not offend our brothers lightly. We must love one another and must honor the brotherly love that has been placed in our hearts. We should not put aside such a heart. God has placed this heart in us so that we can use it to serve and help the brothers. We should allow this brotherly love to grow, to be strengthened, and to be empowered.

First John 3:17 says, "But whoever has the livelihood of the world and sees that his brother has need and shuts up his affections from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" John did not say, "How does the love of the brothers abide in him?" He said, "How does the love of God abide in him?" because the love of God is the love of the brothers, and the love of the brothers is the love of God. The love of God does not abide in a person who shuts up his love for his brother. He cannot deceive himself by saying, "Although I do not love my brother, I love God." Our relationship with the brothers comes from our relationship with God. If we are not related to the brothers, it means that we are not related to God. If we reject our brothers, the love of God is not in us.

## IV. HOW TO LOVE THE BROTHERS

First John 3:16 says, "In this we know love, that He laid down His life on our behalf." What does it mean to love the brothers? John goes on to explain it. We do not know what love is until we see how the Lord laid down His life for us. John continues by saying, "And we ought to lay down our lives on behalf of the brothers." A love for the brothers is a willingness to lay ourselves aside to serve them. It is a willingness to deny oneself for the perfection of others, and a heart that will even lay down one's very own life for his brothers.

Verse 18 says, "Little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue but in deed and truthfulness." Brotherly love is not just empty words; it is manifested in deed and truthfulness.

First John 4:10-12 says, "Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us." This shows us that our love toward God and our love toward one another cannot be separated. The love of God is perfected in us if we love one another. Today God has put many brothers before us for us to practice our love for God. The

love of God is perfected in us if we love one another. We should not say in a vain way that we love God. We must learn to love the brothers in a real way. It is vanity to merely talk about love. Our love for God must be expressed in our love for the brothers.

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