

Please pray:

- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Grade six children conference (June 21-23): 1) Pray for the practical arrangements and details in London; 2) pray that the Spirit moves among the children, preparing the ground of their hearts to receive the kingdom seed; 3) Pray for the children's care and shepherding after the conference time.
- ✿ North American College Training (NACT): A gathering as large as the NACT requires a smooth coordination of various practical services including ushering, registration, and audio-visual. Please pray that there would be no interruption to the ministry of the word and that each service would be carried out in a smooth and harmonious way.
- ✿ 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.
- ✿ Vancouver meeting hall: As the construction of meeting hall #1 in Vancouver enters another phase which deals with the structural aspects, pray that there will be no delays in securing the proper construction materials. Let us be so willing to pray and offer the financial needs to meet the shortage of \$3.65 million.
- ✿ 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: Ezek 47:1 – Dan 4:37
- ✿ HWMR: Propagating the Resurrected, Ascended, and All-Inclusive Christ as the Development of the Kingdom of God, week 3

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

16 June	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: Whole Church
23	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山、劉學成...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
30	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
7 July	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan 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

16 JUNE	✿ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
17 Monday	✿
18 Tuesday	✿ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
19 Wednesday	✿
20 Thursday	✿
21 Friday	✿ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
22 Saturday	✿
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LOVING THE BROTHERS

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

IV. HOW TO LOVE THE BROTHERS (continued)

First John 5:2-3 says, "In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." If we love God, we must keep His commandments. Likewise, if we love God's children, we must keep His commandments. For example, God's commandment says that we should be baptized by immersion. But many of God's children hold different opinions. They say, "I do not agree with baptism by immersion. If you love me, you should not be baptized by immersion. This will hurt me." What should we do? God commands us to leave the denominations and not remain in any sects; however, many of God's children promote the denominations. They say, "You should not leave the denominations. You will hurt us if you leave the denominations." What should we do? We must leave the denominations if we want to love God, and we should stay in the denominations if we want to love our brothers. This puts us in a dilemma. But verse 2 says, "In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments." In other words, we cannot say that we love God's children if we do not keep God's commandments. Suppose a brother is touched by God to be baptized by immersion. He should be baptized if he loves God's children. If he is not baptized, he will affect other children of God; they also may choose not to be baptized. This will hinder them from obeying God. This is not the way to love them. If we keep all the commandments of God, we will know that we have loved His children. We will have taken the way of obedience. Now other children can take the same way. If we choose not to obey just because we are afraid that we may hurt them by our obedience, we will have no way to go on, and they will have no way to go on as well. We must learn to love God, and we must keep all His commandments. It is by loving Him and keeping His commandments that we know we love His children. We must keep all the commandments of God. This is the only way to lead God's children to the way of obedience. Consider another illustration: Suppose your parents do not allow you to believe in the Lord. What should you do? Would you deny the Lord for the sake of loving them? If you listen to them and deny the Lord, you are not practicing love at all! If you do not listen to them and instead believe in the Lord, they may be angry with you for a time, but you have opened a way for them to believe in the Lord. This is love!

However, we must not offend our parents in attitude or in words. It is right for us to obey and follow God's commandments, but we

must not offend our parents in our attitude and our words. We need to hold fast to God's truth, and at the same time, we need to maintain love. We must learn to be righteous from the very beginning of our Christian life. At the same time, we must not give up love. Do not emphasize the holiness of the life of God at the expense of the love found in His life. These two aspects should balance one another. We want to obey God, but we must obey in an attitude of meekness. Do not offend love in any way. If something needs to be done, do it. But never do anything which offends love. We must be gentle in our attitude. Even when there are differences of opinion among the brothers, we must still remain gentle. We must be full of love when we tell our brother, "Brother, how I wish to see what you have seen. But God has shown me otherwise, and I have no choice but to obey Him." Do not lower the standard of God's Word; neither offend love. On the one hand, be obedient to God. On the other hand, love. We must show our brother that we are not doing something for ourselves; we are doing it because God has said so. Our attitude must be right, and we must be full of meekness. This will gain many brothers and sisters.

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