

## Please pray:

- ✳ Summer School of Truth (Aug 4–9): As the SSOT is going on right now, we pray that the Lord would cover every detail in this time; that the Lord would bless the coordination of the serving saints, be their wisdom to serve the young people and strengthen the serving saints in their tripartite being. We also pray for each of our young people in eastern Canada, that they will be fully sanctified by the Word during this time. Lord, do open our young people to treasure the Word, and gradually be constituted by all His divine elements.
- ✳ Districts in Montreal: that the Lord might lead us as He multiplies us into various district meetings; for a clear and controlling vision of the oneness of the Body of Christ; genuine blending between the saints in the districts regardless of language; the Lord's burden and blessing for the propagation of the gospel of the kingdom in each of our neighbourhoods; a way to provide proper spiritual care for our children in the districts.
- ✳ French-speaking conference in Montreal (Aug 30 - Sep 1): Pray for the fellowship, speaking, services and preparations for this conference; 2) pray for the releasing of the French-speaking saints all over the world to attend this conference; 3) pray that many new ones in Montreal and the surrounding areas will also be released to come and hear the Lord's speaking; 4) pray that the Lord will gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳ Vancouver meeting hall: Pray that as the construction of meeting hall #1 in Vancouver enters the next phase (structural aspects), there will be no delays in securing the proper construction materials. Pray that the financial needs be met to meet the shortage of \$3.62 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: Rev 5:7 – 8:12
- ✳ HWMR: The Reality of the Body of Christ, week 1

## Announcements

- ✳ Group 2 will be having a picnic with activities at Angrignon Park on Aug 10, at 11am to 3pm. All group 2 children, families and serving ones are invited. Anyone else who would like to blend with group 2 are also welcome to attend. Please bring enough food for your own family.
- ✳ The Library is finishing inventory. Please ensure all material borrowed is returned. The Library will be moving location soon so any willing to help serving with the Library when it is set up, please advise Monica or Phaik Keen.

- ✳ Piano service: if anyone is able to play the piano, please consider serving. There is an urgent need for serving ones.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

4 Aug	Serving: Chinese East (陳劉淑真...) Cleaning: Whole Church
11	Serving: Chinese North (黃育鳳...) Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Chao responsible)
18	Serving: English/French (Rose, Julie ...) Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gary Chen responsible)
25	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...) Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ Aug 4 to 9, 2019, Puslinch, Ontario (Crieff Hills): **Summer School of Truth**
  - ✳ Aug 10, Angrignon Park: **Group 2 Picnic**
  - ✳ Aug 17: **Grade 6 Blending Time**
  - ✳ Aug 30 to Sept 1: **French speaking conference**
  - ✳ Oct 12-13, 2019, Moncton, NB: **Maritimes conference**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

4 August	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
5 Monday	✳
6 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
7 Wednesday	✳
8 Thursday	✳
9 Friday	✳
10 Saturday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese)
11 August	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
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## THE PRIESTHOOD

### IV. THE CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD

## **D. The Unique Occupation of a Christian— Serving God (continued)**

Every Christian has only one occupation, that of serving God. A Christian doctor can no longer expect to make a name for himself as a famous doctor; his practice as a doctor is only useful in sustaining his living. His real occupation is to be a priest to God. A professor or a teacher can no longer strive to be a famous or outstanding academician. Rather, he must now strive to be a proper priest before God. His teaching becomes merely his vocation; his main occupation is to serve God. Craftsmen, businessmen, farmers, and all the other professionals are no longer living for their own professions. There is now only one profession for everyone, that of serving God.

## **E. Only One Ambition—Pleasing the Lord**

Every brother and sister should set aside their old occupation on the day they are saved. I hope that you will give up all your ambitions and aspirations the day you begin your Christian life. You should no longer aspire to be someone special. You should no longer strive to be someone outstanding or distinguished in your field or line of occupation. You should learn from Paul, who had only one ambition—to be well pleasing to the Lord. You should not have any ambition other than this. All worldly occupations should be put aside. You should no longer have any aspiration to be great or outstanding. You should only aspire to serve the Lord in His presence.

## **V. THE GLORY OF THE PRIESTHOOD**

During the early years of my Christian life, I always felt that it was a hard job to exhort young believers to serve God. It seemed that I had to try very hard to beckon, beg, and plead with others to serve God. But God's view is totally different from ours. God took the priesthood away from the Israelites when they sinned. In God's eyes service is a great privilege and a high honor. If a man fails or backslides, God takes away the priesthood from him. God has no intention to persuade or beg man to serve Him. He has no intention of seeking man's approval. It is man's glory, not God's, for him to be called to be God's priest.

## **A. God Honoring Us by Calling Us to the Priesthood**

Those who offered strange fire in the Old Testament were burned to death. Some died when they entered the holy place. Others died when they tried to offer sacrifices to God. God would not allow anyone except the priests to come to Him. In God's eyes the priesthood is a trust He has placed upon man. He is bestowing glory and honor to man and uplifting man when He calls him to the priesthood. A person would die if he volunteered

to take up the priesthood according to his own will. Uzzah, who stretched out his own hand to steady the ark when it tilted, was immediately smitten to death.

## **B. Foolish Men Considering Service to Be a Favor to God**

There are many people who think that they are granting God a favor by offering themselves to Him. Over the past decades, I have always felt uneasy when preachers pleaded with believers in revival meetings to give themselves to serve God. Many people give a little money to God and think that they are doing Him a special favor. Many people offer themselves to serve God and think that they are doing Him a favor. Some people think that they are bestowing honor upon God when they give up a little position in the world. Their hearts seem to be saying, "I give myself, someone as important as I, to serve God today!" Some give up their little positions and think that they are exalting the Lord. But this is blindness! This is nothing but folly and darkness!

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