

## Please pray:

- ✳ May our Lord give us the desire and build us up to be today's Zion by experiencing personally and corporately all the aspects of the New Jerusalem by the mingling of God with man for the oneness of the Body of Christ to fulfill the eternal purpose of God. May all that we have read these past 6 weeks become our reality that we may really become the reality of the Body of Christ.
- ✳ Districting for the church in Montreal: As we met in our districts for the first time this last Lord's day, may our Lord continually give us the burden to function according to the measure in the practical services and in prophesying so that the church could be built up through the operation of each one part; that the Lord may bless each district with increase in life, in growth, and in numbers through our districting.
- ✳ First Lord's table in Bielefeld, Germany (September 22nd): Pray for the beginning of a strong testimony of the Lord's move in this city. Pray also for the saints to be in one accord for His propagation and for the furtherance of the campus work at Bielefeld University.
- ✳ Brexit: Recently the UK prime minister made a major change in their course toward Brexit, which caused commotion in top levels of government and broader. May the Lord sovereignly rule over this confusion and contention for His interests in the UK and for the advancement of His move in all of Europe.
- ✳ 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 14:13 – 18:8
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Numbers (1), week 1

## Announcements

- ✳ The churches in the Maritimes welcome all saints to the Maritime Blending Conference, in Moncton, NB on Oct. 12-13, 2019. The conference will be at the Quality Inn, Dieppe and rooms there include hot breakfast, parking and wifi. Deadline for the group rate has been extended. Please reserve your rooms by Sept. 16 to get the group rate of \$119/room/night for up to 4 people in the room. Hotel reservations can be made at 506-858-8880. May the Lord bless this conference!
- ✳ Church in Antigua: The church in Antigua has been building on their own meeting hall for 10 years now. They would like the meeting hall to be finished soon because they have a lot of children and the section that needs to be finished is the children's room. They still need an amount of \$50,000 UDS to complete the work. Please pray for this burden in the

body and give according to the Lord's leading. If you would like to give for this need, please contact brother Martin Plante.

- ✳ Prayer time with the whole church: Many saints have put their names to pray together on the phone during different times of the day for a period of 21 days for the English and French speaking and 30 days for the Chinese speaking saints. We encourage many more saints to join these prayer times. Please give your name if you would like to join to Johnathan Lin (for the English speaking), Allan Yeow (for the French speaking), and Joe Zhou (for the Chinese speaking).
- ✳ Library serving ones are needed to help with new library. Talk to Monica or Phaik Keen if you are interested in serving.
- ✳ 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

<b>15</b>	Serving: French (Julie ...)
<b>Sep</b>	Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>22</b>	Serving: English (Rose...)
	Cleaning: Whole church
<b>29</b>	Serving: Chinese Central (賈筱榮...)
	Cleaning: English West, Chinese West, Chinese North and Young People (John Y., Boy, Jun and Aaron Chao responsible)
<b>6</b>	Serving: Chinese South (陳世山, 劉學成...)
<b>Oct</b>	Cleaning: Chinese East 3 and Chinese Central 1 (Huiqiang and Gary Chen responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ Oct 12-13, 2019, Moncton, NB: **Maritimes conference**
  - ✳ Oct 25 – 27, Antigua: **Conference in Antigua**
  - ✳ Nov 8 – 10, Toronto, ON: **The Canada Brothers Conference**
  - ✳ Nov. 28 – Dec 1, Houston, TX: **Thanksgiving Conference**
  - ✳ Dec 23 – 28, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Training**
- The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>15</b>	✳ 10am- 12pm Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings
<b>September</b>	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳
<b>16</b>	✳
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>17</b>	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>18</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	✳

19	✿	
Thursday		
20	✿	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings
Friday		(English/French/Chinese)
21	✿	
Saturday		
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September		Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Love Feast

## THE BODY OF CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:23; 4:11-13; 5:29-30; Gen. 2:21-24; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 12:12-30; Rom. 12:4-8

### I. THE CHURCH BEING OF CHRIST

Genesis 2 shows us that God took a rib from Adam and made Eve out of it. This typifies the relationship between Christ and the church. Just as Eve came out of Adam, the church comes out of Christ. God made Eve out of Adam. Likewise, He created the church out of Christ. God gave us not only the grace, power, and nature of Christ, but He also gave us the Body of Christ. God has given us His bones, His flesh, and Himself, even as He gave Adam's rib to Eve. What then is the church? The church comes out of Christ. The Bible shows us that Christ is the Head of the church and the church is the Body of Christ. Individually speaking, every Christian is a member of the Body of Christ and comes out of Christ.

There is one thing we must take note of: The Body of Christ is on earth, but it is not earthly. It is heavenly, yet it is on earth. When Saul was persecuting the church, on his way to Damascus, the Lord Jesus asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (Acts 9:4). The Lord's word was quite strange. He did not say, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting My disciples," but "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" He did not say, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting My church," but "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" This showed Paul that the church and Christ are one. The church is one with Christ, so much so that when a man persecutes the church he is persecuting Christ. This shows us also that the Body of Christ is on earth, because no one could persecute it if it were in heaven. The Body of Christ is on earth. Therefore, Paul could persecute it. Because the Body of Christ is the church on earth, Paul's persecuting of the church was his persecuting of the Lord Himself. Many people say that the manifestation of the Body of Christ is something that will occur in heaven. They say that one has to wait until he is in heaven before he can see the manifestation of the Body. If this were the case, Paul's persecution of the church could not have been considered as his

persecution of the Lord. The Lord said that Saul persecuted Him when he persecuted the church. Therefore, the Body of Christ is manifested on earth, not in heaven. The church as the Body of Christ is on earth. We have to express this Body while we are on earth. Although the Head is in heaven, the Body and the Head are one. The Body on earth and the Head in heaven are one. To persecute the Body is to persecute the Head. To persecute the church is to persecute the Lord. The two are one, and there is no way to separate them.

Some may ask, "How could the Body of Christ be expressed on earth during Paul's time? From the time Paul was on earth until now, one thousand nine hundred years have passed. Every year countless numbers of people throughout the world are saved and added to the Body of Christ. Many more will be added in the coming days and years. How could the church at Paul's time be called the Body of Christ?" One brother in the last century gave a good answer. He said that the church is like a bird. When it first hatched, the feathers were not well developed. Yet we can say that it was a bird. When it becomes full grown, we still say that it is a bird. Feathers from elsewhere are not added to the bird; they grow from the bird itself. The growth and maturity of the bird are the result of the inward activities of the bird's life. This is how the church grows on earth today. Although Paul persecuted the church in its infancy, it was nevertheless the Body of Christ. From that time on until today, nothing has been added to it; it has only become more full grown.

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