

Please pray:

- ✳ In this new year, let us take up the apostle Paul's charge to "first of all" pray (1 Timothy 2:1). Let us stand against the sin of prayerlessness and exercise ourselves to have a prayer life; to be men of prayer. May we also build up a regular prayer life with one another, in our homes, and with our vital companions. This will enable us to have an uplifted and healthy church life.
- ✳ Pray that the saints would realize that the Lord's desire to change the age needs a group of people who would willingly lay themselves on the altar to be burned by Him and would tell the Lord that they are willing (Lev. 3:11; Num. 28:2 and note 21; cf. Ps. 110:3).
- ✳ May 2021 be a year where we gain one remaining fruit each, being built up and vitalised in twos and threes with our vital group and have at least three people under our care by shepherding, cherishing and nourishing. May this year be a year where the church gains the increase in life and in numbers.
- ✳ Migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities: Please pray for the migration of burdened saints to six designated European cities—Barcelona, Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Rome, and Zurich.
- ✳ 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: John 7:1 – 8:44
- ✳ HWMR: The Will of God, week 1

Announcements

- ✳ We will have the French prayer meeting on the first and the 3rd Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m.
- ✳ All church meetings continue to take place online/via conference calls. These include the following: **Lord's Table Meeting** - Will be conducted online or via conference calls by the following districts/groups:
 1. English Central/NDG/West - Dennis L. host
 2. French - Allan Y. host
 3. Chinese East 1, 2 & 3 & Central 1 & 3 - Aaron C./John Y. host
 4. Chinese South - William L./John C. host
 5. Chinese West & North - John Ya host**Prayer meeting** - By districts/groups
Group meetings - By districts/groups

Upcoming Events

- ✳ February 13-14, 2021, Online: **2021 International Chinese Speaking Conference**
- ✳ April 16-18, 2021, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

17 January LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting ✳ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom ✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
18 Monday	✳
19 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
20 Wednesday	✳
21 Thursday	✳
22 Friday	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
23 Saturday	✳
24 January LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting ✳ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom ✳ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

Scripture Reading: Rom. 10:10; Prov. 29:25; Matt. 10:32-33

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFESSING WITH THE MOUTH

Once a person has believed in the Lord, he should not keep the matter a secret; he has to confess the Lord with his mouth. Confessing the Lord with our mouth is a very important matter.

A. Opening the Mouth as Soon as One Believes

As soon as one believes in the Lord, he should confess the Lord before men. Suppose a person gives birth to a child. What would we think if the child could not speak by the age of one or

two, or even three? Would we say only that he is slow in speech development? Is it possible for such a person to begin saying, "one, two, three, four," at the age of thirty and then learn to say "daddy" and "mommy" at fifty years of age? No. If a person is dumb in his infancy, he probably will be dumb for the rest of his life. If he cannot say "daddy" and "mommy" when he is young, he probably will not be able to say it for the rest of his life. Likewise, if a new believer does not confess the Lord immediately after he believes in the Lord, I am afraid he will be dumb for the rest of his life. If he cannot speak when he is young, he probably will not be able to speak when he grows up.

Some have been Christians for ten or even twenty years. Yet they remain dumb. This is because they did not open their mouth during the first and second week of their Christian life. They will continue to be dumb until they die. Confessing the Lord begins at the time a person believes. If you open your mouth the day you believe in the Lord, the way of confession will be opened to you. If a person is dumb in the first weeks, months, or year, he is likely to remain dumb for the rest of his life. Therefore, as soon as a person believes in the Lord, he should endeavor to speak to others about the Lord. Even if he finds it hard to speak and even if he dislikes speaking, he still must speak. He must speak to his relatives and friends. If he does not learn to speak openly, I am afraid he will be a dumb man before God for the rest of his life. We do not wish to see dumb believers. This is why we must learn to open our mouth from the very beginning. If a person fails to do this in the beginning, he will find it more difficult to do it later. Unless God grants special mercy or there is a revival, these ones will never open their mouth. It will take a great effort for them to open their mouth at a later date. Every new believer should seek the opportunity to confess the Lord before men. Such a confession is a great matter and reaps much profit.

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