

## Please pray:

- ✳️ Prayer for the saints' attitude toward the word of God: Pray that the saints, by the Lord's grace, would learn to consider God's Word, esteem it right concerning all things, enter into it, treasure it, hide it in their heart, remember it, and not forget it (Psa. 119:95, 128, 130, 162, 11, 52, 93).
- ✳️ Canada Winter College Conference: The churches in Eastern Canada will host the 2021 Winter College Conference during the Feb. 19-20 weekend to meet the needs of the students. The subject during this time will be "Metaphors for the Christian life". Pray that the college students, Grade 12s, and recent graduates can set apart this time to be refreshed in their daily walk with the Lord.
- ✳️ India: Brothers serving in Amana, Rhema and the Work in India, along with local saints, are coordinating to carry out this distribution trip in the state of Chattisgarh, Odisha, and Jharkhand. This will be the first trip after the pandemic struck India. Remember us in your prayer: 1) Pray that the Lord would supply many of His lovers and seekers with His rich speaking and life supply through the ministry books; 2) pray for the coordination among the serving ones; 3) pray for the Lord's blessing and for the manifestation of His chosen ones who would one day bear His testimony.
- ✳️ 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.
- ✳️ 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 11:23 – 13:11
- ✳️ HWMR: The Will of God, week 5

## Announcements

- ✳️ **Eastern Canada College Conference:** The 2021 Eastern Canada College Conference will be held online from Friday February 19 to Saturday February 20. We encourage all the college students, grade 12s, recent graduates and serving ones & families burdened for the campus labour to register. The topic will be "Metaphors for the Christian Life". Please register by February 15.  
Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeConf2021>
- ✳️ There will be a whole church parents fellowship on February 21 at 3:00PM on Zoom. This will be for parents of children and young people.

- ✳️ 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 21, 2021, Online: **Whole Church Parents Fellowship**
- ✳️ April 16-18, 2021, Online: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones**  
*The church website lists more events*

## This Week's Activities

<b>14 February LORD'S DAY</b>	✳️ 9:30am-10am: Lord's Table meeting via Zoom Meeting
	✳️ 10am-11:30am: <b>International Chinese-Speaking Conference</b> , Message 4
	✳️ 10am-10:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
	✳️ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
	✳️ 7:30-9 PM: <b>International Chinese-Speaking Conference</b> , Message 5
<b>15 Monday</b>	✳️
<b>16 Tuesday</b>	✳️ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
<b>17 Wednesday</b>	✳️
<b>18 Thursday</b>	✳️
<b>19 Friday</b>	✳️ 6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
<b>20 Saturday</b>	✳️
<b>21 February LORD'S DAY</b>	✳️ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting

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- ✿ 11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
  - ✿ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
  - ✿ 3pm, online: **Whole Church Parents Fellowship**
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## CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

### II. COMMON MISTAKES (continued)

#### B. Being Afraid of Failing to Persevere to the End

Some people think, "If I confess with my mouth and then fail to persevere in my Christian conviction, will this not become a joke to others? Suppose I can no longer make it as a Christian after three or five years, what should I do then? It is better for me not to say anything now. Let me wait for several years, until I find out whether or not I can make it." We can tell such ones that if they do not confess because they are afraid of stumbling or failing, they will surely fail. They have already opened a back door and are trying to avoid the front door. They have already made preparations to back out of their own confession. They want to wait to have assurance before they confess. We are sure that such ones will fail. It is better to stand up and say, "I am for the Lord." If you close the back door first, it will become much harder for you to back out or backslide later. Consequently, you will have a much better chance of going forward than of sliding backward. In fact, this is the only possible way for you to go forward.

If you want to wait until you have good behavior before you confess, your mouth will never open up. You will always be dumb. Even after you have good conduct, you will still be dumb. If you do not open your mouth at the beginning, it will be much harder to open your mouth later. If you open your mouth, the chance of having good conduct will be greater. If you want to wait until your behavior is good before you confess, you will lose both your chance of opening your mouth as well as your chance of having good behavior; both will be lost, and you will fail in both.

One assuring thought is that God is not only the God who redeems us but also the God who preserves us. What should we liken redemption to? Redemption is like buying something. What then is preservation? Preservation is like putting the purchased object in one's own hand. How many people in this world buy things with the view of throwing them away? When we buy a watch, we want to use it for five or ten years; no one buys a watch with the view of throwing it away. God is saving people everywhere. He

does not save them and then throw them away. He wants to preserve what He has saved. Since God has saved us, He will preserve us. Since God has redeemed us, He will preserve us until that day. God loves us so much that He was willing to forsake His Son to redeem us. If He had no intention of preserving us, He would not have paid such a great price. It is God's purpose as well as His plan to preserve us. Do not be afraid to stand up and say, "I believe in the Lord." You may say, "What happens if I fail in a few days?" Do not worry about this; God will be responsible for it. It is better for you to stand up and say, "I belong to God." Commit yourself to God. God knows that you need support, comfort, and protection. We have the assurance to say that God preserves man's salvation. This preservation makes redemption meaningful.

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