

Please pray:

- ✳ Beseeching.org: 1) Pray that the saints would be constituted by the Lord to be shepherds with the loving and forgiving heart of our Father God in His divinity and the shepherding and seeking spirit of our Savior Christ in His humanity (Luke 15:4, 8, 11-13, 17-20). 2) Pray for the saints to become God in life, nature, expression, and function (but not in the Godhead) so that they may shepherd others according to God (1 Pet. 5:2a and note 24; 2 Pet. 1:4a; 1 John 4:16; Eph. 5:8; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- ✳ Special fellowship for parents and serving ones (May 22-23): May the parents and serving ones be released to attend this special fellowship; may the Lord speak a timely and personal word to them; may the brothers sharing be one with the Lord and His heart for the next generation; may the Lord gain what He is after in this time.
- ✳ Semi-annual training (July): May the Lord grant us a heart to be trained and be poor in spirit to receive a fresh dispensation; may the saints be released inwardly and outwardly to attend this training; may the Lord speak to His churches what is on His heart.
- ✳ Israel: 1) Pray for the protection of the Lord's interest and that He may gain what He is after through the conflicts in the region; 2) that the Spirit will brood in the hearts of men to turn to Christ and receive Him as their Savior; 3) pray for the Spirit to continue to operate in the hearts of the ones who are receiving the Recovery Versions in Israel now. Please also pray for the strengthening of their connection with the saints, especially during the home visitations.
- ✳ 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: 1 Kings 2:1 – 8:36
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization-study of Jeremiah and Lamentations, week 4

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a special fellowship on Zoom for the parents and serving ones of children, young people, and college students **May 22 from 1:30-2:30PM** and **May 23 from 2:30-3:30PM**. Zoom details will be sent out shortly
- ✳ The summer 2021 semiannual training will be held from July 5 to 10. Due to the current situation with COVID-19, only the

video training will be available. The registration donation is \$155. Please register with your district brothers and pay them the fee by June 1st.

- ✳ 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

- ✳ May 22-23, online: **Special Fellowship for the Parents and Serving Ones**
 - ✳ May 28-31, 2021: **2021 International Memorial Day Conference**
 - ✳ July 5-10, 2021: **The Summer Semiannual Video Training**
- The church website lists more events*

This Week's Activities

16	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
May	✳	11am-11:45am: Grade 3-6 children (Seniors) via Zoom
LORD'S DAY	✳	1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
17	✳	
Monday		
18	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts via conference calls
Tuesday		
19	✳	
Wednesday		
20	✳	
Thursday		
21	✳	6:30-9:00pm: Various Home Meetings (English/French/Chinese) via Zoom
Friday		
22	✳	1:30-2:30pm: Special Fellowship for the Parents and Serving Ones
Saturday		
23	✳	10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings via Zoom Meeting
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LORD'S DAY		

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- ✿ 1:30pm-2:15pm: Grade 2 children and down (Juniors) via Zoom
 - ✿ 2:30-3:30pm: **Special Fellowship for the Parents and Serving Ones**
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Living Stream Ministry, available at
<http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.

CONFESSION WITH THE MOUTH

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

II. COMMON MISTAKES

A. Replacing Confession with Good Behavior

Some new believers are influenced by traditional teachings. They think that having good behavior is the most important thing for a Christian and that confession with the mouth is not that crucial. They think that a change in what one says is not important, but that a change in what one does is important. We must correct this wrong concept. We are not saying that it is not necessary to change our conduct. If one's conduct is not changed, it is useless to confess with the mouth. But changing what one does without confessing with one's mouth is equally futile. A change in conduct can never take the place of confession with the mouth. After one's conduct is changed, his mouth still has to confess.

Every new believer must seize the earliest opportunity to tell others about his faith in the Lord Jesus. If you do not confess with your mouth, others will make many conjectures about you. They will try to explain your behavior with speculation. They will say all kinds of things about you, but they will not touch the Lord Jesus. Therefore, you must tell them the reason for the change in your conduct. No good conduct can take the place of verbal confession. It is necessary to have good conduct, but it is equally necessary to confess with the mouth. You must tell others, "Jesus is my Lord; I want to serve Him." No matter how good your conduct is, these words must come out of your mouth.

We have heard people say that if they have good outward conduct, there is no need for them to say anything with their mouth. Please remember that no one will bother to criticize those who say this if they fail slightly in their personal conduct. But if a man stands up to proclaim that he is a Christian, others will immediately criticize and rebuke him when there is any slip in his conduct. Hence, those who say that good conduct is enough and that there is no need to confess with the mouth are in reality giving themselves an excuse to fail in their conduct. They are leaving a back door for themselves to escape from the judgment of others. Never believe that just a change in conduct is sufficient. Confession with the mouth is needed; in fact, it is absolutely indispensable.

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