Please Pray

- Start of the School Year Gospel Preaching and Bibles Distribution (mid-Aug. to mid-Sep.): (1) May the Lord direct and guide us in every aspect of the preparation. May all the preparation be headed up in Christ. (2) May the Lord of the harvest thrust out the workers into His harvest. May we be willing to cooperate with the Lord in this move by praying and by going. (3) May the Lord prepare those who will be going to be filled with the Spirit within to make them channels of life and clothed without to make them His representative with His authority. (4) May the Lord go before us and brood over the campuses, the metro stations and the streets. May the Lord prepare the hearts of people to make them ready to receive the word when we meet them. (5) May many be attracted to us and willing to be contacted again. May many be willing to have appointments with us, come to the Bible studies, the activities, the home meetings and eventually be added to the church life. May many fruits remain.
- Next Generation Start of the School Year: (1) May the Lord bless each child/young person/college student's transition for this new school year. (2) May the children service serving ones be strengthened for all the changes with the groups and the service. May the Lord be the serving ones' wisdom for all the arrangements. (3) May the Lord cover the young people and the college students' new school year. May they be sanctified from their environment and learn how to depend on the Lord for their studies. (4) May the Lord gain the next generation for Christ and the church.
- Renovations of Our Meeting Hall and Financial Offerings: The renovation work began in June and we have completed the airconditioning system and windows. From the week of August 13, the work on the roof began. It was estimated that by the end of August it would be completed. We received enough money to pay for the first instalment for the roof. However, we are still short of money to pay for the remaining instalments. May all of us continually consider our financial offerings before the Lord. May the Lord direct us in our giving toward the needs of the church, the saints and the needy ones. May we store up for ourselves "Treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not dig through nor steal." Matt. 6:20. May our hearts be on the things of heaven and not on the things on the earth. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21.
- Pray for various local needs in Montréal: The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Amos 3:1 Jonah 4:11.
- HWMR, Crystallization-Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra Nehemiah, and Esther, Week 12.
- Life-Study of Matthew, Messages 67 and 68.

Announcements

- The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please sign up at the Bookroom. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- LivingtoHim YouTube channel released a series of talks by Brother Minoru Chen about the Life-Studies. Weekly subsequent talks are released on Mondays. You can subscribe to the LivingtoHim YouTube channel to get updates. All outlines are available for download.
- Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, <u>allan.yeow81@gmail.com</u>, by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- October 5-7, Manila, Philippines: Fall International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones ("ITERO").
- November 23-26, Dallas Texas: The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Sep-03 LORD'S DAY	• 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-04	•
Tues-Sep-05	7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Sep-06	•
Thur-Sep-07	•
Fri-Sep-08	6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-09	•
Sun-Sep-10 LORD'S DAY	• 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

HUSBAND AND WIFE

Scripture Reading: Col. 3:18-19; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; Eph. 5:22-23

XII. LIVING TOGETHER BEFORE THE LORD

In order to settle family problems and to have a good family life, there is also the need of positive influence. In particular, families with children should set aside a time for prayer together, a time for waiting upon the Lord and for fellowshipping about spiritual matters. Both the wife and the husband should be open to judgment from God's light concerning many matters. Neither the husband nor the wife should try to save his or her "face." Both should be willing to come under the judgment of God's light. There should be many spiritual transactions in the family. The members of the family should spend much time in prayer and spiritual fellowship together. This is especially true for families with children. They must seek opportunities to come more often to the Lord. In order for a family to go on properly, the husband and the wife should both live before the Lord. As soon as they do not live before the Lord, their family will have problems.

XIII. THE PROPER CHURCH LIFE BEING MAINTAINED THROUGH A PROPER FAMILY LIFE

I have mentioned twelve items. I hope that you will learn these lessons in the family. Do not be careless or foolish in these matters. If you do not learn your lessons well, family problems will soon become church problems. If a man cannot live together with his wife at home and cannot be one with her, he can never be one with the brothers and sisters in the church. This is a fact. A person cannot possibly fight at home with his wife and come to the church with hallelujahs in his mouth. One can only be a good brother in the church when he is a good husband and father at home. A good church life is maintained through good families. The husbands have to be good and the wives also have to be good. Then the church life will be free of problems.

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