Please Pray

- Eastern Canada Fall 2023 Young People's Conference (Oct. 27-29): Pray that the young people will be prepared to be the best receivers to receive the Lord's speaking and dispensing during this conference; pray for the covering of all the travelling of the saints; may the Lord's speaking be released in this time; may all the serving ones be strengthened in their service; may the Lord cover all the preparations for this conference.
- Roof Repair and Financial Offerings: After the completion of the roof renovation, there are still some areas on the roof that need to be fixed. May the roof be fixed and not have any leaks in a timely manner. There are also renovations and reparations for the inside of the meeting hall left to do. Through fellowship and the support of the Body, we received enough funds to pay the roof contractor. As part of the funds, we received a loan from another locality of \$75,000 that needs to be paid back within two years. 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.
- Summer 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France: The Olympic Games will be returning to Europe in 2024 and will be hosted in Paris, France. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity prepared by the Lord as the Lord of the harvest. We are preparing to distribute free copies of the New Testament Recovery Version during the Torch Relay and during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. We would encourage all the saints to open to the Lord regarding this next milestone in the Lord's move in Europe, and we would like to invite the saints in the Lord's recovery to join us in this labour next year by praying, giving and going. May the Lord bless the coordination and one accord among all the saints that He may use this event to gain His seekers in France for the sake of His move in Europe.
- 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: Rev 21:1-27.
- HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life, Week 2.
- Life-Study of John, Messages 9 and 10.

Announcements

- The December 2023 Semi-Annual Training will be held from December 25 to 30 in Anaheim, California. The registration deadline is November 1, 2023, for both the live training and the video training. Please let the leading brothers know if you are interested in attending the live training in Anaheim. The registration list for the video training will be posted on the church's bulletin board.
 - The cost for the <u>LIVE</u> training is CAD\$275, plus USD\$5 for the course outline.
 - The cost for the <u>VIDEO</u> training is CAD\$175, plus CAD\$10 for the course outline.

Announcements (cont'd)

- The 2024 Chinese Gospel Calendar signing up is now open. Please visit the Bookroom to register. Deadline is October 29, 2023.
- The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference will be held in Taipei, Taiwan, from Saturday, February 10 through to the Lord's Day, February 11, 2024. There will also be an opportunity to visit churches in Taiwan before and/or after the conference. Should you be interested to attend this conference, please contact brother Xie Li or brother Jonathan Lin for information and registration.
- 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

- Oct. 27-29, Toronto, Ontario: Young People's Conference.
- Nov. 10-12, Vancouver: 2023 Canada Brothers' Conference.
- Nov. 23-26, Dallas Texas: The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.
- Dec. 25-30, Anaheim, California: 2023 December Semi-Annual Training.
- Feb. 10-11, 2024, Taipei, Taiwan: The 2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference.

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

This Week's Activities

Sun-Oct-22 LORD'S DAY	 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Oct-23	•
Tues-Oct-24	 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Oct-25	•
Thur-Oct-26	•
Fri-Oct-27	 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Oct-28	•
Sun-Oct-29 Lord's Day	 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

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Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20

D. Respecting the Rights of Children (cont'd)

2. Children are not the means by which parents vent their wrath (cont'd)

Please remember that God has not denied all rights of children. He has not annulled all the self-esteem, personal freedom, or independent constitution of the children. He has not put them in our hands for us to beat them and scold them. There is no such thing. This is a non-Christian thought; it is not a Christian concept. Please remember that the same standard of right and wrong equally applies to us and our children. There should be only one standard for us and our children. We cannot have one standard for ourselves and another standard for them. Let me say a word to the new believers. You must be tender and gentle to your children. Never be rude to them. Do not scold them or rebuke them arbitrarily, much less beat them at will.

Please remember that such conduct leads to indulgence. Everyone who wants to know God must learn to control himself. In particular, he should control himself when it comes to dealing with his children. This kind of self-control comes from a proper respect of a child's soul. No matter how small or weak a child is, remember that he has his own personality. God has given him a personality and a soul. You must not damage his character, destroy his personality, or despise his soul. You must not treat him in an arbitrary way. You must learn to respect him as a person.

At the same time, our children are entrusted to our family. Their standard of morality must be our standard of morality. Whatever applies to them must also apply to us. Parents have no right to vent their wrath on their children. A Christian should not lose his temper with anyone, not even with his own children. It is wrong for us to lose our temper with anyone, no matter whom it may be. We should be reasonable, and we should only reason with our children. What is right is always right and what is wrong is always wrong. Do not intimidate them just because they are small and weak. Those who oppress the weak and the small are the most cowardly people in the world.

3. Do Not Become a Cross to Your Children

Two students were once talking to each other in school. The girl said to her classmate, "I know my father. He is willing to die for me." Listen to what she said! This is the comment of a child about her father. Her father was a Christian. This was the kind of father he was to her. The other girl was also from a Christian family. Her father was harsh and lost his temper with his daughter easily. Once she heard a sermon at school. When she arrived home, her father asked her what she had learned. She answered, "I now know that the Lord has given you to me to be my cross." Both fathers were Christians. But what a difference between them!

I would say to the parents: Be slow to demand obedience from your children. Instead, first demand that you yourselves be good parents before the Lord. If you are not good parents, you can never be good Christians. God does not give us children for the purpose of making us their crosses. God gave us children so that we will learn to honor their freedom, personality, and soul before the Lord.

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