

Please Pray

- ✳️ **2023 International Thanksgiving Conference – Nov. 23-26 in person in Dallas, Texas and on Zoom for English, Chinese and Spanish; Dec. 2-4 on Zoom for French:** May we have ears to hear what the Lord will be speaking to the churches; may the Lord's up-to-date speaking be released in this conference; may the churches advance with the Lord for His move on this earth; may the Lord gain what He is after in this conference.
- ✳️ **Meeting Hall for the Church in Paris (UPDATE):** The saints in Paris express their gratitude to the Lord for the generous participation of the saints in supporting the purchase of a meeting hall for the church in Paris. The full amount for the purchase was received, and the purchase process was concluded on November 14. Renovations plans are currently in progress. May the Lord richly bless this property for His interests in Paris, in France, and in wider Europe.
- ✳️ **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.
- ✳️ **Ongoing Conflicts in Israel:** We thank the Lord that none of the saints in Israel have been harmed by the ongoing conflict. Please continue to pray for the physical and spiritual well-being of the young adults currently serving in the army. In Israel we have enjoyed praying over Isaiah 9:6-7 along with the footnotes. We would like to share these verses with you and hope that they would be full of rhema for you as well. Isa. 9:6-7: For a child is born to us, / A Son is given to us; / And the government / Is upon His shoulder; / And His name will be called / Wonderful Counselor, / Mighty God, / Eternal Father, / Prince of Peace; / To the increase of His government / And to His peace there is no end, / Upon the throne of David / And over His kingdom, / To establish it / And to uphold it / In justice and righteousness / From now to eternity. / The zeal of Jehovah of hosts / Will accomplish this.
- ✳️ **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: Matt. 1:1 – 3:17.
- ✳️ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life, Week 6.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 17 and 18.

Announcements

- ✳️ The 2024 HWMR [annual](#) subscription is now open at the cost of **\$75.00**. Please sign up and make your payment directly to your district serving ones by Lord's Day December 17, 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, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, no later than 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

- ✳️ November 23-26, Dallas Texas: **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳️ December 25-30, Anaheim, California: **2023 December Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳️ February 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-Nov-19 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Nov-20	♦
Tues-Nov-21	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Nov-22	♦
Thur-Nov-23	♦
Fri-Nov-24	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Nov-25	♦
Sun-Nov-26 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

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

G. Nurturing children in the discipline and admonition of the Lord (cont'd)

1. Helping Children to Have Proper Aspirations

The biggest thing about a child is his aspirations. Every child has an aspiration when he is young. If the government allowed every child to print his business card, I think many children would print "President," "Chairman," or "Queen." Parents must help their children to have proper aspirations. If you love the world, your children will probably want to be the president, a millionaire, or a great academic. How you live affects the aspirations of your child. Parents must learn to channel the ambitions of their children in the proper direction. They should aspire to be lovers of the Lord. They should not aspire to love the world. You should cultivate such an ambition within them while they are young. Show them that it is an honorable thing to die for the Lord, that it is a precious thing to be a martyr for the Lord. You have to be an example to them, and you have to tell them your ambitions. Tell them what you want to be if you are given the opportunity. Tell them what kind of Christian you want to be. In this way, you will channel their ambitions in the proper direction. Their goals will change, and they will know what is noble and what is precious.

2. Not Encouraging the Pride of Children

Children have another problem: They are not only ambitious and aspiring but also proud of themselves. They may boast about their own cleverness, skill, or eloquence. A child can find many things to boast about. He may think that he is a very special person. Parents should not discourage them, but neither should they cultivate their pride. Many parents cultivate their children's pride and encourage them to go after vainglory by heaping praises upon them in front of other people. We should tell them, "There are many children who are like you in this world." Do not try to encourage their pride. We should enlighten children according to the discipline and admonition of the Lord. They should be able to think, to speak, and to learn all the skills. But you have to tell them that there are many who are

like them in this world. Do not destroy their self-esteem, but do not allow them to become proud. You do not need to hurt their self-esteem, but you must point out their pride to them. Many young people leave home only to find out that they have to spend ten or twenty years in the world in order to learn how to do things properly. By then it is too late. Many young people have a wild temper at home. They are so proud that they cannot work properly. We do not want our children to become disheartened, but neither do we want them to be proud or to think that they are somebody.

3. Teaching Children to Accept Defeat and to Learn Humility

A Christian needs to know how to appreciate others. It is easy to be victorious, but it is hard to accept defeat. We can find champions who are humble, but it is rare to find losers who are not bitter. This is not a Christian attitude. Those who are good in some areas should learn to be humble and not boastful. At the same time, when a person is defeated he should learn to accept his defeat. Children are very competitive. It is all right for them to be competitive; they want to win at ball games, track meets, and in their schoolwork. You have to show them that it is right for them to study well at school, but they have to learn to be humble. Encourage them to be humble. Tell them that there are many other students who may be better than they are. When they are defeated, you need to teach them to accept their defeat with grace. A child's problem often has to do with these attitudes. After a game the winner is proud, while the loser will complain that the judge was not fair or that he made the wrong judgment because the sun was glaring in his face. You should help them to develop a humble character. They should be under Christian admonition and should develop Christian character. They can win, and when they lose they can also appreciate others. Admitting defeat is a virtue. The Chinese are greatly lacking in this virtue. Most Chinese blame others when they are defeated instead of conceding with grace. You must nurture your children in the discipline and admonition of the Lord.

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