

## Please Pray

- ✿ **College Students' End of Semester and Final Exams:** The college students are entering into the last stretch of their semester and will soon take their final exams. May they learn how to study for their final exams with the Lord and be strengthened in their studies. May they still give time to the Lord to attend the Bible studies and the end of semester meeting. May they have a desire to still be connected with the saints during the vacation time. May their vacation be sanctified.
- ✿ **December Semi-Annual Training:** 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 training; may we have a heart to be trained by the Lord; may the churches advance with the Lord for His move on this earth; may the Lord gain what He is after in this training.
- ✿ **2024 Summer Olympics Games in Paris:** The Olympics will be returning to Europe in 2024 and will be hosted in Paris, France. We believe 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 the Olympic and Paralympic Games. We will arrange gospel trips throughout these three phases from May 6 to Sep 20. 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.
- ✿ **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.
- ✿ **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 4:1 – 5:48.
- ✿ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Living the All-Inclusive Christ for the Genuine Church Life, Week 8.
- ✿ Life-Study of John, Messages 21 and 22.

## 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 the Lord's Day, December 17, 2023.
- ✿ The December semi-annual training will begin on December 26. For all the saints registered, please send in your training fees. It is \$185 for video training (training and outline) and \$275 for those attending the training in person. The fee can be paid by cash, check or e-transfer. Please include your name and indicate that it is for the semi-annual training.
- ✿ 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](mailto: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

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

## PARENTS

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

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

#### 5. Teaching children to manage things (cont'd)

What is our situation today? Girls should be cared for by their mothers. But many mothers do not take care of them, and the burden is turned over to the church. Boys should be cared for by their fathers. But many fathers do not take care of them, and the burden is also passed on to the church. As a consequence, as men are saved and brought into the church, the business burden of the church doubles. This is because those who are parents do not live properly as Christian parents. After the church preaches the gospel and saves men, it has to deal with all kinds of family problems associated with these men. But if parents are responsible for the proper nurturing of their children, and if the children are brought up in the church, the church will be relieved of half of its burdens. In Shanghai I have often felt that the workers should not be handling the many affairs that they handle; those affairs should be handled by the parents. The parents do not teach their children well, and these children drift into the world. As a result, we have to rescue them back from the world and pick up the burden of teaching them ourselves. This creates much work for the church.

### H. Leading the Children to the Knowledge of the Lord

Eighth, we must lead them to the knowledge of the Lord. A family altar is indeed necessary. In the Old Testament the tabernacle was linked to the altar. In other words the family is linked to service and consecration to God. No family can go on without prayer and the reading of the Word. This is especially true with families that have children.

#### 1. Meetings That Are on the Level of the Children

Some families fail in their prayer and Bible-reading time because their family meetings are too long and too deep. The children do not understand what is going on. They do not know why you are asking them to sit there. I do not like it when families invite us to their homes to speak about deep doctrines and then force their children to sit with them. Some home meetings go on for one or two hours about difficult

doctrines. This is indeed a great suffering for the children. Yet many parents have no feeling about this. The children sit there, but they do not understand. For example, if the topic is on the book of Revelation, how can they understand it? The home meetings must suit the children. These family meetings are not designed for you; your meeting is in the meeting hall. Do not impose your standard on your family. What you do in the family must suit the taste of your children and must be on their own level.

#### 2. Encouraging and Attracting

Another problem with some home meetings is that there is little love in them. It is neither the father's attraction nor the mother's attraction that draws the children to these meetings; it is the whip that keeps them there. They do not want to join. But they come because there is the threat of the whip. If you take away the whip, they will not come. This will never work. You must think of some ways to attract them and encourage them. Do not punish them. Never beat your children for not attending your family worship hour. If you beat them once, you may create a problem in them for the rest of their lives. Parents must attract their children to the family worship hour. Do not force them to come. This will only result in terrible consequences.

#### 3. Meeting once in the morning and once in the evening

We suggest having two home meetings a day, one in the morning and one in the evening. The father should lead the morning time and the mother should lead the evening time. Get up a little earlier. The parents must not remain in bed after the children have taken their breakfast and gone to school. If you have children at home, you have to wake up earlier. Have a little time together before the children go to school. Your meeting should be short, living, and never long. Perhaps ten minutes is enough. Fifteen minutes is the longest it should be. Never exceed fifteen minutes and do not be shorter than five minutes. Ask everyone of them to read a verse. The father should take the lead to pick out a few phrases and speak about them. If the children can memorize something, ask them to memorize. Do not quote a whole verse. Ask them to remember the meaning of a sentence. At the end of the meeting the father or the mother should offer a prayer for God's blessing. Do not offer lofty or deep prayers. Pray about things that children can understand. Do not be long. Be simple. Then send them to school.

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