

Please Pray

- ✳️ **Chinese-Speaking End of Year Homecoming Meeting (Dec. 16):** May all the serving saints enjoy the Lord in their service. May this meeting be filled with the enjoyment and love of Christ. May the people coming be touched by the Lord and captivated by the church life. May the people who have been released in the heavens be released on the earth to attend this time. May their hearts be prepared to be the good ground, soft and open toward the Lord.
- ✳️ **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.
- ✳️ **Growing in Life and Propagation:** May we have a heart to enjoy the Lord each day and may the Lord grant us our daily growth in life. Let us pray for one another that we may be brought to maturity, ready for the Lord's coming. May we also have the Lord's heart to propagate His word and speak the gospel for the increase and building up of the church.
- ✳️ **End of Year 2023:** Dear saints, since it is the end of the year 2023, let us spend time before the Lord to consider our year. Let us spend time before His watching, observing, searching, judging by enlightening, and infusing eyes. Let us end the year by praising and thanking Him for all His doings and applying His blood for all our failures. Let us forget the things that are behind whether good or bad and start afresh this coming new year.
- ✳️ **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: Gen. 11:1 – 17:27.
- ✳️ HWMR: Knowing, Experiencing, and Enjoying Christ as Revealed in Philippians, Week 1.
- ✳️ Life-Study of John, Messages 23 and 24.

Announcements

- ✳️ There will be a Chinese-speaking end of year homecoming on December 16 from 6pm to 9pm.
- ✳️ 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, by check or by e-transfer. Please include your name and indicate that it is for the semi-annual training.

Announcements (cont'd)

- ✳️ 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.
- ✳️ The Summer Olympics 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 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. Please contact brother [Allan Yeow](#) for more information and for the link to the form to express your interest. May we join the Lord in this move by praying, giving, and going.
- ✳️ 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

- ✳️ Dec. 16: **Chinese-Speaking End of Year Homecoming Meeting.**
- ✳️ 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-Dec-10 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Dec-11	♦
Tues-Dec-12	♦ 7:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Dec-13	♦
Thur-Dec-14	♦
Fri-Dec-15	♦ 6:30pm-9pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Dec-16	♦ 6pm-9pm: Chinese-speaking end of year homecoming meeting.
Sun-Dec-17 LORD'S DAY	♦ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

PARENTS

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

H. Leading the Children to the Knowledge of the Lord (cont'd)

3. Meeting once in the morning and once in the evening (cont'd)

Every time you sit down for your meal, you should thank the Lord for it. Whether it is breakfast, lunch, or dinner, you should be sincere in your thanksgiving. Help your children to give thanks. The evening meeting should be a little longer, and the mother should lead it. It is not necessary to read the Bible at night, but the family needs to pray together. In particular, the mother has to gather the children together and talk to them. While the father is sitting next to her, the mother should encourage the children to speak up. Ask them whether they had any problems that day. Ask whether they fought with one another and whether anything was bothering them. If a mother cannot make her children speak up, something must be wrong. It is a failure of the mother to allow a barrier to exist between herself and her children. The mother must be at fault if the children are afraid to speak to her. They should be free to speak up. The mother must learn to bring out the things that are in her children's hearts. If they do not want to speak up that day, ask them the next day. Guide the children. Let them pray a little and teach them to say a few words. This meeting must be living. Ask them to confess their sins, but do not force them. There must not be any pretense. Everything must be done in a very natural way. Let them take some initiative themselves. If they have something to confess, let them confess. If they have nothing to confess, do not force them. There must not be any pretense. The pretense found in many children is the result of pressure from strict parents. Children do not tell lies, but you can force them to tell lies. The parents should lead them to pray in a simple way one by one. Make sure that everyone prays. Finally, conclude with a prayer of your own. But do not be long. Once your prayer becomes long, children become bored. Feed them according to their capacity. Once you try to do too much, you will overburden them. Pray a few sentences with them and then let them go to sleep.

4. Paying Attention to Their Repentance

Let them know the meaning of sin. Everyone sins. You must pay attention to the matter of their repentance and then bring them to the Lord. After some time you should ask them to receive the Lord sincerely. Then bring them to the church and let them be a part of the church. In this way you will lead your children to the knowledge of God.

I. The Atmosphere in the Family Being Love

Ninth, the atmosphere in the family should be one of love. Some become psychologically abnormal or withdrawn because they do not have love at home.

The way a child grows up depends on the atmosphere in his family. If a child does not receive any loving nurturing as he grows up, he will become stubborn, individualistic, and rebellious. Many people cannot get along with others in their adult life because they did not experience love in the family as a child. They saw only quarrels, arguments, and fights in the family. Children from such families grow up abnormally. Those who come from such abnormal families surely grow up to be lonely people. They will be antagonistic toward others. Because they feel inferior in their heart, they try to boost their self-image by considering themselves better than others. All those who have an inferiority complex have a tendency to exalt themselves. This is their means of offsetting their own inferiority.

Many bad elements in society such as robbers and rebels come from families which are void of love. Their personality becomes warped, and they turn against their fellow man when they grow up. When they come to the church, they bring their problems with them. I feel that half of the work of the church can be done by good parents. But this work falls upon our shoulders today because there are few good parents. New believers should see that they should treat their children in a proper way. A family must be filled with an atmosphere of love and tenderness. There must be genuine love. Children who grow up from such families will become normal persons.

Parents must learn to be friends to their children. Never allow your children to distance themselves from you. Never make yourself unapproachable. Please remember that friendship is built upon communication; it does not come by birth. You must learn to approach your children. Be happy to help them so that they will tell you when they encounter problems and seek your counsel when they are weak. They should not go to others when they are weak. They should be able to tell you their successes as well as their failures. You should be their good friend, the approachable and helpful one to them. They should look to you when they are weak and fellowship with you when they are successful. We have to be friends to them. When they are weak, they should be able to come to us for help. We should not be a judge on the throne but a help to them. We should be there whenever they need help, and we should be able to sit down with them and discuss problems with them. They should be able to seek counsel from us as from friends. In a family the parents must earn so much trust from their children that they become their friends. If a parent will do this, he or she will have done the right thing.

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