Please Pray

- * Fall 2025 Bible Distribution (Sep. 2-4): (1) Pray for more saints to be released from every preoccupation and be energized to offer the Lord some time for the distribution from Sep. 2-4. (2) Pray that the saints would be brought into the one accord through much prayer together for the release of God's commanded blessing during this new school year. (3) Pray that the sons of peace and proper building materials on the campuses of McGill, UdeM, Concordia, and UQAM, to be gained as remaining fruit for the increase of the church in Montréal and the building of His Body.
- Spanish-Speaking Conference in Kingston, NY, from Sep. 5-7: (1) May the Lord release many Spanish-speaking saints, especially from Montréal, to attend this conference. (2) May the Lord release what is on His heart to the saints. (3) May the Spanish-speaking saints be encouraged to go on in the Lord in a strong way.
- The Direction of the Church in Montréal: The Lord desires to move forward and increase in Montréal, and He desires that we cooperate with Him. The leading brothers feel that the way to take the church forward is through the God-ordained way, which requires the participation of all the saints. As we have announced during the all-church serving ones' meeting, in order to give the saints opportunities to participate and function, we have multiplied into two halls as of August 31, 2025. May the Lord bring us into the one accord concerning this matter, so that He could continually bless us for His move in Montréal. May the Lord continue to head up and direct all the responsible ones in each service in their considerations with the two meeting halls. May many more saints rise up to serve, function, and take more responsibilities in the church. May this move be an opportunity for us to learn how to depend on the Lord for our services. May the Lord bless us with much increase in life and in number.
- Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Kingston, New York, Sept. 12-14): Over the past few years, a small number of young working saints and young families in Montréal have joined this conference in the Fall and Spring. Each time it has been a timely speaking for this generation of saints to be supplied and shepherded in His Word to face the challenges of their daily life, and strengthened to be the backbone of the church. The conference also provides a way for families with children to come together to be blended and spend time together in an atmosphere of love and mutual care. Pray that more young working saints and young families in Montréal would be released for this time to be encouraged and raised up for the going on the church.
- 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: 1 Chronicles 15:1 26:32.
- HWMR: Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God, Week 4.
- Life-Study of Ephesians, Messages 37 and 38.

Announcements

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

- September 2-4, Montréal: Fall 2025 Bible Distribution.
- September 12-14, Kingston, NY: Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference.
- September 25-27, Klang, Malaysia: September International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.
- October 5-19, Europe: Gospel Trips to German-Speaking Countries.
- November 7-9, Vancouver, BC: Fall 2025 Canada Brothers' Conference.
- November 27-30, Indianapolis, IN: International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.
- December 22-27, Anaheim, CA: December Semi-Annual Training.

This Week's Activities

Sun-Aug-31 Lord's Day	• 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Sep-01	•
Tues-Sep-02	07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Sep-03	•
Thur-Sep-04	•
Fri-Sep-05	06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Sep-06	•
Sun-Sep-07 Lord's Day	10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

18. BREAD-BREAKING

Scripture Reading: Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-22; 11:23-32

Bread-breaking

I. The instituting of the Lord's supper

There is a supper in the church which all God's children should attend. This supper was instituted by the Lord Jesus on the last night He was on earth. He was to be crucified the next day. It was the last supper the Lord took on His last night on earth. Although He ate after His resurrection, that eating was different from ordinary eating. That eating was optional.

What was the last supper like? There is a history behind this supper. The Jews had a feast called the Passover; it was for remembering their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. How did God save them? God commanded the children of Israel to take a lamb, according to the house of their father, one lamb for a house, and slaughter it on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month. After that they had to take the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper doorpost of their houses. That night they ate the flesh together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. After the exodus from Egypt, God commanded them to keep this feast every year as a memorial (Exo. 12:1-28). Hence, to the Jews, the Passover was instituted as a reminder of their deliverance.

The last night before the Lord Jesus departed from the world was the very night of the Passover feast. After the Lord ate the Passover lamb with the disciples, He instituted His own supper. The Lord was trying to show us that we should take His supper in the same way the Jews took the Passover feast.

Let us compare these two matters. The Israelites were saved and delivered from Egypt, and they kept the Passover feast. God's children today are saved and delivered from the sins of this world, and they partake of the Lord's supper. The Israelites had their lamb. We also have our Lamb — the Lord Jesus, the very Lamb of God. We have been delivered from the sins of the world, from Satan's power, and we are completely on God's side. Thus, we take the Lord's supper in the same way that the Jews partook of the Passover lamb.

After He celebrated the Passover feast, "Jesus took bread and blessed it, and He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matt. 26:26-28). This is the supper that the Lord instituted.

What is the meaning of a supper? It is a time when the whole family comes together to eat in peace after a day's work. It is not a hurried meal like breakfast or lunch. It is peaceful dining in full rest. This should be the kind of atmosphere among God's children when they partake of the Lord's supper. They should not be in any haste. Their mind should not be busy thinking about this or that. Instead, they should enjoy their rest in God's house.

The Lord used unleavened bread, instead of leavened bread, because He instituted His supper during the Passover (Exo. 12:15). The "product of the vine" spoken of in Matthew 26, Mark 14, and Luke 22 can also be translated as the "fruit of the vine." During the bread-breaking meeting, we can use either grape wine or grape juice, as long as it is a product of the vine.

II. The significance of the Lord's supper

A. To remember the Lord

Why does the Lord want us to keep His supper? The Lord said, "This do...unto the remembrance of Me" (1 Cor. 11:25). Thus, the first significance of the supper is to remember the Lord. The Lord knows that we will forget Him. Although the grace we received is so great and the redemption we received so wonderful, our experience tells us that it is easy for man to forget Him. With a little carelessness, the newly saved ones can even forget the Lord's salvation. This is why the Lord purposely charged us: "This do...unto the remembrance of Me."

The Lord wants us to remember Him, not simply because we tend to forget, but also because the Lord needs us to have such a remembrance. The Lord does not want us to forget Him. He is much greater than we are; we could never fathom His greatness. We do not add benefit to Him by remembering Him. Still, for our sake, He said, "This do...unto the remembrance of Me." The Lord has condescended Himself and has beckoned us to remember Him. He first condescended Himself to be our Savior. He also condescended Himself to win our hearts and gain our remembrance. He does not want us to forget Him. He desires that week after week we continuously live before Him and remember Him. He asks this so that we may gain spiritual blessings from Him. The Lord wants us to remember Him; this is His request in love. If we do not always remember Him and place His redemption before us, we will easily be entangled with the sins of the world. There will easily be quarrels among God's children. Our loss will indeed be very great. This is why the Lord wants us to remember Him. We are blessed when we remember Him. This is one way to receive His blessing. We receive the Lord's grace through remembering Him.

One great blessing in remembering the Lord is that we are separated from the power of the sins of the world. Once every few days we are reminded of how we received the Lord and how He died for us. By this we are separated from the sins of the world. This is one blessing we receive from breaking bread in remembrance of the Lord.



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