

## Prayer Items

- ✿ Pray for the oneness and one accord in all the local churches. May the Lord lead us to go on healthily in 2008.
- ✿ Pray for the International Chinese-speaking conference in Anaheim from February 15 to 17, 2008.
- ✿ Pray for the Bible distribution in Toronto from February 5 to 11, 2008.
- ✿ Pray that the Lord would build up the groups of twos and threes here in Montreal so that we can effectively follow up on the responses from the Bible distribution.
- ✿ Pray for the new believers in the church: Xiao Xiao Wu, Zhao Jing Shi, Mei Fan, and Yong Zhen Lu, that they might be fed by the Lord's word and enjoy a normal church life.
- ✿ Pray for the health of the saints: Madge Fagan, Jun Song, Wei-Yu Chen, and Song Shi.

## Weekly Readings

- ✿ New Testament Recovery Version with footnotes: Week 13—Mark 1:14 to 4:25
- ✿ HWMR: Knowing and Caring for the Church, Week 8 (repeat)

## Announcements

- ✿ To sign up for the International Chinese-speaking Conference, contact Simon Huang (514-998-9728).
- ✿ Following the Bible distribution in Montreal, there will also be a similar one in Toronto from February 5 to 11, 2008. We encourage as many saints as possible to blend with another church in the gospel labour. For more information, contact Chitu Okoli (514-993-6648).
- ✿ To care for saints of all languages in the Lord's Table meetings, please call songs that exist in all the languages that the church uses. A correspondence list will be distributed.
- ✿ The children's and young people's meetings are starting up again on the Lord's Day. Please keep your children together with you for the Lord's Table meeting; then take them downstairs for the second half of the meeting.
- ✿ Pick up pre-orders of the French Recovery Version New Testament from the book room. The cost is \$14 each.
- ✿ We are restarting the cleaning schedule for the meeting hall after the love feast each week. This Lord's Day

(today), the non-Chinese speaking saints will clean the meeting hall after lunch. Next Lord's Day, it will be the Chinese-speaking saints.

- ✿ We will soon resume renovations and maintenance on the meeting hall. Those willing to help please contact James Yang at [jqsyang@yahoo.com](mailto:jqsyang@yahoo.com) or (514) 631-9882.

## Upcoming Events

- ✿ *Mon Feb 5 to LD Feb 11, 2008:* Distribution of The New Testament, English Recovery Version in Toronto (*Chitu Okoli 514-993-6648*)
- ✿ *Feb 15 to 17, 2008, Anaheim:* International Chinese-speaking Conference (*Simon Huang 514-998-9728*)
- ✿ *March 8 to 9, 2008:* Conference in Athens, Greece.

## This Week's Activities

- February  
**3<sup>RD</sup>**  
Lord's Day
- ✿ *10:00am to 12:30pm, meeting hall:* Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings, with love feast afterwards
  - ✿ *1:30pm to 3:00pm, meeting hall:* church service meeting
  - ✿ *7:00pm to 10:00 pm, meeting hall:* Bibles for Canada training session 4

**4<sup>TH</sup>**  
Monday

**5<sup>TH</sup>**  
Tuesday

- ✿ *Evening:* Prayer meetings by district

**6<sup>TH</sup>**  
Wednesday

- ✿ *1:00 to 3:00 pm at 45 Rue de la Poudriere, Verdun (close to LaSalle Metro Station):* Church sisters' meeting (*Grace Huang, 514 767-6406*)

**7<sup>TH</sup>**  
Thursday

- ✿ *Evening:* West Island English-speaking saints home meeting

**8<sup>TH</sup>**  
Friday

- ✿ *Evening:* Various home meetings

**9<sup>TH</sup>**  
Saturday

- ✿ East district home meeting
- ✿ North district home meeting

**10<sup>TH</sup>**  
Lord's Day

- ✿ *10:00 am to 12:30 pm, meeting hall:* Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings, with love feast afterwards

## Relevant Messages

### Pray With “Two or Three” in Harmony — To be Vital, to be Blended and to Intercede

**Scripture Reading:** Matt. 18:18-20; Act 1:14; 4:31; 1 Tim. 2:1, 8; 2 Tim. 2:22; 1:6; Acts 2:42; 6:4; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; 1Thes. 5:17; Luke 18:41

- I. The purpose of the vital groups, the “two or three,” is to live the kingdom life by praying in harmony, touching the very God in heaven by our binding and releasing prayer — Matt. 18:18-20:
  - A. Matthew 18 says that if we see our brother lose the fellowship with the church, we have to pray in harmony, in a way of binding and releasing — vv.17-19a.
  - B. Whatever we pray, our Father in heaven will accomplish to gain that person — v.19b.
  - C. Where there are two or three gathered into the Lord's name for His purpose, He promises to be there in their midst; this is the reality of the vital groups — v. 20.
- II. To enter into such a purpose of the vital groups, we first we need to pray to become vital — living and active — Acts 1:14:
  - A. We must practice to have thorough fellowship with the Lord, thorough confession of our sins, and thorough consecration to the Lord—1 John 1:6-7, 9; Rom. 12:1.
  - B. When we pass through the stages of fellowship, confession and consecration, we enter into a prayer life.
  - C. It is in this prayer life that we pray ourselves into the essential and economical Spirit; then we learn to follow the Spirit by exercising our spirit—Acts 4:31; 13:2-4.
  - D. If this is the case with us, we are really vital. Spirit; then we learn to follow the Spirit by exercising our spirit—Acts 4:31; 13:2-4.

- III. Then we need to build up the prayer life with our vital companions — 1 Tim. 2:1, 8; 2 Tim. 2:22:
  - A. We need to pray to cause our spirits to be exercised and strengthened — 2 Tim. 1:6.
  - B. We need to pray to rebel against our natural being — Gal. 2:20; cf. Mark 9:29.
  - C. We need to build up this prayer life by continuing steadfastly in prayer — Acts 2:42; 6:4.
  - D. We need to be watchful, on the alert, for maintaining such a prayer life — Matt.26:41; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2.
  - E. We need to budget our time, setting aside specific times each day for personal prayer and two or three times a week for the prayer with our two or three companions — Dan. 6:10b; Psa. 55:16-17; Acts 10:9; Matt. 18:18-20.
  - F. We also need to exercise our spirit to pray unceasingly — 1 Thes. 5:16-17.
- IV. By such prayer with our vital companions we will be blended together:
- V. When we are blending through mutual fellowship, prayer and care we will be able to fellowship, pray and coordinate for the shepherding of young ones, new ones, back-sliding ones, gospel friends and Bible recipients:

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