

Pray for:

- ✿ Mexico: Visitation, and shepherding of contacts and raising up of churches in 14 target cities visited in the past two weeks; preparation for the strategic migration of saints to Merida.
- ✿ Israel: Shepherding of contacts and raising up of churches in the following Galilean towns and villages: Tiberias, Poriyya, Eilaboun, Pki'in/Ma'alote/Tarshi'a, and Nazareth.
- ✿ Quebec: Continued shepherding of contacts in Quebec City, Granby and Trois-Rivières; spread of the New Testament ministry throughout the province.
- ✿ College and university students: Shepherding of CEGEP students so that they can continue healthily in the church life; building up of vital companionships among the students; that the students might be burdened to serve in a normal way in the church.
- ✿ Campus club at McGill: That the Lord would establish a club; that Satan be bound and all his opposition be nullified; that the Lord might gain remaining fruit for the church from McGill university.
- ✿ Pray for various local needs, including saints in Montreal, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✿ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Num 35:1-Deut 5:33
- ✿ HWMR: The Heart of the Divine Revelation, week 3.

Announcements

- ✿ The minority language service meeting will be today at 1:30 pm at the meeting hall.
- ✿ Registration for the Winter Semi-Annual Training is now open. Please sign up with Esther before the deadline of October 21, 2012.
- ✿ Pre-order the 2013 Chinese Gospel Calendar today. Please sign-up on the sheet in the book room. The deadline for pre-ordering is October 28, 2012.
- ✿ Brothers Paul Wu (吴有成) and Horng Lin (林鸿) from Taipei will be visiting the church in Montreal for a special conference from November 18 to 20. The first meeting (message) will be held on the 18th, the second meeting (message) on the 19th, and the third meeting (prayer and fellowship) on the 20th. All the meetings will be held at 7:30 PM in the meeting hall. All the regular prayer meetings on Tuesday will be combined at the meeting hall.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

14	✿ Serving: East Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two
21	✿ Serving: West Chinese ✿ Cleaning: English
28	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One
Nov 4	✿ Serving: South Chinese ✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish

Upcoming Events

- ✿ Oct 26-28, St. John, Antigua: **English-speaking conference** with French translation
- ✿ Nov. 9-11, Toronto, Canada: **All Canada brothers' fellowship**
- ✿ Nov. 15-17, Karei Deshe, Israel: **Fall conference**
- ✿ Nov. 22-25, Oklahoma City: **International Thanksgiving conference**
- ✿ **Dec. 24-29, Anaheim, CA: Winter Semi-Annual Training**

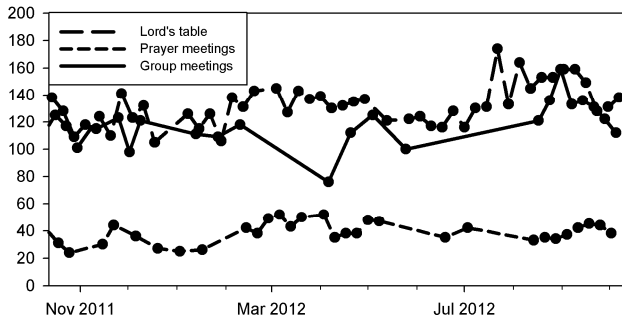
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

14 LORD'S DAY	✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast ✿ 1:30pm, Meeting hall: Minority language service meeting
15 Monday	✿
16 Tuesday	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
17 Wednesday	✿ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting
18 Thursday	✿
19 Friday	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
20 Saturday	✿

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Attendance Statistics



Seeking God's Will

Scripture Reading: John 7:17; Matt. 10:29-31; 18:15-20; Rom. 8:14; Psa. 119:105; 1 John 2:27

I. THE NEED TO OBEY GOD'S WILL

Before we were saved, we did everything according to our own will. At that time we served ourselves and did everything to please ourselves. We would do anything as long as it pleased us or made us happy. However, now we have believed in the Lord and have accepted Christ Jesus as our Savior. We have acknowledged Him as our Master, the One whom we serve. We have acknowledged that He has redeemed us. We belong to Him and are of Him, and we are here to serve Him. For this reason, we need a fundamental change. We no longer should walk according to our preference; we must walk according to God's will. After we believe in the Lord, the focus of our living changes. The focus is no longer ourselves, but the Lord. The first thing we should do after we are saved is ask, "What shall I do, Lord?" Paul asked this question in Acts 22:10, and we should ask the same question. Whenever we come across a situation, we should say, "Lord, not as I will, but as You will." In making decisions or in choosing our paths, we should always say to the Lord, "Not as I will, but as You will."

The life we possess has one basic demand—to walk according to God's will. The more we obey God's will, the happier we become within. The more we deny our own will, the straighter our pathway will be before God. If we walk according to our own will as we once did, we will not feel happy. Instead, we will suffer. After we are saved, the more we walk according to our own will, the more suffering and the less joy we will have. But the more we walk according to the new life and the more we obey God's will, the more peace and joy we will have. This is a

wonderful change. We should not think that we will be happy if we walk according to our own will. After becoming Christians, we will find our path filled with peace and joy if we do not walk according to our own will but learn to submit to and obey God's will. Christian joy has to do with obeying God's will, not with walking according to our own will.

Once we become Christians, we have to learn to accept God's will and be governed by it. If a person can submit humbly to God's will, he will spare himself many needless detours. Many fail and stop growing in life because they walk according to their own will. The result of walking according to our own will is nothing but sorrow and poverty. In the end we still have to walk according to God's will. God always subdues us through things, circumstances, and the environment. If we have not been chosen by God, He will let us walk as we wish. But since we have been chosen by God, He will lead us to the way of obedience according to His way. Disobedience will only cost us unnecessary detours. In the end we will still have to obey.

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