

Pray for:

- ✿ Switzerland: That the many young people contacted as a result of recent prayers be shepherded to become remaining fruit in the church in Geneva.
- ✿ Canada: That typical Canadians might be gained and become remaining fruit in all the churches.
- ✿ Minority language saints: That the saints might rise up to take Christ as their strength and capability in serving the Lord and living for the gospel; that they might have a healthy coordination with saints of other languages to help them shepherd their contacts; that the Korean prayer meeting and small group meeting might be strengthened and flourish.
- ✿ Bible distribution: That the saints might be vitalized to distribute Bibles to friends, neighbours, contacts and strangers as part of their daily lives, whether individually or with gospel partners.
- ✿ Campus club at McGill: Pray that the Lord would open the door for a club at McGill university to effectively reach the students. We are now in the initial stage of writing the mandate for the club, which is critical for the application to be approved.
- ✿ 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. 6:1-14:21
- ✿ HWMR: The Heart of the Divine Revelation, week 5.

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a special meeting for all serving brothers today after lunch at 1:30 pm.
- ✿ Pre-order the 2013 Chinese Gospel Calendar today. Please sign-up on the sheet in the book room. The deadline for pre-ordering is today.
- ✿ Video Training registration is now open. Dates are Dec 25 to Jan 6. Please sign up in the bookroom. We need to know which language you will need to ensure we have enough outlines in the appropriate languages. Even if you plan to only attend part-time, please register to make sure we have enough outlines ordered.
- ✿ The young people service meeting will be held Thursday November 1 at 7:30 pm in the meeting hall.
- ✿ The English-speaking service meeting will be held during lunch next Lord's day November 4 in the meeting hall.
- ✿ 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

28	✿ Serving: North Chinese ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One ✿
Nov 4	✿ Serving: South Chinese ✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish
11	✿ Serving: English (B) ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two
18	✿ Serving: Central Chinese ✿ Cleaning: English

Upcoming Events

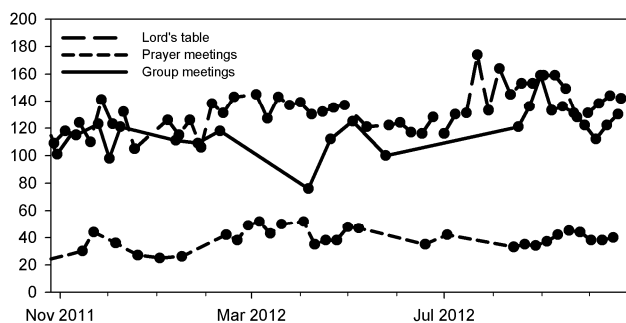
- ✿ Nov. 9-11, Toronto, Canada: **All Canada brothers' fellowship**
 - ✿ Nov. 15-17, Karei Deshe, Israel: **Fall conference**
 - ✿ Nov. 22-25, Oklahoma City: **International Thanksgiving conference**
 - ✿ Dec. 24-29, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Semi-Annual Training**
- More events are listed on the church website*

This Week's Activities

28	✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
LORD'S DAY	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast ✿ 1-2pm, Meeting hall: English-speaking service meeting
29	✿
Monday	
30	✿ 7:30pm: District prayer meetings at various homes
Tuesday	
31	✿ 10am-12pm: Chinese ministry book pursuing meeting
Wednesday	
NOV 1	✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Young people service meeting
Thursday	
2	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	

3	☼	
Saturday		
4	☼	10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
LORD'S DAY	☼	12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast

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

II. HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL A. (continued)

If God takes care of a seemingly worthless creature such as a sparrow, how much more will He take care of His children! If God takes care of something as minute as a hair, how much more will He take care of other things! Once we believe in the Lord, we need to learn to know His will through the environment. Nothing that happens to us is a coincidence. Everything is measured by the Lord. Our career, spouse, parents, children, relatives, friends, and everything have been ordained by God. Behind everything that happens to us each day is God's sovereign arrangement. Therefore, we have to learn to read God's will in the environment. A new believer may not be that experienced in the leading of the Spirit, and he may not know that much of the teaching of the Scripture. But at least he can see God's hand in the environment. This is a believer's most basic lesson.

Psalm 32:9 says, "Do not be like a horse or like a mule, without understanding;/Whose trappings consist of bit and bridle to constrain them,/Else they do not come near you." Many times we are just like a horse or a mule, without understanding, and must be harnessed with outward bit and bridle by God before we can avoid mistakes. Have you ever seen a duck farmer? He has a long stick in his hand. When the ducks wander to the left or to the right, he herds them back with his stick. The ducks have no choice but to take the right path. In the same way, we can commit ourselves to the Lord

and tell Him, "Lord, I am truly like a horse or a mule that has no understanding. But I do not want to make mistakes. I want to know Your will. Please harness me with Your bit and pull me with Your bridle. Once You let go of me, I will take the wrong way. Please guard me with Your will and direct me into Your will. If I wander away, I want You to stop me. I do not know many things, but I know what pain feels like. When I reject Your will, please come in and stop me!" Brothers and sisters, we must never belittle God's arrangement in the environment. Even though we may have fallen into shame and may have become like a horse or a mule, we often can still count on God's mercy to bridle us in time. God uses the environment to stop us from making mistakes. He forces us to have no alternative but to follow Him.

B. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

God's hand is seen through the environment. But He is not happy to always guide us like senseless horses or mules. He wants to guide us from within. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." We are God's children and God's life is within us. God not only guides us through the environment but also speaks to us and guides us from within through His Spirit. The Spirit dwells within us, and God's will is revealed to us through our innermost being.

The book of Ezekiel tells us that God will "put a new spirit within you" (11:19). Again it says, "A new spirit will I put within you...I will put my Spirit within you" (36:26-27). We must distinguish between "a new spirit" and "my Spirit." "My Spirit" refers to the Spirit of God, whereas "a new spirit" refers to our spirit at the time of our regeneration. This new spirit is like a temple, a home where the Spirit of God dwells. If we did not have a new spirit within us, God would not have given us His Spirit, and the Holy Spirit could not have dwelt within us. Throughout the ages God has been trying to give man His Spirit. However, man's spirit was defiled, sin-ridden, dead, and fallen in the old creation. It was impossible for the Spirit of God to dwell in man even though this was His desire. Man has to receive a new spirit through regeneration before he can be in the position to receive God's Spirit and before God can dwell in him.

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