

Pray for:

- ✿ International US Thanksgiving weekend conference, Oklahoma City, USA, November 22-25.
- ✿ French translation and interpretation: That the Lord might raise up and perfect many saints throughout the world to be able to skillfully translate written messages and interpret spoken messages into French; one accord and one vision for all those serving in this work; that the French materials might multiply--children's materials, YP materials, books, conferences, booklets, tracts, and websites.
- ✿ London, UK: One-week trainings in Bower House this month for perfecting the saints and caring for new ones; that more new ones might attend and enter into the church life, especially contacts from the distribution during the Olympics.
- ✿ Halifax: Strengthening and building up of the church; growth in life and growth in numbers; that saints might migrate to strengthen the church; that the church might be perfected to be a shining golden lampstand.
- ✿ 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: Luke 19:28-22:20
- ✿ HWMR:, Taking the Lead as Elders and Responsible Ones, week 3.

Announcements

- ✿ 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 tonight, the second meeting (message) tomorrow, and the third meeting (prayer and fellowship) will be on Tuesday. All 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

- 18 ✿ Serving: Central Chinese
- ✿ Cleaning: English

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- 25 ✿ Serving: Central Chinese One
- ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One

- DEC** ✿ Serving: English (A)
- 2 ✿ Cleaning: French, Spanish
- ✿ Whole Hall Cleaning

- 9 ✿ Serving: N.D.G.
- ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

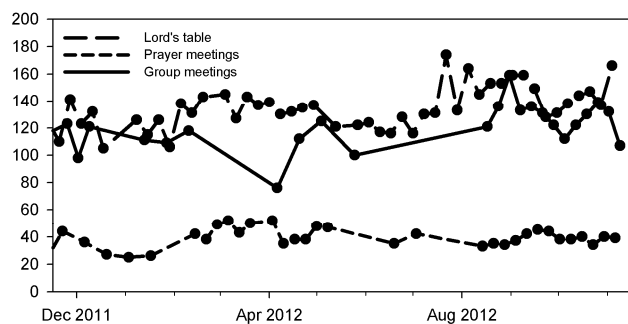
Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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

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| 18 | ✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table |
| LORD'S DAY | ✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast |
| | ✿ 7:30pm-, Meeting hall, Message 1 of special conference |
| 19 | ✿ 7:30pm-, Meeting hall, Message 1 of special conference |
| Monday | |
| 20 | ✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Combined prayer meetings |
| Tuesday | |
| 21 | ✿ |
| Wednesday | |
| 22 | ✿ |
| Thursday | |
| 23 | ✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese) |
| Friday | |
| 24 | ✿ |
| Saturday | |
| 25 | ✿ 10 – 12:30pm, 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 C. (continued)

God speaks to us through the Bible in two ways: One is through the teaching of biblical principles, and the other is through the promises in the Bible. We need the Spirit's enlightenment to understand biblical principles, and we need the Spirit's leading to receive biblical promises. For example, the Spirit may speak to us through the Lord's commandment in Matthew 28:19-20 that all Christians should preach the gospel. This teaching is a biblical principle. However, whether or not it is God's will for you to go to a certain place to preach the gospel depends on the leading of the Spirit. You still have to pray much and ask God for a specific word. When the Holy Spirit puts a certain phrase or verse within you in a powerful, fresh, and living way, you have a promise from the Spirit. This is how you identify God's will.

Some believers use superstitious ways to seek God's will. They open the Bible before them and pray, "O God, please move my finger to the verse which reveals Your will." After they pray with their eyes closed, they open their Bible and point their finger to any passage. Then they open their eyes and take the verse before them as God's will. Some childish believers try to know God this way. Because they are desperate, God will sometimes accommodate their ignorance and show them the way. However, this is definitely not the proper way. It will not work with most people, and it will not work most of the time. It is dangerous, and there is a great possibility for mistakes with this way. Brothers and sisters, please remember that we have the divine life and that God's Spirit is dwelling in us. We should ask God to reveal His word to us through the Holy Spirit. We should study the Bible conscientiously and consistently and memorize the Scripture well. When needs arise, the Holy Spirit will use the passages we have read to speak to us and to guide us.

Let us now combine the three things spoken of above. There is no fixed order for these three things. Sometimes, the

arrangement of the environment comes first, followed by the leading of the Spirit and the teachings of the Bible. Sometimes, the Spirit's leading and the teachings of the Bible come first, and afterward, the confirmation in the environment. The environment is related especially to God's timing. In seeking after God's will, Brother George Müller always asked three questions: (1) Is it God's work? (2) Am I the person to do this work? (3) Is this God's time for such a work to be done? The first and second questions can be resolved by the teaching of the Bible and the leading of the Spirit. The third question is settled by provisions in the environment.

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