

Pray for:

- ✿ One week short-term trainings at Bower House, London (29 October — 1 December): that saints and new-ones who are attending the training will be constituted in the truth and be blended in the Body.
- ✿ Israel: that the new ones, including some Arabic speaking saints, who attended the recent conference would be strengthened and brought into the church life.
- ✿ Thanksgiving conference: that the saints would watch and digest the messages spoken during the conference. McGill club application update: We have experienced an abundance of grace as we work on the application; thank you saints for your prayer! The students are progressing well with the club mandate and cover letter and aim to be finished by the end of November. Since exams are coming up, there is no time to proceed to the second step of meeting with an interest group coordinator. We plan to pick up the process in January, after the winter break; however, between now and then, we still have to fight through our prayer for the release of this club.
- ✿ McGill prayer requests: 1. The students involved with the application would continue to learn how to coordinate and function in the Body; 2. The care and shepherding of our students in their entire tripartite being as they prepare for final exams; and 3. The Lord would open all the doors necessary for the gospel of the kingdom to run at McGill next semester.
- ✿ 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: Deut. 24:1-31:29
- ✿ HWMR: Taking the Lead as Elders and Responsible Ones, week 4.

Announcements

- ✿ There will be a Children's service group meeting today at 1:15pm in the downstairs Chinese fellowship room. All children's serving ones are encouraged to attend.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

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

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| DEC | ✿ Serving: English (A) |
| 2 | ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two |
| | ✿ Whole Hall Cleaning |

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| 9 | ✿ Serving: N.D.G. |
| | ✿ Cleaning: Non-Chinese |

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| 16 | ✿ Serving: French/ Spanish |
| | ✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One |

- ✿ Upcoming Events
- ✿ Dec. 24-29, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Semi-Annual Training**
More events are listed on the church website

This Week's Activities

27	✿ 7:30pm, Meeting hall: Combined prayer meetings
Tuesday	

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Wednesday	

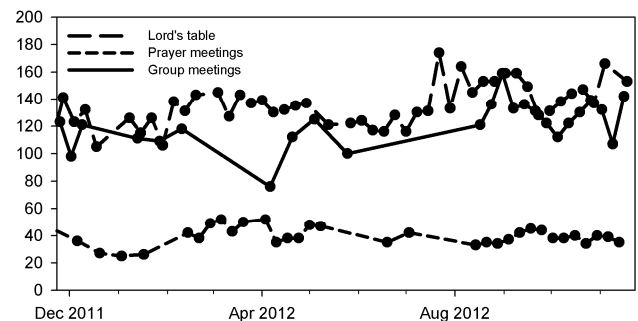
29	✿
Thursday	

30	✿ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday	

DEC 1	✿
Saturday	

2	✿ 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)

If we want to be sure that our inward feeling is the leading of the Spirit, we should also ask two questions: (1) Does this leading match the teaching of the Bible? (2) Does the environment confirm this leading? If such a leading does not match the teaching of the Bible, it cannot be God's will. If the environment does not give any confirmation, we should wait. Our feeling may be wrong, or it may not be the Lord's timing.

In seeking God's will, we should cultivate a healthy fear of making mistakes. We should not be subjective. We can ask God to block the ways that are not according to His will.

Suppose someone has invited you to work, and you have the intention to do a certain thing, or someone has advised you to reconsider your future, etc. How can you know whether these things are according to God's will? First, you should look at the teaching of the Bible. You should find out what God has actually said about such matters in His Word. After this, you should check with your inner feeling. The Bible may teach this, but do you feel right within? If your inward feeling is different from the testimony of the Bible, it proves that your inward feeling is not reliable. You should continue to wait and seek the Lord. If your inward leading agrees with the testimony of the Bible, you should lift up your head and say, "O Lord, You have always revealed Your will through the environment. It is impossible for my inward feeling and the teaching of the Bible to both point to one direction, and yet have the environment point to a contrary direction. Lord! Please work in the environment and line it up with the Scripture's teaching and the Spirit's leading." You will see that God always reveals His will through the environment. Not one sparrow will fall to the earth if it is not God's will. If it is God's will, what you see outwardly will surely line up with what you see inwardly and what you see from the Bible. If your inward sense, the teaching of the Bible, and the environment are all clear, then God's will for you will also be clear.

III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHURCH AND OTHER FACTORS

God's will is revealed through His Word, man's spirit, and the environment. God's will is also revealed through the church. In seeking God's will concerning a certain matter, you should be clear about the Spirit's leading, the Scripture's teaching, and the environment's provision. As much as it is possible, you should also fellowship with those who know God in the church to see whether they will say amen to your guidance. This will give you additional confirmation concerning God's will. These ones know God's Word more, their flesh has been

dealt with somewhat, and they are under the direction of the Spirit. Their spiritual condition allows God to speak His heart more freely through them. They will consider your condition in the church, and they will sense whether or not they can say amen to what you have seen. If they can say amen, you can be sure that what you have is God's will. If they cannot say amen to it, it is better for you to wait and seek more guidance. As individuals, we are limited. An individual's personal feeling, understanding of the Scripture, and knowledge of the environment may be wrong; they may not be that accurate. The church is much more reliable in this respect. If the other members of the church think that the "guidance" you have is not reliable, you should not insist on your opinion. Do not think that your "guidance" is always reliable. In such cases we should learn to be humble.

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