

## Pray for:

- ✿ North America: The Lord's advance in North America and throughout the world; that the Lord might raise up a permanent spirit of prayer in his recovery beyond the special time Dec. 1 to 21, 2012.
- ✿ Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC): safety of the saints in church in Goma, a city seized by rebels last week; the stable situation in this country of 71 million for the Lord's move; safety and strengthening of the 800 saints in the recovery.
- ✿ Liza Serbiano's wedding on December 24 in the Philippines: that the Lord might join and establish her with brother Lito for Christ and the church; that the wedding on December 24 and the reception on in January might be a testimony of Christ; that gospel friends might be saved and brought into the church through these meetings.
- ✿ Children: That parents be burdened and perfected to shepherd their children day by day at home; that the saints receive the children and include them in the weekly group meetings; that saints be burdened to start and build up neighbourhood children's meetings; that the pre-school toddlers be properly cared for on the Lord's day.
- ✿ Students: 1. The care and shepherding of the students in their tripartite being as they enter their final exam period. 2. The gospel of the kingdom to go forth at McGill next semester. Our goal is to be in regular contact with 20 new students, with 5 of these attending the church meetings, by the end of the year. 3. McGill application update: thank the Lord! The cover letter and mandate are finished and are now being finalized by the brothers.
- ✿ 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 22:21-24:35
- ✿ HWMR: Taking the Lead as Elders and Responsible Ones, week 5

## Announcements

- ✿ This year is the 50th year of the Lord's recovery coming to North America. Before the Lord's work began, Bro. Witness Lee and 2 other brothers prayed for 21 days (Dec. 1 – 21, 1962) every day for 3-4 hours. That led to the first conference in the U.S. at the beginning of 1963 on the All Inclusive Christ, which brought many seeking Christians to the Lord's recovery. Beginning Sat. Dec. 1 to

21, 2012, there is a burden for continuous prayer for 21 days, to pave the way for the Lord's advance in North America and throughout the world. For more details, please see <http://www.beseeching.org>.

- ✿ On Saturday December 8, we will have a special fellowship time to watch two videos from the recent US Thanksgiving Conference with a burden on prayer. The schedule is:

- 4-6 pm: First message and fellowship
- 6 pm: Pizza (provided by the church)
- 6:45-8:45 pm: Second message and fellowship

- ✿ The new multilingual website of the church has been launched. The new addresses are:

- English: <http://churchinmontreal.ca>
- French: <http://egliseamontreal.ca>
- Chinese: <http://ch.churchinmontreal.ca>

Please pray for the continued development of the website. If you have any feedback or suggestions, or would like to join the service team, please e-mail [webservant@churchinmontreal.ca](mailto:webservant@churchinmontreal.ca).

- ✿ There will be a conference with Brother and Sister Titus Lin. The first meeting will be Monday night, December 3 at 7:30pm at the meeting hall. This is a fellowship concerning children. All parents, future parents and children serving ones are encouraged to attend.
- ✿ There will be a second meeting with brother and sister Lin following the combined prayer meeting on Tuesday night at the meeting hall.

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Clean-up Schedule

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**DEC 2** ✿ Serving: English (A)  
✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

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**9** ✿ Serving: N.D.G.  
✿ Cleaning: Non-Chinese  
✿ Whole Hall Cleaning

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

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**30** ✿ Serving: West Chinese  
✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two

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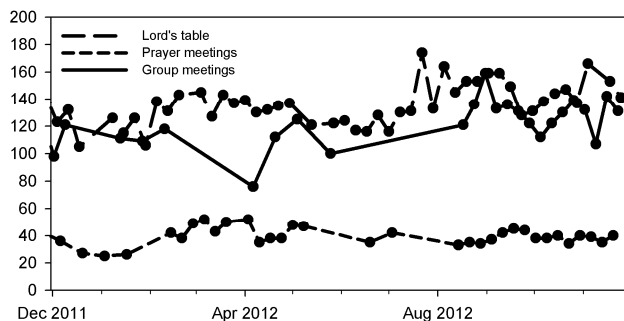
## Upcoming Events

- ✿ 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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| <b>2</b><br><b>LORD'S DAY</b> | ☼ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table<br>☼ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast   |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Monday</b>     | ☼ 7:30- 9:00pm, Meeting hall, Meeting 1 (children's fellowship) with brother and sister Titus Lin   |
| <b>4</b><br><b>Tuesday</b>    | ☼ 9:00-11:00am, Fellowship with full-time team<br>☼ 7:30-9:30pm, Meeting hall: Combined prayer meetings Meeting 2 with brother and sister Titus Lin |
| <b>5</b><br><b>Wednesday</b>  | ☼ 10:00am-12pm;; Meeting hall: Open fellowship with brother and sister Titus Lin.   |
| <b>6</b><br><b>Thursday</b>   | ☼   |
| <b>7</b><br><b>Friday</b>     | ☼ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)  |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Saturday</b>   | ☼ 4-9 pm, Meeting hall: Videos (all languages) from Thanksgiving Conference on prayer; dinner provided  |
| <b>9</b><br><b>LORD'S DAY</b> | ☼ 10 – 12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table<br>☼ 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**

### III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHURCH AND OTHER FACTORS (continued)

Matthew 18 speaks of the principle of the church. If a brother sins against another brother, the offended one should speak to the offending one while they are alone with each other. If the offending party does not want to listen, the offended party should take with him one or two more. By the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word may be established. If the offending party still refuses to listen, the matter should be told to the church. In the end the offending one has to hear the church. We have to accept the feeling of the church. The Lord Jesus says, "Whatever you bind on

the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven" (v. 18). Because the church is God's habitation and the beacon of God's light, we need to believe that God's will is revealed in the church. We should humble ourselves and should be afraid of our own judgment. This is why we need to fellowship with the church and receive the supply of the Body.

The church has a heavy responsibility before God. It has to act as God's light. If the church is careless or if it does things loosely according to the flesh, it will be impossible to have such a thing as the confirmation of the church. The church can render an accurate and divine confirmation because it has become the mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit. The church must be spiritual, and it must allow the Spirit to preside over it before it can be used by the Spirit to be God's mouthpiece. The confirmation of the church does not mean a discussion among all the brothers and sisters in the church together. It means the speaking of a group of people who know God and who are being led by the Spirit. For this reason, the elders taking responsibility in the church, as well as those given to the Lord's work, must have a certain amount of knowledge of spiritual things. Their flesh must be dealt with to a certain extent. They must be watchful at all times and have unceasing fellowship with the Lord. They must be full of God's presence and must live under the direction of the Holy Spirit. Only then can there be accurate judgment, and only then will the Spirit give accurate confirmation through them.

Some people may quote Galatians 1:16-17, which says that when Paul received a revelation, he did not confer with flesh and blood, neither did he go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before him. They think that it is sufficient for them to be clear by themselves and that there is no need to fellowship with the church. No doubt a person with a clear revelation like Paul can be truly confident of what he sees. But have you received the revelation the way Paul received his? Even Paul received the Lord's help and supply through other brothers. He saw the great light on the way to Damascus, fell to the ground, and heard what the Lord said to him alone: "Rise up and enter into the city, and it will be told to you what you must do." He received the laying on of hands from an obscure brother named Ananias, and he also received the laying on of hands and the commissioning from co-workers in the church in Antioch (Acts 9:3-6, 12; 13:1-3). The words he spoke in Galatians 1 were to prove that the gospel announced by him was not according to man, but that he had "received it through a revelation by Jesus Christ" (vv. 11-12). There is no flavor of self-exaltation in such words. We should be humble and not intractable. We must not think highly of ourselves. The fact is that we are too far behind Paul to compare ourselves to him! Because we are the party involved, we are clouded by our own interests and subjectivity when we seek God's will. It is difficult for us to see things clearly. This is where the church comes in; it can supply us and render us much help. This is why we should seek confirmation from the church when we are in need.

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