

## Pray for:

- ✿ The intensified preaching of the high gospel, the propagation of the word of the ministry, and the establishment of the new local churches, for the increase and spread of the Lord's testimony.
- ✿ The people who are predestinated by God: (1) sinners to be saved and seeking believers to come to the full knowledge of the truth, and (2) proper, right, and useful ones to be gained for the recovery.
- ✿ All ages of saints in the churches to function according to their capacity, especially in the raising up of the next generation - the children, young people, and college-age saints - for the Lord's testimony according to His economy.
- ✿ Finance: pray that the Lord would bless and release the need of the improvements in the meeting hall, including changing of furnace, windows, repaving of parking lot, and renovation of the kitchen.
- ✿ Campus club at McGill: Pray that the Lord would open the door for a club at McGill university to effectively reach the students.
- ✿ 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. 31:30-Josh. 4:24
- ✿ HWMR: Taking the Lead as Elders and Responsible Ones, week 6

## Announcements

- ✿ There will be a Chinese-speaking homecoming meeting this Saturday starting at 6pm.
- ✿ Please sign up for next year's (2013) subscription for the Holy Work for Morning Revival by next Lord's Day (December 16<sup>th</sup>). To renew and or to enroll please see your district coordinator. The cost for the subscription will be \$50. The cost of a morning revival book will now be \$6.
- ✿ The bookroom is looking for Chinese speaking saints to serve. If you are available, please see a bookroom serving one.
- ✿ There will be a book sale during this Saturday's homecoming meeting starting at 6pm. Most books will be at a 25% discount.

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

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| <b>9</b>  | ✿ Serving: N.D.G.<br>✿ Cleaning: Non-Chinese<br>✿ Whole Hall Cleaning |
| <b>16</b> | ✿ Serving: French/ Spanish<br>✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One        |
| <b>23</b> | ✿ Serving: East Chinese<br>✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two           |
| <b>30</b> | ✿ Serving: West Chinese<br>✿ Cleaning: Non-Chinese                    |

## Upcoming Events

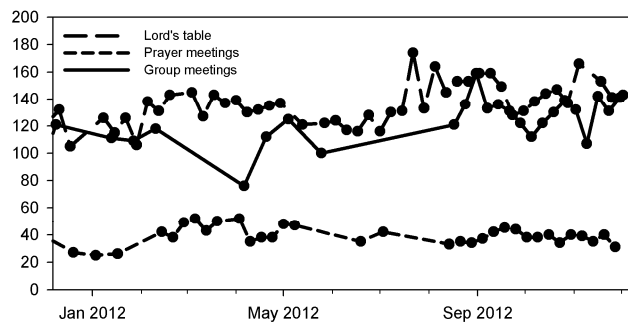
- ✿ Dec. 24-29, Anaheim, CA: **Winter Semi-Annual Training**

*More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

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| <b>9</b><br><b>LORD'S DAY</b> | ✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table<br>✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast    |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Monday</b>    | ✿  |
| <b>11</b><br><b>Tuesday</b>   | ✿ 7:30-9:30pm, Various prayer meetings (English/ French/ Chinese)                      |
| <b>5</b><br><b>Wednesday</b>  | ✿  |
| <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>   | ✿ 6pm-, Meeting hall: Chinese speaking homecoming meeting<br>✿                         |
| <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



will of God is." In seeking God's will, we need to use our mind and our will. Of course, this mind and will have to be transformed and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

*Note: The content is extracted from New Believers Series: #17 Seeking God's Will by Watchman Nee, published by Living Stream Ministry, available at <http://www.ministrybooks.org/alphabetical.cfm>.*

## 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)

However, we should avoid another extreme. Some Christians are too passive. They ask the church about everything, and they want others to make decisions for them. This is against the principle of the New Testament. We cannot treat a group of spiritual people in the church as if they were the prophets in the Old Testament, asking them for advice in everything. First John 2:27 says, "And as for you, the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things..." This anointing is the indwelling Holy Spirit. We can never replace the teaching of the anointing with the confirmation of the church. The confirmation of the church should not be regarded in the same way as one regards the words of the prophets. Its purpose is to confirm what we see so that we can be more assured of God's will. It is a protection rather than a replacement of an individual's pursuit of God's will.

We should note one other point: This way of seeking God's will should be applied only to important matters. As to the trivial affairs of daily life, we do not need to resort to such a method. We can make judgments according to our common sense. Our God has not eradicated our common sense. God wants us to make our own judgments concerning things that we can manage with our common sense. We need to employ this method only in seeking God's will concerning the more important matters of our life.

In seeking God's will, we must not fall into an abnormal state where the mind is blank and the will is passive. Hebrews 5:14 speaks of those "who because of practice have their faculties exercised for discriminating between both good and evil." We need to exercise our mind and will. We have to put our will on God's side and co-labor with God. It is true that we should put aside our own will. But it is wrong to annul the function of the mind and the will, allowing them to be passive and void of function. Many people trust only in their intellect and not in God. This is a big mistake. But many people think that relying on God means that one does not need to use his mind. This is also a big mistake. When Luke wrote his gospel, it was "carefully investigated" (1:3). In Romans 12:2 Paul told us to "be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the