

## Pray for:

- ✿ Egypt: That the Lord would use the present political turmoil to open the door for the gospel to run in Egypt; that the Lord might use the situation to break through the strongholds of Satan in the entire Islamic world.
- ✿ The growing ranks of young working saints (ages 20-40) in the churches, both the job-dropping and the job keeping saints, including the graduates of the full-time training, to be strong in the spirit to overcome in order to live Christ for the church and to be normal functioning members in the service of the Body to bear the primary burden in the practical church life.
- ✿ All the saints to be renewed in their heart toward mankind, to be laboring priests of the gospel, to personally, directly, regularly, and faithfully visit and contact people for their spiritual welfare, to bear remaining fruit, and to shepherd the Lord's sheep for the increase of the recovery and the building up of the Body.
- ✿ That the churches throughout North America would preach a gospel to the nations of diverse backgrounds, and a demographically proportionate number of local people would be added to the recovery.
- ✿ 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: HWMR: Luke 24:36-John 2:22
- ✿ Taking the Lead as Elders and Responsible Ones, week 7

## Announcements

- ✿ We will need volunteers to bring the Bibles from outside into the warehouse. Please see [David Wu](#) if you'd like to help.
- ✿ Please sign up for next year's (2013) subscription for the Holy Word for Morning Revival by today. To renew and or to enroll please see your district responsible brother.. The cost for new subscriptions will be \$45 per year. Saints who subscribed this year (2012) will only need to pay \$25 for their renewal. Individual copies of the the Holy Word for Morning Revival can be purchased at the book room at a cost of \$7 per book if available.
- ✿ The bookroom is looking for Chinese speaking saints to serve. If you are available, please see any book room serving one.

- ✿ The video training will be from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the bookroom if you would like to participate even if only for part of the time.

### Week 1

- Tuesday, Dec 25: 2 messages with prayer meeting
- Saturday, Dec 29: 2 messages
- Lord's Day, Dec 30: 2 messages

### Week 2

- Tuesday, Jan 1: 2 messages with prayer meeting
- Saturday, Jan 5: 2 messages
- Lord's Day, Jan 6: 2 messages

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

<b>16</b>	✿ Serving: French/ Spanish
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District One
<b>23</b>	✿ Serving: East Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: Chinese District Two
<b>30</b>	✿ Serving: West Chinese
	✿ Cleaning: Non-Chinese
<b>JAN 6</b>	✿ Serving: North District
	✿ Whole Hall Cleaning

## Upcoming Events

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

*More events are listed on the church website*

## This Week's Activities

<b>16</b>	✿ 10 – 12am, Meeting hall: Lord's table
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✿ 12:30–1:30pm, Meeting hall: Love feast
<b>17</b>	✿
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>18</b>	✿ 7:30-9:30pm, Various prayer meetings (English/ French/ Chinese)
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>19</b>	✿
<b>Wednesday</b>	

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Thursday

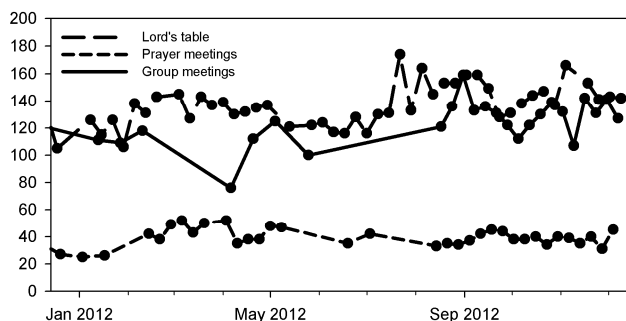
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Friday      ✨ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)

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Saturday

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LORD'S DAY      ✨ 10 – 12:30pm, Meeting hall: Lord's table  
                         ✨ 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)

We need to briefly touch on the matter of visions and dreams as well. In the Old Testament God revealed His will to man through visions and dreams. In the New Testament there are also visions and dreams, but God does not use them as an essential means of guidance. In the New Testament the Spirit of God dwells in us and speaks to us directly from within. The chief and common means of guidance are the inward leading. God will lead us by dreams and visions only when He has something very important to say and it would not be easy for us to accept this leading under normal circumstances. In the New Testament visions and dreams are not the usual means of God's leading. Therefore, even when we have visions and dreams, we should still safeguard ourselves by seeking the inward confirmation and the confirmation in the environment. For example, Acts 10 shows us that God wanted Peter to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Peter, being a Jew, would never go to the Gentiles according to his tradition. In order to turn him from this prejudice, God had to show him a vision.

After Peter saw the vision, Cornelius sent three men to him. This was the confirmation in the environment. At the same time there was also the speaking of the Holy Spirit. These internal and environmental confirmations assured him that he was acting according to God's will.

Of course, there are cases when one has little time to consider or wait. At such times one can prove God's will immediately if the vision or dream is clear and obvious and the feeling within approves it; there is no need to wait for the confirmation in the environment. For example, Paul was in a trance when he was praying in the temple. He saw the Lord speaking to him and charging him to leave Jerusalem without delay. At first he reasoned with the Lord and tried to refuse. But the Lord said to him again, "Go, for I will send you forth far away to the Gentiles" (Acts 22:17-21). Later, Paul met a heavy storm at sea, and all hope of salvation was gone. God sent His angel to stand beside him and speak to him, telling him not to fear (27:23-24). These were all clear visions. But they do not occur frequently in the New Testament. God revealed things to His children in visions and dreams only when there was a special need. Some Christians have so many so-called dreams and visions that these are like everyday meals to them. This is a kind of spiritual sickness. It may come from some kind of nervous disorder, attack from Satan, or deception from evil spirits. Whatever the cause, this situation is abnormal.

In conclusion, God leads men by many ways. Everyone is different in his spiritual condition and needs. This is why God leads us in different ways. However, His main means are the arrangement in the environment, the inward leading, and the teachings in the Bible. We need to point out once again that when these three things are in line with one another, we can have the confidence that we have God's will.

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