

Please pray:

- ✳ YP retreat in Toronto (Mar 30th-Apr 1st): Pray that the young people will be prepared to hear the Lord's personal speaking; may the Lord gain the young people at their young age; may the serving ones be strengthened during this time.
- ✳ Sisters' lesson (Apr 1st): May the Lord continue to release the sisters to attend this meeting; may the Lord speak to the sisters and gain them during these lessons.
- ✳ College blending trip (Apr 26th-6th): May the Lord prepare the hearts of the college students who will be attending this trip; may the Lord show them a fresh vision of Christ and the Church; pray that all the preparations be headed up in the Lord; may the saints be open to provide hospitality for this time; may the Lord gain what is on His heart during this time.
- ✳ First Bible Distribution of Polish Recovery Version (15 March - Pedagogical University of Krakow): There were 175 Polish New Testaments and 5 English New Testaments passed out and 29 of the recipients subscribed to receive emails from Bibles for Europe. There were 4 people who prayed to receive the Lord and 8 personal contacts were established. We are planning to distribute more Bibles at three other universities next week (and one in April) during their open days. Pray that the Lord bless His word going out and for shepherding of these contacts.
- ✳ International blending conference in London, UK (30 March - 1 April): Please pray for the gathering of the saints from all over Europe for this annual spring conference. Pray also for the release of the Lord's up-to-date speaking and for the advance of the Lord's move.
- ✳ Laval: May we continue to pray for this land; that the Lord may continue to shepherd the contacts in their situations; may the Lord gain a proper testimony in the city of Laval according to His timing.
- ✳ 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: Psa 59:1 - 74:23 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: Crystallization study of Ezekiel, Vol 4, week 23

Announcements

- ✳ Anyone with amounts still due to be offered for the Church in Ottawa meeting hall, please submit it by March 31.

- ✳ There will be a gospel meeting at brother Lito and sister Liza's home TODAY, Mar 25, starting at 5pm with dinner. The topic is "the Purpose of Human Life"
- ✳ The Parent-Serving Ones Conference will be held at the meeting hall of the Church in Toronto the weekend of April 6-8. The first meeting will be start on Friday evening. If there is anyone who would like to join this time in Toronto, please register with YP serving brother Aaron. We will also have these meeting on video broadcast here in Montreal.
- ✳ The saints in Ohio would like to invite the churches and individuals to participate in a blending conference with brother Ron Kangas. This will take place in Cleveland, Ohio from Friday, March 30 to Lord's Day, April 1, 2018. Reservations must be made by March 21, 2018 in order to get this special rate of 90\$ per night. Childcare for children from kindergarten through grade 6 will be provided during the conference meetings. Anyone who wants to attend, please register with the responsible brothers.
- ✳ We will watch the video of the next lessons for Sisters messages after the Lord's day meeting's on March 25 and April 1 after lunch from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.
- ✳ Registration for Live summer training and video training is open. Deadline to register is April 29, 2018.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

March 25	✳ Serving: English B ✳ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
April 1	✳ Serving: Chinese Central 1 ✳ Cleaning: Chinese East (Xie, Guorong responsible)
8	✳ Serving: Chinese South B ✳ Cleaning: All groups
15	✳ Serving: English A ✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ March 25, Montreal: **Gospel Meeting**
- ✳ March 30 - April 1, Cleveland: **A Blending Conference in Ohio**
- ✳ March 30 - Apr 1, Toronto, ON: **Spring YP Retreat**
- ✳ May 4-6, Montreal: **College Blending conference**
- ✳ Apr 13-15, Anaheim, CA: **Spring ITERO**
- ✳ April 27-29, Paris, France: **Spring Conference in Paris**
- ✳ May 19 - 20, Montreal: **Victoria weekend conference**

✿ May 25-28, Kansas City, Missouri: **Memorial Day conference**

✿ July 2-7, 2018, Anaheim: **Summer Training**

The church website lists more events

This Week's Activities

25	✿	10am - 12:15pm Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings
MARCH		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
	✿	1:30pm - 3:30pm: Lesson for Sisters
	✿	5pm: Gospel Meeting at Lito and Lisza's
26	✿	
Monday		
27	✿	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
Tuesday		
28	✿	
Wednesday		
29	✿	
Thursday		
30	✿	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
31	✿	
Saturday		
1	✿	10am - 12:15pm Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	✿	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
	✿	1:30pm - 3:30pm: Lesson for Sisters

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

I. THE NEED TO OBEY GOD'S WILL (continued)

A. Arrangements in the Environment (continued)

Psalm 32:9 says, "Do not be like a horse or like a mule, without understanding;/Whose trappings consist of bit and bridle to constrain them,/Else they do not come near you." Many times we are just like a horse or a mule, without understanding, and must be harnessed with outward bit and bridle by God before we can avoid mistakes. Have you ever seen a duck farmer? He has a long stick in his hand. When the ducks wander to the left or to the right, he herds them back with his stick. The ducks have no choice but to take the right path. In the same way, we can commit ourselves to the Lord and tell Him, "Lord, I am truly like a horse or a mule that has no understanding. But I do not want to make mistakes. I want to know Your will. Please harness me with Your bit and pull me

with Your bridle. Once You let go of me, I will take the wrong way. Please guard me with Your will and direct me into Your will. If I wander away, I want You to stop me. I do not know many things, but I know what pain feels like. When I reject Your will, please come in and stop me!" Brothers and sisters, we must never belittle God's arrangement in the environment. Even though we may have fallen into shame and may have become like a horse or a mule, we often can still count on God's mercy to bridle us in time. God uses the environment to stop us from making mistakes. He forces us to have no alternative but to follow Him.

B. The Leading of the Holy Spirit

God's hand is seen through the environment. But He is not happy to always guide us like senseless horses or mules. He wants to guide us from within. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." We are God's children and God's life is within us. God not only guides us through the environment but also speaks to us and guides us from within through His Spirit. The Spirit dwells within us, and God's will is revealed to us through our innermost being.

The book of Ezekiel tells us that God will "put a new spirit within you" (11:19). Again it says, "A new spirit will I put within you...I will put my Spirit within you" (36:26-27). We must distinguish between "a new spirit" and "my Spirit." "My Spirit" refers to the Spirit of God, whereas "a new spirit" refers to our spirit at the time of our regeneration. This new spirit is like a temple, a home where the Spirit of God dwells. If we did not have a new spirit within us, God would not have given us His Spirit, and the Holy Spirit could not have dwelt within us. Throughout the ages God has been trying to give man His Spirit. However, man's spirit was defiled, sin-ridden, dead, and fallen in the old creation. It was impossible for the Spirit of God to dwell in man even though this was His desire. Man has to receive a new spirit through regeneration before he can be in the position to receive God's Spirit and before God can dwell in him.

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