

## Please pray:

- ✳ College blending trip (Apr 26th - May 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.
- ✳ We thank Him for giving us a healthy view concerning the raising up of our next generation during the PSO conference. These young ones are vessels unto honor; we cannot afford to lose a single one in this spiritual warfare. Each one needs shepherding that reaches their hearts, primarily by our listening when they open up regarding their situation. Pray that the serving ones will put these points into practice while diligently visiting every saint, that eventually each one may be restored for the church life.
- ✳ Shepherding: that we would have an intimate concern for all the saints in the church, including the ones we don't know so well; that we would take the most excellent way of love in all our dealings with each other; that our hearts would be enlarged to embrace all the brothers and sisters, regardless of their condition; that we all would be transferred from our own personal universe, concerned just for our needs and interests, into the universe of the one new man.
- ✳ Since January, more than 19,800 Bibles and books have been ordered, and 27,000 e-books have been downloaded from Bibles for America. We are endeavoring to find more ways to effectively use the Bibles for America Blog, Google Adwords, and Facebook ads to make people aware of our free offers. Please pray for the Lord to use these various means so many more seeking people would find and order the New Testament Recovery Version and free books by Watchman Nee and Witness Lee.
- ✳ Israel, Tel Aviv University: Please pray for the growth, vision and all the weekly meetings this semester of the Tel Aviv University students. Many of these dear ones have various backgrounds. We are praying for a clear, controlling vision that these sheep will continue to enjoy the pasture and be spontaneously drawn out of the fold.
- ✳ 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: Gal 3:15 - 5:21 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: The Recovery of the Church, week 2

## Announcements

- ✳ In preparation for the upcoming college conference, we will have a spring cleaning day on Saturday, April 21. Please come to enjoy the Lord at 9:30am and then we can begin after that.
- ✳ Anyone interested in the Maritimes blending trip from August 1 to August 8, please let brother Chew or sister Monica know by April 29.
- ✳ Registration for Live summer training and video training is open. Deadline to register is April 29, 2018. The cost is \$250 for the live and \$100 for the video training plus \$5 for the outline. Late fees will be \$300 and \$125 respectively

## Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

<b>April</b>	✳	Serving: Chinese East
<b>15</b>	✳	Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
<b>22</b>	✳	Serving: Chinese South B Cleaning: Chinese Central 3 (Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
<b>29</b>	✳	Serving: Chinese North ✳ Cleaning: Who;e meeting hall cleaning
<b>May</b>	✳	Serving: English A
<b>6</b>	✳	Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

## Upcoming Events

- ✳ April 27-29, Paris, France: **Spring Conference in Paris**
- ✳ May 4-6, Montreal: **College Blending conference**
- ✳ 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

<b>15</b>	✳	10am- 12:15pm Lord's Table and
<b>APRIL</b>		Prophesying meetings
<b>LORD'S DAY</b>	✳	12:15pm - 1:30pm: <b>Lunch</b>
<b>16</b>	✳	
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>17</b>	✳	7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese
<b>Tuesday</b>		prayer meetings by districts

18		
Wednesday	✳	
19	✳	
Thursday		
20	✳	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
21	✳	9:30: Spring cleaning of the meeting hall
Saturday		
22	✳	10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings
APRIL		
LORD'S DAY	✳	12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch

## 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)

#### C. The Teachings of the Scripture (continued)

Some believers use superstitious ways to seek God's will. They open the Bible before them and pray, "O God, please move my finger to the verse which reveals Your will." After they pray with their eyes closed, they open their Bible and point their finger to any passage. Then they open their eyes and take the verse before them as God's will. Some childish believers try to know God this way. Because they are desperate, God will sometimes accommodate their ignorance and show them the way. However, this is definitely not the proper way. It will not work with most people, and it will not work most of the time. It is dangerous, and there is a great possibility for mistakes with this way. Brothers and sisters, please remember that we have the divine life and that God's Spirit is dwelling in us. We should ask God to reveal His word to us through the Holy Spirit. We should study the Bible conscientiously and consistently and memorize the Scripture well. When needs arise, the Holy Spirit will use the passages we have read to speak to us and to guide us.

Let us now combine the three things spoken of above. There is no fixed order for these three things. Sometimes, the arrangement of the environment comes first, followed by the leading of the Spirit and the teachings of the Bible. Sometimes, the Spirit's leading and the teachings of the Bible come first, and afterward, the confirmation in the environment. The environment is related especially to God's timing. In seeking after God's will, Brother George Müller always asked three questions: (1) Is it God's work? (2) Am I the person to do this work? (3) Is this God's time for such a work to be done? The first and second questions can be resolved by the teaching of

the Bible and the leading of the Spirit. The third question is settled by provisions in the environment.

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.

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