

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.
- ✳ UK Building Project (London): There is an urgent need to construct facilities in London for the training of the saints in Europe in the truth and the practice of the church life. To date, we have received permission to carry out all the development we have applied for. In time, this will result in a two site campus for the European saints: the first providing meeting and accommodation facilities for hundreds of European full-time trainees; and the second providing a dedicated event centre in 17 acres of English woodland to receive and train hundreds of Europeans in one week and weekend trainings.
- ✳ Israel International Conference (May 10-12): Please pray that our new ones would be able to attend this conference, enjoy Christ in His Word and experience the Body life.
- ✳ May we have a hunger for the ministry and have a desire to be constituted with the truth. May these truth be experienced and realized into our being as our constitution for the building up of the Body of Christ.
- ✳ 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.
- ✳ 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 92:1 - 107:43 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: The Recovery of the Church, week 3

Announcements

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- ✳ 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

April 22	✳ Serving: Chinese South B
	✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)
	✳
29	✳ Serving: Chinese North
	✳ Cleaning: Whole meeting hall cleaning
	✳
May 6	✳ Serving: English A
	✳ Cleaning: Chinese South (Xuecheng, Shishan responsible)
	✳
13	✳ Serving: English B
	✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiang responsible)
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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

22	✳ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table and
APRIL	Prophesying meetings
LORD'S DAY	✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
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23	✳
Monday	
24	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese
Tuesday	prayer meetings by districts

25		
Wednesday	✳	
26	✳	
Thursday		
27	✳	Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
Friday		
28	✳	9:30: Spring cleaning of the meeting hall
Saturday		
29	✳	10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table and
APRIL		Prophesying meetings
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

III. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE CHURCH AND OTHER FACTORS

God's will is revealed through His Word, man's spirit, and the environment. God's will is also revealed through the church. In seeking God's will concerning a certain matter, you should be clear about the Spirit's leading, the Scripture's teaching, and the environment's provision. As much as it is possible, you should also fellowship with those who know God in the church to see whether they will say amen to your guidance. This will give you additional confirmation concerning God's will. These ones know God's Word more, their flesh has been dealt with somewhat, and they are under the direction of the Spirit. Their spiritual condition allows God to speak His heart more freely through them. They will consider your condition in the church, and they will sense whether or not they can say amen to what you have seen. If they can say amen, you can be sure that what you have is God's will. If they cannot say amen to it, it is better for you to wait and seek more guidance. As individuals, we are limited. An individual's personal feeling, understanding of the Scripture, and knowledge of the environment may be wrong; they may not be that accurate. The church is much more reliable in this respect. If the other members of the church think that the "guidance" you have is not reliable, you should not insist on your opinion. Do not think that your "guidance" is always reliable. In such cases we should learn to be humble.

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.

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