

Please pray:

- ✳ Victoria Day Conference in Montreal (May 19 - 20): Pray that the saints would be released to attend the conference; that the Lord would prepare our being to be a proper vessel to receive His speaking; pray that the Lord would cover the speaking brother; that the Lord would release His up to date speaking to the churches; may the Lord be headed up in all the details and preparations.
- ✳ FTTA-XB gospel trips (May 2 - 21): The destinations are France, Germany, Italy, and the northeastern states (New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont) in the US. Please pray for the spreading of the truth for the increase of His kingdom during this time.
- ✳ The church in Madrid, which was raised up in 2001 with about 12 saints, has grown to over 100, with more than 70 saints meeting regularly each Lord's Day. There are eleven full-time saints based in Madrid serving with the work covering the entire Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal). The current rented hall has become inadequate to take care of the needs of the church and the work. After several years of prayer and searching, a property in a safe, residential neighbourhood of Madrid, very accessible both by road and public transport, has become available that can serve the needs of the church and the work. Please pray for the Lord to release the property that He has prepared for the church in Madrid.
- ✳ World situation: Pray that in the Lord's timing, the people of North Korea would have the opportunity to hear and receive the gospel; pray that the moving of the American Embassy to Jerusalem would be for the carrying out of His eternal will.
- ✳ 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: Eph 1:11 - 2:18 (see website for daily schedule)
- ✳ HWMR: The Recovery of the Church, week 6

Announcements

- ✳ The last Day for regular registration of Live summer training and video training is passed. Any registration received now will be subject to a late fee. Late registration will be \$300 for the live and \$150 for the video training.

Lord's Day Lunch Serving and Cleaning Schedule

May 13	✳ Serving: English B ✳ Cleaning: English Central, Chinese Central 3 and College (Dennis, Joe, Qiang, Wenxiong responsible)
20	✳ Serving: Chinese Central ✳ Cleaning: English West, Chinese West and Young People (John Y., Boy, Aaron Cha. responsible)
27	✳ Serving: Chinese South B ✳ Cleaning: Chinese North and Chinese Central 1 (Jun, Gerry Chan responsible)
June 3	✳ Serving: Chinese East ✳ Cleaning: French (Achille, Allan responsible)

Upcoming Events

- ✳ 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

13 MAY LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am- 12:15pm: Lord's Table and Prophesying meetings ✳ 12:15pm - 1:30pm: Lunch
14 Monday	✳
15 Tuesday	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: English/French/Chinese prayer meetings by districts
16 Wednesday	✳
17 Thursday	✳
18 Friday	✳ Various home meetings (English / French / Chinese)
19 Saturday	✳
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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

IV. THOSE WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO KNOW GOD'S WILL

Finally, even if we have all the right methods, not everyone knows God's will. A right method is useful only when the person is also right. When the person is not right, even the right methods become useless. It is futile for a rebellious man to seek to know God's will. If a man wants to know God's will, he must have an inward yearning to do His will.

Deuteronomy 15:17 records the case of a slave who had his ear run through with an awl into the door. This shows that our ears have to listen to God's word all the time if we are to serve Him. We should come to the Lord and say, "I am willing to thrust my ear to the door. I will incline my ears to Your word. I want to serve You and do Your will. I beseech You from my heart. I will serve You. You are my Master. I have an earnest yearning within my heart to be Your slave. Let me hear Your word. Let me know Your will." We need to come before the Lord and plead for His word. We have to incline our ears and thrust them to the door. We have to wait for His commission and listen to His command.

Many times my heart aches over the fact that many people are looking for methods to know God's will, but they have no desire to obey God's will. They merely study such methods for the sake of knowledge. They have their own desires. They merely take God as their counselor and His will as their reference point. Brothers and sisters, God's will is made known only to those who are determined to obey His will! "If anyone resolves to do His will, he will know" (John 7:17). In order to know God's will, one must resolve to do His will. If you have an intense and absolute desire to do God's will, God will make known His will to you even when you know nothing about the methods. There is a word in the Bible: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him" (2 Chron. 16:9). The literal translation of this verse is, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is completely inclined towards Him." His eyes are running to and fro, from here to there. His eyes do not run through just once. Rather, they run continually to and fro to see whether anyone's heart is after His will. He will appear to those whose heart is completely inclined toward Him. If your heart is completely inclined toward the Lord and you say, "Lord, I want Your will; I really want it," God will show you His will. He will not refrain from revealing Himself to you; He has to reveal Himself to you. We should not think that only those who have believed in the Lord for a long time can understand His will. We hope that every believer will offer up everything he has from the day that he is saved. This will pave the way for him to understand God's will.

We should never think that it is a trivial thing to know God's will. We are little worms in God's eyes. It is a tremendous thing for a tiny person like us to understand God's will! May we see that it is a glorious thing to understand God's will. Since God has humbled Himself to make His will known to man, we must seek to know His will, and we must worship, treasure, and do His will.

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