

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Church Gathering (Lord's Day, June 25)**

There will be a citywide gathering of the church in NYC on Lord's Day, June 25, 2023 at Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates). Saints will also gather at Hall 3 (Flushing) as a Chinese-speaking satellite location. A Zoom meeting will be available for those who cannot attend in person. Translation will be provided in Chinese, Spanish, and Korean both in Hall 1 and in the Zoom meeting. Lunch will be provided after the meeting so please plan to stay and blend with the saints!

### Schedule:

10:00AM - 12:15PM Lord's Table and Special Fellowship  
12:15 PM Lunch

### Locations:

#### Hall 1 - Jamaica Estates

87-60 Chevy Chase Street,  
Jamaica Estates, NY 11432

#### Hall 3 – Flushing (Chinese-speaking)

157-17 Rose Avenue, Flushing, NY 11355

### Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 836 7249 7719 Passcode: 2023  
One tap mobile: +19294362866,,83672497719#

### Hall 1 - Children and Young People

In Hall 1, Children's Service (Pre-K and grades K to 5) will begin at 10am. Please use the entrance to the lower level using the ramp to the underground parking garage. The young people (grades 6-12) will not have a separate meeting and will stay in the main meeting after the Lord's Table.

### Hall 1 – Parking and Transportation

The underground parking garage will be closed to vehicles. There should be ample parking in the

neighborhood around 188th Street. There will also be a shuttle service from the F-train 179th Street Station between 9:30 and 10:00 AM.

Please check [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org) for more details and updates.

- **2023 July Semi-Annual Training**

The July 2023 Semi-Annual Video Training, which will be on **An Overview of the Central Burden and Present Truth of the Lord's Recovery before His Appearing**, will be held online via Zoom. The registration for the video training remains open. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <https://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

### Schedule for Video Training Session:

Message 1, 7:00 PM, Mon, Jul 3  
Message 2, 7:30 PM, Wed, Jul 5  
Message 3, 7:30 PM, Thu, Jul 6  
Message 4, 7:30 PM, Fri, Jul 7  
Message 5, 10:00 AM, Sat, Jul 8  
Message 6, 7:00 PM, Sat, Jul 8  
Lord's Table, 10:00 AM, Sun, Jul 9  
Message 7, 11:00 AM, Sun, Jul 9 (Open Meeting)

Message 8, 7:30 PM, Thu, Jul 13  
Message 9, 7:30 PM, Fri, Jul 14  
Message 10, 10:00 AM, Sat, Jul 15  
Message 11, 7:00 PM, Sat, Jul 15  
Lord's Table, 10:00 AM, Sun, Jul 16  
Message 12, 11:00AM, Sun, Jul 16 (Open Meeting)

### Schedule for Review/Study Session (open to all the saints):

Review Messages 1-3, 7:30 PM, Mon, Jul 10  
Review Messages 4-6, 7:30 PM, Wed, Jul 12  
Review Messages 7-10, 4:00-5:30 PM, Sat, Jul 15

## PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the salvation of the 5th and 6th graders—Thus far, at least 21 children have been saved this semester
- The going on of the 21 local churches in Puerto Rico
- The citywide church gathering on Lord's Day, June 25
- The strengthening of the church life throughout the coming months and all the summer activities:
  - a. The July semiannual training
  - b. The North American College Training
  - c. The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training
  - d. The Summer School of Truth
  - e. The Family Bible Camp
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: 2022 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

#### *Week 12: A God Who Hides Himself—the Hidden God*

##### **Portions from Days 2 and 6:**

The more real His work is, the more hidden it is; the more definite His work is, the less obvious, or manifest, it is. This is an important principle. Due to this principle we often experience trials, and due to this principle we are often tested. Even Satan uses this principle to tempt us. Our character is diametrically opposed to God's character. God likes to hide; we like to display. God is satisfied when everything is unseen; we are not satisfied until everything is seen. (CWWL, 1956, vol. 3, pp. 18, 27-28)

Our personalities are diametrically opposed to God's personality. He likes concealment; we like display. He does not crave outward manifestations; we cannot be content without them. This divine disposition constitutes a great trial and test to us. If you study the Scriptures carefully, you will see that God has the kind of temperament that dislikes ostentation. He likes to work secretly rather than openly.

The linking faith is the divine requirement for the overcomers to meet Christ in His triumphant

return. This is based upon Luke 18:8...Today the entire world is unbelieving. Where is faith today among not only the Gentiles, the pagans, but also among the Jews, the Catholics, the Protestants, and the Pentecostal people? If the Lord came today, where could He find faith? Nearly no one on this earth is believing. But by His mercy, in the past years, through Brother Nee's leadership, we have been brought into a situation of learning not to trust in ourselves for anything, but to believe that our God is everything.

I hope that when the Lord comes back, He can find you and me as the believing ones, who always trust in Him, not in ourselves, and who always have no assurance in ourselves. Our full assurance is in Him. This is the linking faith. This faith qualifies the overcomers. It is the divine requirement for you and me as the overcomers to meet Christ in His triumphant return.

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", message 24*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **Reading the Word Being to Receive the Lord's Word as Food**

Prayer is to breathe in the Lord's Spirit, and reading is to receive the Lord as the Word. The Lord as the Word is our food. Man does not live by bread alone, because he is not composed of only a body; within man there is also a spirit. The physical body requires physical food, but man's spirit requires a different type of food. Physical food is not enough to make man live. Hence, the Lord says that man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God. All the words that proceed out through the mouth of God are man's spiritual food. For this reason the prophet Jeremiah says, "Your words were found and I ate them".

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 13: ENJOYING GOD AS FOOD BY READING THE WORD (part 5)*