# The Church in New York City WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

 Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast (Cont.)

The Spanish-Speaking Conference of the churches in the Northeast that takes place at Camp Penuel concludes today.

 Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Sept. 22-24)

The upcoming Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel on **September 22-24, 2023**. Registration remains open at: https://tinyurl.com/fall2023conference.

Check-in will be open on Friday, September 22 between 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. There will not be dinner provided or a formal meeting on Friday evening, but we encourage arrival on Friday so that the saints can settle in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts.

We look forward to a sweet and pleasant time for the young working saints and young families. Please pray for the Lord's speaking and blessing at this conference. If you have any questions, please email northeastyws@gmail.com.

 2023 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (Sept. 29-Oct. 1)

The 2023 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat will be held from **September 29 to October 1** at KPCC. Since 1999, we have held a special gathering every year for our high school juniors and seniors to further equip them as they transition out of high school and into college. For registration and more details, please visit <a href="https://www.pursuewiththose.org">www.pursuewiththose.org</a>. The registration deadline is September 24.

The Fall College Retreat (Sept. 29-Oct. 1)

The Fall College Retreat for the students in Eastern PA, NJ, and NY will be held on the weekend of September 29 to October 1 at KPCC. Registration is now open and the registration deadline for is September 24: https://tinyurl.com/m8mykyj.

 2023 Church in NYC College Scholarship Application

A number of generous donations from some elderly saints over the years were given to award scholarships for young people in the church in New York City. We thank the Lord for their generosity and for His practical care demonstrated to us through His Body. This year, the Board of Trustees has made available funds for the award of the 2023 Church in New York City Scholarship for Academic Excellence and for Financial Need.

For the scholarship application requirements and application form, please visit the church webpage: 2023 Church in NYC Scholarship Announcement – The Church in New York City.

Scholarships are awarded through an application and review process. The submission of an application does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship, but each application will be given careful consideration. The deadline for submitting your application is **Lord's Day, October 15, 2023**. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to churchnycscholarship@gmail.com.

 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference Application (the church in New York City)

Living Stream Ministry will host the 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei in February 2024.

According to the organizer, brothers and sisters need to register for the conference through their local churches (no individual application is accepted). Below is the registration form for the church in New York City: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/3y8myu9w">https://tinyurl.com/3y8myu9w</a>. The deadline for registration is November 30. For any questions, please contact the serving brothers who are collecting the registration fees in the corresponding meeting hall.

#### Service Office Hours

Service Office hours will **be resumed on Monday, September 11.** Saints can call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

Zoom Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 Passcode: 3131 One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

The burden for holding these office hours is that the hearts of the saints can be comforted and that their souls would be restored.

#### **PRAYER BURDENS**

- The burden for the gospel on the college campuses during the new academic year both in NYC and throughout the country
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast that concludes today at Camp Penuel
- The blending conference for the churches in Upstate New York to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 15-17
- The blending conference for the churches in the Mid Atlantic states to be held in Philadelphia, PA over the weekend of September 15-17
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

#### MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2023 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CONFERENCE – KNOWING, EXPERIENCING, AND ENJOYING CHRIST AS REVEALED IN PHILIPPIANS

## Week 1: Taking Christ as Everything to Gain Him by Denying Our Self and Turning to Our Spirit

### Portions from Days 5 & 6:

A person who is saved not only has a created spirit but also a regenerated spirit and a spirit indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Our treasure, our possession, and our spiritual capacities and weapons are in us. Many Christians have a wrong concept; they think that they must pray for an extended period of time in order for power to come upon them from heaven like an atomic bomb. This kind of thinking is not accurate, because our power does not come from heaven; our power is in our spirit. Hence, Hebrews 4:16 says that we should come forward with boldness to the throne of grace...Chapter 10 then speaks of entering and coming forward to the Holy of Holies [vv. 19, 22]. This Holy of Holies is our spirit (4:12; 2 Tim. 4:22). We must learn to turn to our spirit. Those who minister the word should learn even more to turn to their spirit and not be affected by those who listen to them...One who is experienced in turning to his spirit can give powerful messages because he can sense the feeling of the Spirit and then utter something from his spirit. Turning to the spirit is the secret of being a Christian.

We must see clearly that the way to follow the Lord, the way to spirituality, the way to victory, the way to sanctification, the way to life, and the way to enjoy the Lord's riches is to reject our soul and turn to our spirit...To reject our soul means to reject our mind, emotion, and will...We must turn to our spirit before we do anything. As soon as we get out of the spirit, we will wander and be without rest. God has a rest for us, and this rest is in our spirit. We must be diligent to enter into this rest. Before we fellowship,...before we read the Bible,...before we pray, we must turn to our spirit. Whatever we plan to do, we should learn to turn to our spirit first, because if we do not turn to our spirit, we will be in our soul... Hence, we should not care whether we are about to do something that is good or bad. Instead, we should learn to turn to our spirit. In matters both great and small, we must first turn to our spirit. (CWWL, 1967, vol. 1, p. 103)

Corporate Reading: "The Life-study of Romans", messages 40-41