

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (cont'd)**

The 2023 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat concludes today at KPCC.

- **The Fall College Retreat (cont'd)**

The Fall College Retreat for the students in Eastern PA, NJ, and NY concludes today at KPCC.

- **The 2023 December Semiannual Training Registration**

Registration for the 2023 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim, CA and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **November 1, 2023**.

- **Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Oct. 21)**

We are glad to announce that we will have a special in-person gathering for all the senior saints, including all the districts and all languages. The conference is for all nine halls of the church. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

Place: Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates hall)

Time: October 21, 10am

- **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: <https://tinyurl.com/3y8myu9w>. **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 are available for saints to 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

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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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing and His speaking in the Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference held two weeks ago--the weekend of September 22-24; the burden of the conference was on Our High Calling (Phil. 3:14); pray that all the saints would walk worthily of the calling with which we were called (Eph. 4:1)
- The Northeast High School Juniors & Seniors Retreat (grades 11 & 12) concludes today at Camp Penuel; the general subject of the conference will be Knowing God by Knowing His Heart, Love, Purpose and Economy
- The Fall college retreat for the students in New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania concludes today at Camp Penuel; the general subject of the conference will be Holding to Truth in Love
- The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) to be held in Manila, Philippines from October 5-7
- Gospel trips in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria (October 8-22)--The saints in the recovery are invited to join the campus labor at the beginning of the university year in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria; let us pray that the Lord will gain many students in these three countries as remaining fruit and for the spread of the Lord's testimony in these countries through the gospel trips

MORNING WATCH

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

Week 4: Knowing Christ and the Power of His Resurrection

Portions from Days 5:

What is resurrection? It is that which has passed through death and which has come out of death...For

example, you may have wisdom, eloquence, and natural attraction. You have to say to the Lord, "I will not employ these things. I will not claim these things for my own glory. I am willing to go through death and resurrection and to give these things up in death so that I can claim them back from God's hand." The experience of resurrection is letting go of everything that is natural through death, not trusting in them any longer, and not glorying in them...Everything that you have is gone, and you cannot do anything anymore. After some time, perhaps three days, three months, or three years (no one knows how long it will be), God comes in again, and your eloquence is returned to you, your wisdom is returned to you, and your attraction comes back. However, even though you have regained these things, they have changed. Your natural goodness and everything you naturally have are no longer yours; a cross now separates you from these things. You dare not use these things any longer, leaving them instead to the Lord to be employed according to His pleasure. These things are no longer your own; instead, you recognize them as God's.

The experience of death and resurrection is a cycle; it puts everything in Adam, both good and bad, through death, and gives it back to us in Christ. The process of death and regaining puts us on the ground of resurrection, and qualifies us to express the power of the Spirit.

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 46-47*

MINISTRY READINGS

God Being Food in His Relationship with Man

We must remember that God's way is to be food to man. He has no intention for man to do anything for Him. He gave us the Bible for us to enjoy Him as food. He does not want us to be under any regulations. May every child of God clearly see this matter so that he can boldly say, "I read the Bible in order to eat God. My need is to eat, eat, and eat. I am hungry, and I need to be fed. God is my food, and He is my satisfaction. He has made Himself available through His Word. When I read the Word, I am eating God." Whenever we read the Bible, we must have a simple and definite understanding that our purpose is to eat, drink, and enjoy God, because God is food.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 15: RESTRICTING THE MIND AND EXERCISING THE SPIRIT IN READING THE BIBLE (part 2)