

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Church Gathering in Hall 1 (today, Lord's Day)**

A citywide gathering of the church in NYC is held today, January 28, at Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates). A Zoom meeting is available for those who cannot attend in person. Translation is 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 - 12:30PM

Lord's Table and Special Fellowship

12:30PM Lunch

Location:

Hall 1 - Jamaica Estates

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

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 876 7094 6733 Passcode: 2024

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,87670946733#

Children and Young People

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.

Parking

The underground parking garage will be closed to vehicles. Please find parking in the neighborhood around 188th Street.

Please check www.churchinnyc.org for more details and updates.

- **Citywide Fellowship with All the Parents and Serving Ones of the Children (Feb.3, Sat.)**

We will have a citywide fellowship with all the parents and serving ones of the children, including the 2s & 3s and pre-K children, on Saturday, February 3, from 9:30am to 12 noon, after which lunch will be provided. We will meet at the Hall 1 meeting hall, located at 87-60 Chevy Chase St., Jamaica, NY 11432. Translation will be available.

- **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat (Feb. 18-20)**

This year's NYC Young People's Winter Retreat will be held at **Camp Penuel** from **February 18 to 20** (Lord's Day afternoon to Tuesday afternoon). We encourage the young people in grades 6 through 12 and their families to attend.

Please register at

<http://tinyurl.com/2024nycretreat> by **Feb. 4.**

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

1. **Feb. 10-11:** International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei, Taiwan
2. **Mar. 8-10:** Spanish-speaking Conference (KPCC)
3. **Mar. 22-24:** Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks

- **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

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 citywide gathering of the church in NYC today (Lord's Day, January 28)--Let us pray that all the saints will be able to attend, for all the practical services related to this gathering, and for the release of the Lord's speaking to supply all the saints and to take the church on this year
- The FTTA gospel trips continues taking place next week in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America:
 - a. The gospel trips in Africa, Asia and Europe consist of 18 teams and will reach 21 countries, such as Ethiopia, Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Switzerland
 - b. The gospel trips in North America consist of 18 teams in various locations throughout Canada and the United States
 - c. Pray specifically for the team of 6 saints which labored with the churches in Upstate NY; this past week the team is laboring in Rosendale (SUNY New Paltz) and Albany
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on the special fellowship held on January 20th for the parents and serving ones of the young people and prayer for the going on of the young people, specifically, that each young person would be reached by personal shepherding
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children in the church and prayer for the special fellowship being held on Saturday, February 3, in Hall 1 for the parents and serving ones of the children in all nine halls of the church
- The spring term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim extension in Boston (FTTA-XB) which began last week; two brothers from NYC (Dean Deng and Benjamin Cooley) are currently participating in this training
- Prayer for the churches in New Zealand and the Lord's move there and for the national conference last weekend with brother Ed Marks
- Prayer for the Lord's move in South America and specifically for the truth schools carried out last week in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2023 FALL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - LIVING AND

SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY CONCERNING THE CHURCH

Week 3: The Full Knowledge of the Truth

Portions from Days 1,2, 3 and 4:

1 Timothy 2:4b [says], "And to come to the full knowledge of the truth." It is crucial to see the word and. We may only see that God desires all men to be saved, and neglect to see that God also desires that they come to the full knowledge of the truth. Getting saved is the initial step for men to be in God's purpose. Men are not useful for the building up of the church unless they have come to the full knowledge of the truth. We also need to come to the full knowledge of the truth in order to help others come to the full knowledge of the truth.

We in the local churches need to understand the Bible in the way of apprehending its spiritual significance. In 1 and 2 Timothy Paul emphasizes that the churches need the healthy teaching so that every believer may come to the full knowledge of the truth...We should study the Bible according to the way ordained by God so that we may help the saints to receive the healthy teaching and know the truth in an adequate way. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 1, pp. 62-63)

The subjective truths are required for the building up of the church because the church is not merely an organization or a gathering of people but an organism, the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18)...The church as the Body of Christ is organic, something of life. Being members of the Body is not merely a matter of confessing our sins and believing that the Lord Jesus died for us on the cross so that our sins can be forgiven and we can be cleansed. Although it is not wrong to consider the church as a group of forgiven and cleansed people who believe in the Lord, to stop at this definition is to fall short of the real meaning of the church. The church is much more than a group of cleansed and forgiven believers, because within the church there is life, the divine life. If the believers did not possess the divine life, the life of God, which is Christ Himself (John 1:4; 11:25; 14:6), they would be only a group of people who come together to establish or to be an organization. (CWWL, 1977, vol. 3, pp. 67-68)

Corporate Reading: *"The All-inclusive Christ", chs. 11-12*