

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 International Chinese-Speaking Blending Conference (Church in NYC broadcast: Feb. 11-16)**

Living Stream Ministry will host the 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei from February 10-11. We will watch the Conference via Zoom. English, Spanish, and Korean translation will be provided. **The general subject** of the conference is *Fighting the Good Fight, Finishing the Course, Keeping the Faith, and Loving the Lord's Appearing in order to Receive the Reward of Christ as the Crown of Righteousness.*

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Meeting 1 Lord's day, Feb. 11, at 2:30pm  
Meeting 2 Lord's day, Feb. 11, at 5pm  
Meeting 3 Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30pm  
Meeting 4 Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7:30pm  
Meeting 5 Friday, Feb. 16, at 7:30pm

### Zoom Information:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85490839313?pwd=DPOpOBY4ZW8CUUd2SabOTM4sP02yZf.1>  
Meeting ID: 854 9083 9313 Passcode: 2024  
One tap mobile: +19294362866,,85490839313#

## Key Statements

I As revealed in 2 Timothy 4:7, a proper Christian life is threefold; it involves fighting the good fight, running and finishing the course, and keeping the faith.

II In the New Testament, faith is both objective and subjective; the objective faith refers to the things in which we believe, and the subjective faith has to do with our action of believing.

III In order for us to enjoy Christ as our kingdom reward, we must love the Lord's appearing, which is His appearing and manifestation to us today and His presence with His people at His second coming, by staying on the constricted way of being watchful in

life and faithful in service to be constituted as the bride of Christ.

IV When the Lord comes again, faith will be turned to facts, and praise will replace prayer. Love will consummate in a shadowless perfection, and we will serve Him in the sinless domain. What a day that will be! Lord Jesus, come quickly!

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

This year's **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat** will be held in **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. Registration remains open on: <http://tinyurl.com/2024nycretreat>.

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**
  1. **Mar. 8-10:** Spanish-speaking Conference (KPCC)
  2. **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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the citywide gathering of the church in NYC last Lord's Day and prayer for the Lord to take the church on

this year according to the three banners for the church in 2024:

- 1) **Loving the brotherhood (1 Pet. 2:17)**--That the mutual shepherding in the church life would be strengthened and all the saints would experience the reality of "the brotherhood" (the family of the brothers, the brothers in the feeling of brotherliness)
  - 2) **Serving in the priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)**--That all the practical services in the church would be spiritual services, part of the holy and royal priesthood, for the building up of the church, the house of God
  - 3) **Overcoming (John 16:33)**--That by the experience of the peace of Christ all the saints may overcome the anxieties of the age in order to live a quiet and tranquil life, an enjoyable church life, in godliness and gravity (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children in the church and prayer for the special fellowship for the serving ones and parents of the children in all nine halls of the church held this past Saturday in Hall
  - The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) to be held in Taipei, Taiwan over the weekend of February 10-11
  - The FTTA gospel trips which just concluded in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America--Let us pray for all the gospel teams preaching the gospel all over the globe and let us pray specifically for the team of 6 saints which was laboring with the churches in Upstate NY (last week the trainees were visiting Ithaca, Rochester and Syracuse)
  - The Winter Retreat for all the young people in the church in NYC which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) from February 18-20

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: 2023 FALL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - LIVING AND SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY CONCERNING THE CHURCH

*Week 4: A Proper Prayer Life for a Proper Church Life*

Portions from Days 1, 3 and 4:

If we would have a proper church life, we must first have a prayer life. The leading ones, those who minister the word in the church, should take the lead to have such a prayer life. ...Thus, Paul exhorts Timothy that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men [1 Tim. 2:1]. This is the first word concerning the positive aspect of the church life that Paul gives after speaking of God's economy and after charging Timothy to war the good warfare for God's economy. ... A prerequisite for having a proper church life in the Lord's recovery today is to have a prayer life. A proper church is a praying church. A church that is without prayer is pitiful...All in the Lord's recovery must be prayerful and stand against the sin of prayerlessness. The elders in the churches must take up Paul's charge to "first of all" pray [v. 1]. (Life-study of 1 Timothy, second edition, p. 25)

Often the leading ones in the church realize that no matter how much the saints in their locality have been experiencing Christ or how much of Christ has been inscribed into them, something of Christ is still missing...Therefore, we need Christ as the completion. Furthermore, no matter how much we have experienced Christ and have had Him inscribed upon us, we will still be in darkness if we depend on ourselves. We need Christ as the light, as the Urim, to be added to the church...Even though we may be rich in the experience of Christ, something of Christ is still lacking and can be made up by Him alone. We should never think that we have exhausted Christ. No, He is inexhaustible...We need Christ to be added to us. When this missing portion of Christ is added, we have the completion and the shining. (Life-study of Exodus, pp. 1405-1406, 1423-1425)

To know the Lord's will and judgment about His people, we need the redemption, the nourishment, the enlightening, and the building up. Then among us and with us there will be the breastplate, which is the building up of the Body life and the means for us to know God's will concerning His people. Then we will receive the Lord's judgment of what we have to do or what we must not do. We will know the Lord's way. Then the whole church will go on according to the judgment given by the Lord. (CWWL, 1966, vol. 1, "The Priesthood," pp. 586-589)

**Corporate Reading:** "The All-inclusive Christ", chs. 13-14