

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference being hosted by Living Stream Ministry concludes in Taipei, Taiwan today. 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

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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

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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

- That all the saints would come to the full knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4) and that as a result, more and more, the church would have the reality of being the pillar and base of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15); let us pray for the participation of many saints in the truth pursuit this year in the book of Hebrews
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) being held in Taipei, Taiwan concludes today—The general subject of the conference was *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*; let us pray for the Lord's anointing on the ministry of the word and for the safe travel, health, and blending of all the participating saints (over 100 saints from NYC attended)
- The follow up of the FTTA gospel trips which took place in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America over the past two weeks—Let us give thanks for the hundreds that were saved through this endeavor all over the globe and let us pray for the strengthening of the saints in all the localities which hosted gospel trips, that the local saints would rise up to shepherd the many seekers among those who were contacted and the newly saved and baptized ones; let us pray specifically for the follow up in the churches in Upstate NY
- The College Conference for the students in the churches in the Northeast which will be held in Ivoryton, CT over the weekend of February 16-18
- 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 5: How to Conduct Ourselves in the House of God—Exercising Ourselves unto Godliness
Portions from Days 2 and 4:

The proper definition of the term godliness is God manifested in the flesh, or the manifestation of God in the flesh...First Timothy 3:15 says that the church is the house of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth. Verse 16 indicates that the church is God manifested in the flesh, or the manifestation of God in the flesh. ...1 Timothy 3:16 reveals that the mystery of godliness is God manifested in the church; ...because taken up in glory is the last phrase in verse 16, it must refer not only to Christ's ascension but also to the church's rapture, for Christ's ascension preceded His being preached among the nations. This proves that God's being manifested in the flesh refers not only to Christ but also to the church, His Body. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 3, "Crucial Elements of God's Economy," pp. 130-131)

God's economy is God coming into us, and godliness is God going out of us...This traffic may be likened to an electrical current in a circuit, which is electricity constantly coming and going. We have a divine current among us and within us; it is the Triune God coming in and going out. God coming in is God's economy, and God going out is godliness.

The way to conduct ourselves in the church life is to exercise ourselves unto godliness. We should not do anything that is not a proper testimony of godliness to others. We do not need to consider whether or not something is legal or right but whether it is an expression of godliness, God manifested in the flesh. Some brothers may go to bars to drink beer. They may tell the other saints that they have been liberated from all bondage and that in the church life there should be no legalities...All the saints should reply, "No, in the church life we do not accept this kind of speaking." We must be discerning and strong, not to cause division but to keep the church in the right lane to manifest our God. Our living should be godly, not loose. We should all bring this matter to the Lord. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 2, "Crucial Principles for the Christian Life and the Church Life," p. 628)

Such a godly life issuing from God's dispensing depends upon the exercise of our spirit.

When our spirit opens wide, our whole being opens. Then God has a way to impart Himself into us. God's dispensing depends upon our coordination, and our coordination is the exercise of our spirit.

Corporate Reading: *"The All-inclusive Christ", chs. 15-16*