# The Church in New York City WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis began on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available on the church website churchinnyc.org/bible-study.

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

### Week 13

#### Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 13 Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 27-28

### Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The Judgment on the Serpent and the Promise Regarding the Seed of the Woman Scripture: Gen. 3:14-15

Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msgs. 19-20

Supplemental Reading: God's Eternal Intention and Satan's Counterplot, ch. 3; The Tree of Life, ch. 9; Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 1, ch. 2; Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Way of Salvation in Man's Fall, ch. 4

Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

# 2025 Middle School Spring Conference (May 16-18)

The 2025 Middle School Spring Conference will be held **at Camp Penuel** from **May 16-18.** Please contact the district serving ones or visit <u>pursuewiththose.org</u> for more details. The first session begins at 7:00pm on May 16. The deadline for registration is today, Lord's Day, May 11.

• Teachers' Training of the 2025 Northeast Summer School of Truth (May 31)

The Teachers' Training of the 2025 Northeast Summer School of Truth will be held at the Meeting Hall of the Church in Newington, CT on May 31, 2025, Saturday, from 10am to 4pm. We invite all the parents and saints who serve the young people from grades 6 through 12 to attend this day of fellowship. While the burden behind the Teachers' Training is more directed towards the Summer School of Truth, the fellowship can greatly benefit our shepherding and service of the young people in general. Therefore, we encourage all the parents and serving ones to attend, whether or not one can attend the Summer School of Truth. Our prayer and getting into the burden together also pave the way for the Lord to bless the Summer School of Truth based on our one accord.

**Topic:** The Bible -- The Word of God (*Lesson Book, Level 6*)

**Registration:** Register for the Teachers' Training **by May 25** at <u>tinyurl.com/2024teacherstraining</u> or at <u>pursuewiththose.org</u>.

### • Registration for 2025 July Semiannual Training

Registration for the 2025 July Semiannual Live Training has closed. However, the Video Training registration is still open. Please submit your registration for the Video Training by filling out the online form: <u>http://bit.ly/nycregistration</u>.

# • 2025 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 23-26)

The conference will be held in person in Phoenix, AZ over Memorial Day weekend from May 23-26, 2025 (Friday to Monday). We will provide zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.

# Conference Schedule via Zoom:

Message 1: Saturday, May 24, 2025, 10:00 AM Message 2: Saturday, May 24, 2025, 1:00 PM Message 3: Lord's Day, May 25, 2025, 4:00 PM Message 4: Lord's Day, May 25, 2025, 7:00 PM Message 5: Monday, May 26, 2025, 10:00 AM Message 6: Monday, May 26, 2025, 1:00 PM

# Zoom Meeting Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88387953480?pwd =uGeoStlQVyippHUK5V1k3aPMOAsM56.1 Meeting ID: 883 8795 3480 Passcode: 2025 One tap mobile: +19294362866,,88387953480#.

# • Service Office Hours

Service Office Hours are 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**

- That all the saints would have a hidden life of fellowship with the Lord (Matt. 6:6) and develop deeper roots in Him (Jer. 17:8); that they all would "take root downward and bear fruit upward" (Isaiah 37:31)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing on the Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference held this past weekend, and prayer that all these saints would grow in life and be factors of supply and building up in their local churches
- The full-time serving ones' retreat taking place this past week (May 5-8) at Camp Penuel (KPCC) with over 400 expected to attend; let us thank the Lord for His blessing on this fellowship, for the going on and further perfecting of all these

saints, and that each one would be constituted as a channel of blessing in and to the church in which they serve

- The salvation of the children in grade 5
- The Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of May 16-18
- The 2025 International Memorial Day Blending Conference to be held in Phoenix, AZ over the weekend of May 23-26

### **MORNING WATCH**

HWMR: 2024 FALL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - LIVING IN THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WEEK 4: The Exercise of the Kingdom for the Building Up of the Church

# Portion from Day 1:

How can the church be built up in a practical way? The answer is found in Matthew 16:21 through 26...Unless Christ had been crucified and resurrected, He could not build up the church...Verse 21 indicates that the way to build up the church is through death and resurrection. On the mount the Lord Jesus was transfigured. This transfiguration, however, was temporary. Through death and resurrection, Christ was permanently transfigured...[and] entered into a realm of transfiguration. The church exists in this realm of transfiguration. It cannot exist in the natural life or with fleshly people.

The "Me" in [verse 24] means a great deal. This "Me" is the pattern, the pathway. Furthermore, this "Me" is the crucified and resurrected "Me."...The church comes into existence through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Not only our self, which is defiled, but even the Lord's pure, sinless self had to be denied. If the Lord had not denied Himself and gone to the cross, He could not have been resurrected, and there would have been no church. We must follow after Him. This means that we must deny ourselves as He did and must allow ourselves to be crucified as He did. Without this, it is impossible for the church to be built up. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 1, "The Exercise of the Kingdom for the Building of the Church," pp. 79, 74-75)