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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 16

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 15 Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 31-32

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Cain and Abel Scripture: Gen. 4 Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 22-23

Supplemental Reading: *The History of God in His Union with Man,* ch. 5; *The Vision of God's Building,* ch. 3; *Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2,* ch. 14; *Revelations in Genesis: Seeing God's Way of Salvation in Man's Fall,* ch. 5

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

• 2025 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (Cont., May 25-26)

The conference continues to be held in person in Phoenix, AZ over Memorial Day weekend from **May 25-26, 2025 (Lord's Day 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 (Cont.):

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#.

• 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 Today, May 25** at <u>pursuewiththose.org</u> or at <u>tinyurl.com/2024teacherstraining</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>.

• 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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for answering the prayers of the church for last weekend's Northeast Middle Schoolers' Conference on the general subject The Wonderful Jesus in the Gospels; let us pray for all of these dear young people, for the development of their ongoing personal relationship with the Lord, and that the word of the Lord released in the conference would not return to Him empty but accomplish what He sent it forth to do
- The 2025 International Memorial Day Blending Conference continues to be held in Phoenix, AZ today and tomorrow; let us pray for all aspects of this conference, including the release of the word, the travel and health of the saints, the online component of the conference, children's service, ushering service, audio/video service, etc.
- All the college students in the church life:
 - a. That all the graduating seniors would have the Lord's leading and blessing for the next phase of their lives
 - b. That all the college age saints would be free to participate more in the church life during the summer months
- The Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training for the churches in the Northeast which will be held on Saturday, May 31, in Newington, CT
- The strengthening of the church in Dublin, Ireland, their need for a proper meeting hall, and

that the Lord would provide the funds needed when a suitable facility is found

MORNING WATCH

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

WEEK 6: Being Watchful in Life and Faithful in Service

Portion from Days 1 & 2:

Virgins signify believers viewed from the aspect of life (2 Cor. 11:2). Believers, who are the kingdom people, are like chaste virgins. As virgins, they bear the Lord's testimony (the lamp) in the dark age and are going out of the world to meet the Lord. For this they need not only the indwelling but also the filling of the Holy Spirit.

By reading the context of Matthew 25:1-13, we can see that to be watchful is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. If we are not being filled all day long, we are not being watchful. This is serious...As saved believers, we should be people who are watching all the time by being filled with the Spirit. Every day our lamp is burning, and every day our soul, our being, is filled with the extra portion of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit is the saturating Spirit, which we need to allow to saturate our entire being from within our spirit to reach and even to penetrate our soul. Then we are surely watchful persons, getting ourselves ready for His coming back. We Christians have two kinds of statuses before the Lord-we are virgins in life, and we are slaves for our service to the Lord. We must be watchful in life and faithful in service to be ready at our Lord's return.

If we do mean business with the Lord's presentday move, we must be filled with the Spirit every morning of every day. We need to confess our sins, but we also need to pay the price. The Spirit who came into our spirit was given freely, but the saturating Spirit to fill our entire being, especially our soul, is not free. It is something that we have to pay the price for, that we have to buy... Many of us love our beds more than the Lord. In our daily life we may love a lot of things. Even though these things may not be sinful, they are replacements of the Lord. We may not give our first love to Him but to many other things. Now we have to drop all these other things, which means that we have to pay the price to get ourselves ready.