

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The online **Church Gospel Meeting**, Friday, June 5, 2020 at 7:30 PM. An electronic invitation and meeting details can be found in the church website: www.churchinnyc.org.

If you are willing to give a brief testimony, please contact:

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- Due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and the likelihood that various government mandates regulating and restricting public gatherings will be extended, Living Stream Ministry has decided that the **June 2020 Semiannual Training** will not be held corporately as a live training in Anaheim, CA. Instead, the churches will be able to participate in the June 2020 Semiannual Training by video training only.

The **registration for the video training** in the church in NYC is now open. The schedule and details of the video training will be available soon. Saints who want to register now may do so using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5vcnt2v>. The registration deadline is June 15th.

- Due to the current pandemic, there will be no regional, in-person college trainings this summer. Instead, the **2020 North America College Training** will be held online from July 9 through 19. The sessions will not be everyday, but will be staggered. In addition to pursuing with Jesus-loving peers all over the world, this year's training will be enriched by times of fellowship and prayer with believers in the churches in the area.

More information and registration can be found on collegetraining.org. Registration will open on June 7.

- Due to COVID-19 and the likelihood that various government mandates regulating and restricting

public gatherings will be extended, the **2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST)** will be held online over a period of **two weeks**. Registration is open from June 1 through June 15. The SST main meeting schedule is tentatively set as follows:

Week 1 (High School & Junior High)

Monday (7/27)

Session 1: 7:45 - 8:30 PM

Tuesday - Friday (7/28 - 7/31)

Session 1: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Session 2: 7:45 - 8:30 PM

Week 2 (High School & Junior High)

Monday (8/3)

Session 1: 7:45 - 8:30 PM

Tuesday - Friday (8/4 - 8/7)

Session 1: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Session 2: 7:45 - 8:30 PM

The Summer School of Truth will conclude with a one day young people's conference on Saturday, August 8.

Details will be forthcoming. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your district's young people serving ones or check pursuewiththose.org.

- **Service Office Hours** are available for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones.

Day & Time: Monday through Saturday, 11AM-1PM

Join via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTfob3AwQlBodz09>

Dial-in by Phone: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 (Password: 3131)

1. Saints can call in to pray with some serving ones, to pursue together, or just to say hello.
2. Saints can call in to discuss any matter.
3. Saints can ask questions about the Bible or about other matters.

4. Saints can request prayer for particular needs or have fellowship with the serving ones concerning their own needs or others' needs.
5. Saints can bring up various needs and difficulties in their family life.

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 burden of the word released during the International Memorial Day Blending Conference regarding A Timely Word concerning the World Situation and the Lord's Recovery:
 - a. That the Lord's hand would follow His word and that the Lord's word would not return to Him void, but accomplish what He desires and prosper in the matter to which He sent it (Isa. 55:11)
 - b. That all the saints would persevere in prayer while discerning the signs of the times (Col. 4:2; Matt. 24:3; Luke 21:36)
 - c. That all the saints would see the spiritual vision of the throne of God as the center of God's administration throughout the universe and realize that God on the throne is behind the scene ruling over everyone and everything (Rev. 4:2; Dan. 4:25-26, 34b-35)
- The online church gospel meeting on Friday, June 5:
 - a. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel and seize every opportunity for the speaking of the gospel during these uncertain times
 - b. Pray for all aspects of the online meeting
- Gospel to All the Nations Conference – On Saturday, May 30, there was the first in a series of online meetings with the focus of reaching the seekers in the African-American community and among those of African descent
- Young people's serving ones' training – On Saturday, May 30, there was a Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training held online for the churches in the Northeast
- The summer semiannual training which will be held online

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Crystallization-Study of the Epistles of 1 and 2 Peter and Jude*

Week 3: *The Christian Life and Its Sufferings*

Portions from Week 8- Day 2

Christ is our soul's Shepherd and Overseer in the resurrection life within us [v. 25]. Therefore, He is able to guide us and supply us with life that we may follow His model in His steps of suffering (v. 21)...Our soul is our inner being, our real person. Our Lord, as the Shepherd and Overseer of our soul, shepherds us by caring for the welfare of our inner being and by exercising His oversight over the condition of our real person.

Many times we speak of turning to the spirit, perhaps expecting that when we turn to the spirit everything will be all right. Actually, even after we turn to the spirit, many things may not be all right. From experience Peter knew to say that Christ is the Shepherd of our souls. Therefore, Peter does not tell us in 1 Peter 2:25 that Christ is the Shepherd of our spirit or of our body; He clearly says that He is the Shepherd of our souls.

This Epistle was written to Jewish Christians who were suffering much persecution. Apparently persecution is related to our body outwardly. Actually, persecution is aimed at the soul. Because it is our soul that suffers, it is our soul that needs the Lord's shepherding....It is our soul—our mind, our emotion, and our will—that needs the Lord as the Shepherd.

Corporate Readings:

"The Overcoming Life" Ch. 1: Our Experiences

A Ministry Portion from *"The Overcoming Life"*

BELIEVING IN GOD'S FACT

Many people do not know what God's fact is. The Lord Jesus has died for all men on the cross; He has died for the whole world. This is God's fact. But how many people are saved? Only those who believe are saved. Since Christ has died for the whole world, is it inconsequential whether or not a person believes? Is one saved whether or not he believes? Is it the same whether or not one believes, since Christ has died for all and since this has become God's fact? This is the way many Christians think when they say that Christ is living within them. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. The way the Head feels, controls, manages, and takes responsibility should be the same way Christians feel, control, manage, and take responsibility. How many Christians today see that the Lord Jesus is the Head? Is it Christ who is feeling or we who are feeling? Is it Christ who is controlling or we who are controlling? Is it Christ who is managing or we who are managing? Is it Christ who is taking charge or we who are taking charge? What is our problem? The problem is that we do not have faith. - Excerpts from *"The Overcoming Life", Chapter 7: Believing (part 2)*