

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## A Word of Fellowship to All the Dear Saints in the Church in New York City

Greetings to you all! We thank the Lord for His faithfulness during these past few months as we have been facing this global pandemic of which New York City became the epicenter of the USA. We are full of thanks to the Lord that in spite of this situation, the church life has continued to advance in many aspects.

As the city enters Phase 2 of the reopening process this week, we want to let you all know that we brothers are having much and constant fellowship regarding when and how the church will be able to resume in-person gatherings. We are monitoring the situation in the city constantly, as well as having fellowship with some of the health professionals among us. The health of all the saints is our primary concern, particularly those who might be more at risk. But we also are conscious of the fact that the stay-at-home order has now been in place for some time and many saints do sense the need for in-person interaction and fellowship with others.

Although we do not yet know when we will be able to resume official church meetings in the meeting halls of the church, gatherings of 10 or less people are permitted according to the state and city guidelines, however, only with the strict adherence to CDC recommendations of social distancing and the use of face masks. The proper disinfecting of the facility and washing of hands is also recommended. The church halls could be available for gatherings of small groups of saints of 10 or less in accordance with these restrictions. But this should be carried out in fellowship and coordination with the leading brothers in each hall.

If saints are gathering in homes with other saints, of course they have the liberty to do so at their own discretion and according to the peace of Christ arbitrating in their hearts, however, we recommend that even in such a setting that the saints would exercise the necessary precautions and adhere to the CDC recommendations.

We would encourage the saints to take advantage of Camp Penuel (KPCC) during the summer months. Small groups of saints can gather there, especially outdoors, while easily adhering to the CDC recommendations.

We brothers will continue to monitor the situation and keep you all informed of any changes or progress in our fellowship as we move gradually toward in-person meetings. For the time being we encourage all the saints once again to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together via the online platforms which have been established for the church meetings and to pray for, shepherd and reach out to one another as the Lord leads. We are praying constantly for all the saints in the church, that the Lord would continue to cover us all and to take us all on so that His testimony in this city would shine brighter and brighter. Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

In Christ,  
The leading brothers in the church in NYC

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **JUNE 2020 SEMIANNUAL TRAINING**  
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 schedule and details of the video training are available on the church website: <http://www.churchinnyc.org> Registration is now closed.

- **2020 NORTH AMERICA COLLEGE TRAINING**  
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 10 through 18. 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 can be found on <http://www.collegetraining.org>. Registration is now closed.

- **2020 NORTHEAST SUMMER SCHOOL OF TRUTH**  
The **2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST)** will be held online over a period of **two weeks (July 27 through August 8)**. Registration is now closed.
- **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 ask questions about the Bible or about other matters.
  3. Saints can request prayer for particular needs or have fellowship with the serving ones concerning their own needs or others' needs.

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 strengthening of the church life in New York City:
  - a. The strengthening and encouragement of all the saints – We need to pray for the shepherding of all the saints and pray against the wearing down tactics of the enemy (1 Pet. 2:25; 5:8; Dan. 7:25)
  - b. The protection and the preservation of the health of the saints in the midst of all the outward environments
  - c. The strengthening of the Lord's Day meetings and all the other meetings during the week, such as the prayer meetings, the small group meetings, the senior saints' evergreen

meetings, children's meetings, young people's meetings, college saints' meetings, etc.

- The preaching of the gospel to the children in grade 5 over the next few weeks
- The Chinese-speaking gospel meeting on Friday, June 26
- All the summer activities:
  - a. The summer semiannual training which will be held online (over 480 local saints registered for the training)
  - b. The Summer College Training
  - c. The Chinese-speaking Students Perfecting Training
  - d. The Summer School of Truth
  - e. The Family Bible Camp
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: 2020 Spring ITERO "The Will of God"

**Week 2: *Knowing and Participating in God's Great and Lofty Will to Head Up All Things in Christ***

### Portions from Week 2 – Day 2:

The collapse comes from the factor of death, and the rising up comes from the factor of life. When the factor of death causes a collapse, all the parts of our being become detached from one another. This is illustrated by the dry bones in Ezekiel 37. When those bones were dead and dry, they were detached. But when the breath entered into them, they became living, they rose up, and they were attached (Ezek. 37:4-10). This rising up and attaching is actually the heading up. Formerly, the bones were piled in a heap, each of them detached from the body. But when the breath of life entered into these dead bones, they firstly rose up and then became attached to one another. After this they became a body, and even an army. This is what it means to be headed up.

We should ...consider [this] in the light of our experience. Many of us can testify that we used to be detached and in the heap caused by the universal collapse. But one day the factor of life came into us, and we rose up and became attached. After coming into the church life, we had the deep sense that we were more and more upright and that we were becoming more attached. This is the heading up in Christ.

**Corporate Readings:** *"The Overcoming Life" Ch. 4 & 5: How To Experience The Overcoming Life (1) & (2)*