

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2020 Family Bible Camp**

The annual Family Bible Camp will be held ONLINE via Zoom and is open to all families in the church in New York City (Halls 1-9) and the church in Rosendale with at least one child entering Kindergarten to 6th grade in the 2020-2021 school year. This will be a week of singing, Bible stories and crafts. Parents or guardians are encouraged to participate with your children during the Zoom sessions as much as possible.

**DATES:** Monday, August 10 to Saturday, August 15, 2020

**DAILY SCHEDULE:**

Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14, 10:00-11:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday 3pm Sessions (optional)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30pm Story Time (optional)

Saturday, August 15 10am – Parents Fellowship Time

Parents may register their child(ren) here at <https://tinyurl.com/y44aebne>. The registration stays open until the upcoming Friday, July 31.

- **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 closed.

- **A new meeting hall for the church in Washington, DC**

The Church in Washington, DC (CIDC) is moving ahead to purchase a meeting hall in Washington, DC, the capital of the United States. We believe this is a further step in advancing the Lord's move in this country which the Lord has raised up for His Recovery. It would also mark the first permanent meeting facility in the nation's capital, almost 50 years since CIDC was first established in 1973. In the mid-1980s, the saints migrated to nearby suburbs and established

churches in Virginia and Maryland, so CIDC was suspended. The lampstand in the nation's capital resumed in 2012 with strong support of the surrounding churches and reinforced by migration back into the city. The church life today has grown to approximately 80 adult saints, about 30 children, a number of home meetings in various locations around the city, and an active campus labor.

The anticipated closing date is August 26, 2020. Please see <https://churchindc.org/meeting-hall> for additional details on the property and the CIDC history.

If you are burdened to contribute for the purchase of this new hall, you can submit your offering to the church in NYC, however, please designate your contribution with the words "Church in DC meeting hall" or simply "CIDC hall."

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours (in English) will be suspended until the week of August 10.

## PRAYER BURDENS

- The Northeast Summer School of Truth which will be held online beginning Monday, July 27 and continuing through Friday, August 7
- The Chinese-speaking Students Perfecting Training which was held online last week
- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
  - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints (1 Pet. 2:25; 5:2-4)
  - b. That all the saints would be burdened for the gospel and "let their light shine before men" (Matt. 5:16)
  - c. The protection and the preservation of the health of all the saints and their families
  - d. 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 children's meetings, young people's meetings, etc.

- The Family Bible Camp (August 10-15)
- Washington, DC—The church in Washington, DC has located a very suitable building in the nation's capital which would serve as a proper meeting hall for the local meetings as well as a blending center for the churches in the Mid-Atlantic region; let us pray that, through the Body, the Lord would provide the necessary funds to acquire this facility
- South America--The second part of the South America Young People's Conference was held on line last weekend (July 24-26) and will conclude today

## MORNING WATCH

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

**Week 5: The Will of God—Our Sanctification**

### Portion from Day 1:

Our entire being— spirit, soul, and body — needs to be sanctified. We need to be sanctified by the God of peace not only in our soul and body, but also in our spirit.

According to (1 Thessalonians) 5:23, we bear some responsibility for being wholly sanctified. On the one hand, God will sanctify us wholly. On the other hand, our spirit, soul, and body need to be preserved. Although God preserves us, we need to bear a certain amount of responsibility to be preserved.

We may regard the words be preserved as an active-passive verb. This means that although we are being preserved, we need to take the responsibility, the initiative, to be preserved. Thus, be implies something active, and preserved implies something passive. God intends to preserve us, but are we willing to be preserved?

In 1 Thessalonians, a book on a holy life for the church life, we are told that different parts of our being need to be preserved. Our heart needs to be sanctified, our body needs to be preserved in sanctification, and eventually even our spirit, the most hidden part of our being, also needs to be sanctified. (*Life-study of 1 Thessalonians*, pp. 189-191)

**Corporate Readings:** *"The Overcoming Life" Ch 8: The Proving of Faith & Ch 9: Growth*

## A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

### THE TRUE FAITH BEING ONE

#### THAT BELIEVES ONLY IN GOD'S WORD

One day the Lord told the disciples to cross over to the other side. Suddenly a storm came, and the waves were beating against the boat. The boat was about to be filled with water. The Lord Jesus was at the stern of the boat, sleeping on a cushion. When the disciples woke Him up, they said, "Teacher, does it not matter to You that we are perishing?" The Lord woke up and rebuked the wind and the waves. After that, what did He say? Mark 4:40 says, "How is it that you do not have faith?" Matthew says, "You of little faith" (8:26). Many desperate prayers are but a sign of unbelief. If there is faith, one can stand fast. The Lord told us to cross to the other side. He did not tell us to go to the bottom of the sea. He has commanded, and it does not matter whether the wind is fierce or the waves are tempestuous. Look and see whether the boat will sink or not. If there is not faith, one will run away when the test comes. But if there is faith, one can still stand fast when the test comes. A small faith will run away at the sight of tests, but a great faith will stand fast in the face of tests. A false faith will fall at the sight of tests, but a genuine faith will stand fast in the face of tests.

#### STANDING ONLY ON THE SIDE OF FAITH

When we stand on the side of God's Word and on the side of faith, Satan can do nothing to us. The Lord has commanded that we cross over to the other side. Surely we will cross over to the other side. It is not our word that counts, but God's Word that counts, because God is faithful. When the indwelling Christ is leading us through the test, who is actually being tested? Every time a test comes to us, it is not we who are tested but God who is tested. When our faith is tested, the Son of God is tested. God's faithfulness is tested; we are not tested. Every test is a test to see what Christ can do. Every test is a test of God's faithfulness. Faith is standing on God's side, on His Word's side, and on the opposite side of our environment. This is overcoming.

*- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 8: The Proving of Faith (part 3)*