

# 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 late-registration deadline is Friday, August 7, 2020.

- **2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth**

The 2020 Northeast Summer School of Truth (SST) is currently being held online ending 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 on the topic of God's Full Salvation being held online through this week:

- a. That the word of the Lord would run and be glorified (2 Thess. 3:1) and not be restricted due to the Summer School needing to be held online
- b. That the hearts of the young people would be directed into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ (2 Thess. 3:5), and thus, prepared and open to receive the word
- c. The strengthening of all the serving ones and parents in their shepherding of the young people

- d. The strengthening of the families of the young people during and after the Summer School
- e. All the coordination and the technical aspects of the Summer School
- The continued strengthening of the church life in New York City:
  - a. The mutual shepherding of all the saints, including those who may be discouraged or occupied and have not been meeting regularly
  - b. That all the saints would be burdened for the gospel and for the spreading of the truth (1 Tim. 2:3-4)
  - 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.
  - e. All the families in the church and all the corporate living arrangements
- The follow-up of the online Chinese-speaking gospel meeting this past Friday
- The online Family Bible Camp (August 10-15)
- The European Young People's Conference being held this weekend through Monday and the Lord's move in Europe

## MORNING WATCH

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

*Week 6: Doing the Will of God in the Kingdom of God under the Government of God for the Church as the Israel of God*

#### Portion from Day 6:

If you live in [a kingly] way, you will be kingly even when you laugh. If we see that Paul's word about the Israel of God implies that we need a kingly walk, the aspiration to live in a kingly way will be stirred up within us. We may even want to pray, "Lord, cause me to live and walk in a kingly way so that I may be qualified to be part of today's Israel of God."

In a sense, the nation of Israel is the Israel of God and a testimony of God, even though many Israelites are rebellious and very sinful. However, the real Israel, the spiritual Israel, is the church. But because both the nation of Israel and the church are

in a low condition, there is the need for the Lord to recover the real Israel of God. For such a recovery, we need two kinds of living, two kinds of walk. In the first walk we shall have such virtues as love, joy, peace, meekness, and long-suffering, all of which are the expression of the Christ who lives in us. We also need the second kind of walk so that we may be the Israel of God bearing God's kingship, representing Him with His authority, and executing His governmental administration. (*Life-study of Galatians*, pp. 380-382)

**Corporate Readings:** "The Overcoming Life" Ch 9: Growth & Ch 10: The tone of victory

### A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

#### WHAT TO DO DAILY AFTER ONE HAS OVERCOME

Many Christians have indeed overcome, and Christ is indeed their victory. But they do not know how to maintain this life, and they fail again very soon. The most immediate thing that a Christian should look forward to, expect, or hope for after his victory is God's deliverance from particular sins, that is, the sins which have bothered and hindered him continually.

In Chefoo, a few Western sisters once came to ask me whether one still has to fight the battle after he has overcome. I answered, "The question is whether one fights to overcome or overcomes to fight. You can never fight to overcome, but it is right to overcome to fight. Therefore, the question is whether you go from battle to victory or from victory to battle." ...Victory can never be attained by our own striving. Victory comes from Christ and is absolutely something given by God. ...Hence, everything else must now move out. Everything not planted by the Father will be plucked out.

Second, our life should always be the same as it was on the first day we experienced the overcoming life. Every morning when we wake up, we should say to the Lord, "God, I am still weak and powerless before You. I have not changed; I am still the same. Nevertheless, I thank You because You are still my life, and You are still my holiness and my victory. I believe that You will live Your life out of me throughout the day..."

- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 9: Growth (part 1)