

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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

The registration is now closed. Over 90 families registered including more than 120 children.

- **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 Resumed This Week**

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

**Day & Time:** Monday through Saturday (except Wednesday), 11AM-12PM.

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)

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 Family Bible Camp being held online this week (August 10-15)
- The Northeast Summer School of Truth on the topic of *God's Full Salvation* held online the past two weeks:
  - a. That the hearts of the young people would continue to be open and be the good ground for the word of the Lord to be sown into

- b. The strengthening of all the serving ones in their shepherding of the young people after the Summer School
- c. The strengthening of the families of the young people after 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 service with the children in all nine halls of the church during the upcoming school year
- The arrangements for all of the trainees during the upcoming term of the FTTA and FTTA-XB which will be held remotely (online)
- Southern California Blending and Conference Center (Oak Glen Camp)--pray for the Lord to protect His interest at the conference center and that the fire would be kept away and be brought under control

## MORNING WATCH

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

*Week 7: Taking the Lord's Yoke (the Father's Will) upon Us and Learning from Him to Find Rest for Our Souls*

#### Portion from Day 6:

Without a burden, all our activity will be dead and ineffective; with a burden, we will be living and flourishing. Such an outcome is not related to our method but to our person.

The problem is that we are gradually leaning toward responsibility in our service; we lack a burden. Since our prayers are mostly without burden, our prayer meetings are ineffective. If someone is saved when we preach the gospel, we thank and praise the Lord. If no one is saved, we are at peace. When we

give messages, we are at peace even if there is no effect. The same applies to the administration of the church and visiting the brothers and sisters; we are at peace even if there is no result. Since this is our condition, our prayer is a prayer of obligation, not a prayer with burden. If we pray with a burden, our prayer meeting will be different. Some brothers and sisters will weep bitterly and mourn in prayer, feeling that they cannot go on in the same way. They will feel that the gospel preaching, the administration of the church, and the condition of their meeting are unsatisfactory. This kind of prayer is out of a burden.

Genuine service is not a matter of obligation but a matter of burden; burden always goes beyond obligation. (CWWL, 1957, vol. 2, "The Administration of the Church and the Ministry of the Word," pp. 238-240)

**Corporate Readings:** "The Overcoming Life" Ch 10: *The Tone of Victory* & Ch 11: *Consecration*

## A Ministry Portion from "The Overcoming Life"

### Two Kinds of Temptation and The Way to Deal with Them

There are two kinds of temptation that we face in our daily life. One kind does not give us a chance to deal with it; it comes suddenly. The other kind comes gradually; it comes in the way of gradual suggestions.

The second kind of temptation ... lingers and repeatedly entices us. What should we do about this kind of temptation? We should not pay attention to it or fight it. Everything depends on the Lord Jesus. "I am still the same as before; I am still weak, and I am still incapable of withstanding temptation. Lord, I cannot make it. Not only can I not make it, but I also will not try to make it." ... At the same time we should lift up our heads, look to the Lord, and say to Him, "Lord, You can make it! You are not weak in me. You are strong in me. Lord, I thank and praise You because You are able! Hallelujah! You are able!" Brothers and sisters, if we take this stand, the temptations will go away. When we struggle and fight with temptations, it seems that they refuse to go away. But when we declare that we cannot make it and that God can make it, and when we boast in our weaknesses and glory in God's power, the temptations go away.

- Excerpts from "The Overcoming Life", Chapter 9: Growth (part 2)