

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Online Church Gospel Meeting on Saturday, December 19**

A church gospel meeting will be held online on Saturday, December 19. The subject of the gospel meeting will be “**The Coming Christ as the Desire of All the Nations (Haggai 2:7)**”. The meeting time is **7:30pm** and the zoom link can be found on the church website: [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org). Translation will be provided for Chinese and Spanish.

- **2020 December Semiannual Training, Dec. 25 - Jan. 7**

**Training Schedule:**

Date	Time	Session
12/25 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 1
12/25 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 2
12/26 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 3
12/26 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 4
12/26 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 5
12/27 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
12/27 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 6 (Open Meeting)
1/1/21 Fri.	4:00 PM	Message 7
1/1/21 Fri.	7:00 PM	Message 8
1/2/21 Sat.	10:00 AM	Message 9
1/2/21 Sat.	4:00 PM	Message 10
1/2/21 Sat.	7:00 PM	Message 11
1/3/21 Lord's Day	9:00 AM	LORD'S TABLE
1/3/21 Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Message 12 (Open Meeting)

Each year in July and December the churches gather for a training on a "crystallization-study" of a book in the Bible. These are concentrated days to spend time in the Lord's Word, receiving the ministry and fellowshiping with the saints.

This year, all of the training meetings will be conducted online as a video training. The church in NYC will host Zoom meetings for viewing the messages, for studying and testing, and for prophesying. **The registration is now closed.**

- **Service Office Hours**

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 online church gospel meeting on Saturday, December 19. The subject of the gospel message will be “The Coming Christ as the Desire of All the Nations” (Haggai 2:7)
- That all the saints would "arm themselves" with the mind of Christ in facing various sufferings and "be sober unto prayers"  
*1 Peter 4:1 Since Christ therefore has suffered in the flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind (because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin),*  
*1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things has drawn near. Therefore be sober-minded and be sober unto prayers.*
- The strengthening of the church life in all 9 halls:
  - a. The strengthening of the families and all the households in the church life
  - b. The service with the children and the young people

- c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings
- The advance of the Lord's move in the United States and that the Lord would preserve this country for the sake of His purpose

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

*Week 11: Shepherds according to God's Heart*

#### Portion from Day 6 :

The vital groups, the co-workers, and the elders should pick up this spirit, the spirit of God loving the world, the spirit of Christ coming to the worst homes in order to gain people and put them upon Him as the heavenly ladder so that they may ascend on Him.

The God-man concept is that Christ came to save sinners, especially the top sinners. He saves the "gangsters," even the leader of the "gangsters," Saul of Tarsus. Paul said, "Faithful is the word and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am foremost" (1 Tim. 1:15). Paul could say this because he was the top sinner opposing Christ. He rebelled against Christ, but while he was rebelling, Christ knocked him down, called him, and saved him. Jesus Himself said, "Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are ill ... I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:12-13). That is why He was there among the sinners and tax collectors, eating and feasting with them, reclining at the table and enjoying with them.

If we lose this spirit, whether we are elders, co-workers, or serving ones, we are finished. This is the main reason why we are so barren, bearing no fruit for so many years. ... We need to be disciplined to have the divine concept, the concept of the Father's heart and the heart of the Lord Jesus, who came to save sinners.

**Corporate Readings:** *"The Mystery of Christ" Ch. 1: The Mystery of Christ & Ch. 2 The Body of Christ*

### A Ministry Portion from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church"

Now let us consider three great principles in ministerial prayer from Matthew 18:18-20.

### Speaking Out God's Will

In verse 18 the Lord says, "Whatever you bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven." ... this is a very sober principle. God cannot do anything by Himself today. There is a free will besides His will. If this will does not cooperate with Him, He cannot do anything. The amount of power that the church has expresses the amount of power that God has because His power is expressed through the church. God has placed Himself in the church. ...The water department's reservoir may be great, but if you have only a small tap in your house, a great amount of water will not flow out. If you want more water in your house, you have to install a larger pipe. Today the capacity of the church determines the degree to which God's power is expressed.

Many brothers and sisters are bearing a burden day and night. They are bearing the burden because they have not prayed. Once the tap is turned on, water flows out. Once it is turned off, the water is blocked. Is the water pressure strong when water is released or when it is blocked? We all know that when water is released, the pressure decreases. When water is blocked, the pressure increases. When the church prays, it is like turning on the tap; the more the tap is turned, the less the pressure becomes. If the church does not pray, it is like a tap being turned off with pressure building up. When God wants to accomplish something, He puts a burden in a brother, sister, or the whole church. If the church prays and fulfills its duty, it will feel relieved. ...If the church does not pray, it will feel stuffed and burdened. If the church continues to not pray, it will suffocate to death. Brothers and sisters, if you feel heavy and pressed within, you have not fulfilled your ministry before God; God's pressure is upon you. Try to pray for half an hour or an hour; the pressure will be released, and you will feel relieved.

What then is the prayer ministry of the church? It is God telling the church what He wants to do and the church praying on earth what God wants to do. This prayer is not asking God to accomplish what we want Him to do, but asking God to accomplish what He Himself wants to do. ...The greatest use of the church lies in the fact that it stands for God's will to be done on earth.

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 1: The Prayer Ministry of the Church (parts 3-4 )