

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Semiannual Celebration Meeting of the Church in New York City on January 17**

We will have a corporate church-wide semiannual celebration meeting on **Lord's Day, January 17**, beginning with the Lord's Table meeting at **10:00am**, followed by fellowship for the whole church related to the going on of the church in the new year. This meeting will be held online via Zoom. Translation in Chinese, Spanish and Korean will be provided.

Time: Jan 17, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96384328158?pwd=azZjRW1PZk9iV1YzQkpKSIZjYWg1UT09>

Meeting ID: 963 8432 8158

Passcode: 2021

One tap mobile

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- **NYC Middle School & High School Retreat**

We will have an online retreat for the New York City young people in middle school and high school from **February 15-20, 2021 (Monday - Saturday)**. This is the annual retreat that we usually hold over the February school break. There will be fellowship and fun, recreational activities. Additional details, including a link for registration, will come in a future announcement. Any questions can be directed to the young people serving ones in the halls or to churchinnyc.yp@gmail.com.

- **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

- That all the saints would "run with endurance the race which is set before us, looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:1-2)
- The *Crucial Truths in the Bible* series beginning this upcoming Friday, January 15--The burden of this online Bible study is to shepherd the newly saved ones, feed the seeking believers and build up the saints in the church life with the truth
- Prayer for all the leaders of our nation and for peace in the nation "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all godliness and gravity" (1 Tim. 2:2)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones—October 2020

Subject: The Christian Life, The Church Life, The Consummation of the Age, and The Coming of the Lord

Week 2: Watching and Being Ready in Order to Be Prepared by the Lord for His Second and Imminent Coming

Portions from Days 3, 5 & 6:

Second Timothy 3:1-5 describes the condition of human society at the end of this age...[as] a sign of the Lord's second coming...In the last days men will love themselves the most, followed closely by money...There also will be boasting, arrogance,

reviling, and the blaspheming of God...People today do not want to be restricted; they all do things recklessly and arrogantly under the guise of freedom. It is also a particular characteristic of people today to be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...These are all signs of the Lord's second coming, and they should remind us that we must watch and be prepared for the Lord to come.

By the time of His second coming, many of the believers will have little faith [Luke 18:8]. A lack of faith among believers is a sign of the Lord's second coming. (CWWL, 1932-1949, vol. 4, "Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures, Volume 6," pp. 608-609, 605-607)

Before the Lord's imminent coming, there will be clear signs. During this time, men will accumulate wealth in an unprecedented way... No other age will see as much wealth as the age immediately preceding the Lord's return. Not only is there a multiplication of material enjoyment, but there is a multiplication of lustful indulgence. I am saying this to let all the brothers and sisters throughout the whole world know that the day of the Lord is approaching! We have to spend whatever we have on the Lord, while the money is still useful. (CWWN, vol. 61, "Matured Leadings in the Lord's Recovery (1)," pp. 201, 203-204, 208)

To pick up things that become a constitution of your proper being is not a matter of one day or even one year. It is a matter of daily business for a lifetime. To be watchful does not mean only to watch for His coming. To be watchful is to prepare yourself every day by buying the oil...Our spiritual transformation is a daily and lifelong matter. Every day there should be some accumulation, some deposit of oil added to our being. We have not been that much in the proper exercise every day to exercise ourselves even every minute to buy the oil. (CWWL, 1985, vol. 5, "The Way to Practice the Lord's Present Move," pp. 525-528)

We need to pray from the time that we wake up every morning, "Lord, I do not like to do anything that is not under my being watchful, that is not under my buying of the oil. I like to buy the oil at any time and in any instance. Otherwise, that will be a waste of my time." This should be our prayer and even our prayerful attitude, ...[to] spend all [our] time to be in the spirit.

Corporate Readings: "The Mystery of Christ" Ch. 7 The Anointing of the Body & Ch. 8 The Order of the Body

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

In Matthew 18 the number is a condition; there must be at least two persons. The Lord says, "If two of you are in harmony on earth." There must be at least two because this is a question of fellowship. One person cannot accomplish this. One person cannot be God's outlet; there must be two. The principle of two is the principle of the church, the principle of the Body of Christ. Although there are only two in this kind of prayer, the "harmony" is indispensable. The two must be in harmony, and they must stand on the ground of the Body. They must know the Body life. There is only one goal with them, which is to tell God, "We want Your will to be done, in heaven and on earth." When the church prays in this position, whatever it asks will be done for it from the Father who is in the heavens.

What God does today is measured by the amount of prayer that the church offers. God's power cannot exceed the prayer of the church. The power of God today can at most be as great as the prayer of the church. This does not mean that God's power is limited in heaven. In heaven, God's power is unlimited. But on earth, God's power is manifested to the degree that the church prays. The amount that the church prays will be the measure of the amount that God's power is manifested. Consequently, the church has to learn to pray big prayers and make big requests.

The ministry of the church is prayer—not small prayers, but prayers that pioneer the way for God. God is accomplishing His work. But the church first prays and prepares the way before God finds the way. The church must have big prayers, serious prayers, and strong prayers. Prayer cannot be small before God.

The Lord says that whatever we bind on the earth shall have been bound in heaven and whatever we loose on the earth shall have been loosed in heaven. This kind of binding and loosing is not done by individuals; it is done when "two of you are in harmony on earth concerning any matter." Any matter that they ask will be done for them from the Father who is in the heavens.

- Excerpts from "The Prayer Ministry of the Church", Chapter 1: The Prayer Ministry of the Church (Section 7)