

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Regional Conference (Oct. 28-30)**

We will have a regional conference with Brother Ed Marks over the weekend of October 28-30. The meetings will be held at the Jamaica Estates meeting hall (Hall 1) located at 87-60 Chevy Chase Street, Jamaica Estates, NY 11432.

The conference schedule is as follows:

Message 1: Friday, Oct. 28, 7:30pm

Message 2: Saturday, Oct. 29, 10am

Message 3: Saturday, Oct. 29, 4pm

Lord's Table &

Message 4: Lord's Day, Oct. 30, 10am

Details will be posted on the church website www.churchinnyc.org and on the church App.

- **2022 December Semiannual Training Registration**

Registration for the 2022 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **October 31, 2022**.

- **Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Nov. 19)**

We are glad to announce that we will have a special in person gathering for all the senior saints including all the districts and all languages. The conference is for all the nine halls. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

Place: Hall 1 meeting hall

Time: November 19, 10am

- **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), 10:30AM-11:30AM.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/3785123114?pwd=dEpzN2ZGZ21aaGV5dTFob3AwQlBodz09>

Meeting ID: 378 512 3114

Passcode: 3131

One tap mobile: +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking and the young people's response in the Northeast High School Juniors & Seniors Retreat held two weekends ago; let us pray that the Lord may gain each of these young people fully and lead each one for the remainder of their years in high school and throughout their college years
- The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks which will be held over the weekend of October 28-30; the general subject of the conference will be Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Body of Christ
- The regional Chinese-speaking conference to be held at Camp Penuel (November 4-6)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His care for the church as the great Shepherd of the sheep (Heb. 13:20) and the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls (1 Pet. 2:25) and prayer for the church's further going on:
 - a. The mutual shepherding of the saints of all ages
 - b. The strengthening of the practical services in all nine halls of the church
 - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week

- The Lord's move in Europe:
 - a. The ongoing gospel trips in Germany and Switzerland
 - b. European Brothers Training and International Blending Conference in Baarlo, The Netherlands (October 25-30)
 - c. Blending and gospel trip in Rome (October 31-November 4)
 - d. Resumption of the Lord's table and a mini-conference in Zürich, Switzerland (November 5-6)

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2022 Memorial Day Weekend Conference Taking The Way of Enjoying Christ as The Tree of Life

Week 6: Becoming a Reproduction of Christ as the Tree of Life for the Ministry of Life

Portion from Days 1, 2 & 4:

The Lord Jesus has set His life before us as an underwriting for us to copy by tracing and following His steps. It is not God's intention, however, that we try to imitate Christ by our own effort. We know from experience that trying to imitate Christ does not work. We are not able to imitate Him. What we need is not imitation, but reproduction...Outwardly Christ is our model, and inwardly He is our person, living in us, being formed in us, and making His home in us. Through this process we become a reproduction of the original, a reproduction of Christ as our model.

Why is Christianity so degraded? One reason is that there are many to admonish but few to give life. What can mend today's broken situation? Only the life-giving mending ministry.

In order for the Lord's life to be released from within us, we must learn to fellowship with the Lord, be subdued in our soul, and let our spirit dominate and rule over every matter. Whether we are elders or deacons or are involved in visitation or preaching the gospel, we must learn to use our spirit and to subdue our mind, emotion, and will so that we touch things with our spirit. Then the Lord's life will be able to flow out. Our supplying others with life does not depend on our doing things properly but on our exercising our spirit. (CWWL, 1954, vol. 3, "The Service for Building Up the House of God," pp. 95-97).

Corporate Reading: *"The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration" Ch. 4: The Need to be Filled with the Spirit*

MINISTRY READINGS

Salvation Being a Matter of Eating and Drinking In the Old Testament Types

In the picture of God delivering the children of Israel in the book of Exodus, He did not lift His mighty hand and pull His people out of Egypt one by one. There was not an outpouring of power from on high that delivered them out of Egypt. It was the flesh of the lamb, which they ate, that became their inward supply and strength and sustained them when they were thrust out of Egypt. They were able to leave Egypt by the strength of the food they ate.

Because there was no food, they became weary again when they reached the wilderness. However, God did not say, "Do this or do that"; rather, He sent manna from heaven and daily fed them to the full so that they had the strength to continue. When they became thirsty, God did not tell them to do this or that; instead, He cleft a rock and out came water, which quenched their thirst. Prior to reaching Mount Sinai, God's deliverance of the children of Israel [445] was altogether through eating and drinking. They ate the lamb, unleavened bread, and manna, and they drank water from the rock. This eating and drinking brought them onward in their journey. God did not command them to do anything other than eat and drink. It was their ignorance of God and of themselves that forced God to give them the law that spoke of His requirements upon them. The law was not God's original intention. His original intention was for them to enjoy Him by eating and drinking

The lamb they ate was Christ.The flesh of the lamb was eaten by the Israelites, and the blood was put on the doorposts and the lintel. The Israelites did not obtain their strength from the blood; the blood could only expiate their sins before God. It was the flesh of the lamb, which they consumed, that afforded them the strength for their journey. In the same principle, if the Son of God had shed His blood on the cross merely to redeem us from our sins, we would have received only the forgiveness of our trespasses before God. We must thank and praise Him that He also has given Himself to us. As we take Him in, He becomes our life. He is not only the Lamb who shed His blood but the Lamb who has become our food.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 8: Eating and Drinking – the Focus of God's Salvation (part 3)