

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2022 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 24-27)**

The Conference will be held in person in Washington, D.C. over the Thanksgiving weekend from Nov. 24-27, 2022 (Thursday to Lord's Day). We will provide Zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English or Chinese.

**Thanksgiving Conference Schedule via Zoom:**

Message 1: 7:30 PM Thursday, 11/24

Message 2: 10:00 AM Friday, 11/25

Message 1: 2:00 PM Friday (replayed), 11/25

Message 3: 7:30 PM Friday, 11/25

Message 4: 10:00 AM Saturday, 11/26

Message 5: 7:30 PM Saturday, 11/26

Message 6: 7:30 PM Lord's Day, 11/27

**English Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82108114614?pwd=RXEwNU02dkFQZlF0bHhleUZPSDFMQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 821 0811 4614

**Passcode:** 2022

**One tap mobile:**

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- **2022 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service office hours will be suspended for two weeks and resume on December 5, 2022.

## PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the church in NYC with so many older saints and prayer for the Citywide Senior Saints' Conference held at Hall 1 on November 19
- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference to be held in Washington, DC over the weekend of November 24-27
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His care for the church in NYC and prayer for the church's further going on:
  - a. That all the saints of all ages would have the burden for the gospel
  - b. The shepherding of all the saints and all the new ones
  - c. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
- The Lord's move in South America:
  - a. Thanksgiving to the Lord for His faithfulness in blessing the serving ones' training for all the churches in South America which was held in Brazil this past week and prayer for the preparation of the truth schools which will be held in early 2023 in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia
  - b. Three-day perfecting fellowship for all the saints serving full-time in the churches in South America held in Brazil the past week
- The Lord's move in Europe:
  - a. Thanksgiving to the Lord for the churches in Lisbon, Portugal and Zurich, Switzerland, both of which recently began the Lord's table meeting
  - b. The gathering of the university students this weekend for a conference on "The Faith of the Son of God;" two conferences will be held concurrently, in the UK and in Germany
- The various needs of the saints both locally and in other localities (e.g. physical and emotional, health-related, job-related, family-related, etc.)

## MORNING WATCH

### HWMR: CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 AND 2 KINGS

*Week 6: Going On with the Lord from the Tabernacle Church Life to the Temple Church Life for the Building Up of the Body of Christ as the Temple of the Living God*

#### Portion from Days 1 & 2:

Within us there is a hunger and thirst for something higher in the church life than we have yet experienced. The dissatisfaction that we sense is really not ours but the Lord's. He within us is aspiring to have the temple church life in the good land. He would have us...out of the wilderness and into the good land, out of the soul and into the spirit.

Our experience of the cross, the Holy Spirit, and Christ as our life, light, acceptance, and sweetness should be renewed, deepened, and enlarged...The enlargement of the temple signifies the strengthening of the church, and the renewing and enlargement of the furniture in the temple signifies the renewing and enlargement of the saints' experience of Christ.

This picture indicates that our spiritual experience must match the stature of the church...The size of the altar (that is, the experience of the cross) must be proportionately increased. The preaching of the gospel must be with greater impact so that when people come in, they would be strongly convicted and saved...The believers' consecration to God must also be increased...There must be the enlargement of the bronze laver. In other words, the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit and the washing by the Holy Spirit must be more intense, frequent, and renewing...Christ as our life supply and light must also be enlarged. In addition, the golden incense altar (that is, our fellowship with God and our experience of being accepted by Him in Christ) also must be strengthened, increased, and enlarged.

The church on earth today is one. Those who are in the church are men who are separated from the world. Under normal circumstances every brother and sister should be serving God...Everyone should be a consecrated one, and everyone should have everything in common. ...Although the churches in the various localities are different as far as their localities are concerned, there is nevertheless only one church. The church exists for the testimony of oneness...The life that all the

churches possess is a life of oneness. For this reason all the churches should be one among themselves. Although there were churches manifested in Corinth, Ephesus, and other places, they were all one church. This is the normal situation.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Meaning of Human Life and a Proper Consecration" Ch. 7: Taking Christ as Our Person and Standing on the Ground of the Local Church*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### In the New Testament Parables

The same can be said of a sinner. When he first turns to God, he is cleansed by the blood and given the Son as his righteous robe, having been forgiven, justified, accepted, and freed from condemnation. Then he is given the Son as food for his enjoyment. It is a pity that many of us have only put on the robe; we do not know that we should eat the fattened calf. We are all properly dressed outwardly, but we are still hungry. Hence, our Christian life is weak, lifeless, and malnourished. ... Strictly speaking, the robe is a remedial measure; God's original intention is that we eat and drink Him. Because of our fall and defilement, we must first be cleansed and justified in order to eat and drink Him. These are remedial measures; they are the means to make us worthy to eat and enjoy Him. Putting on the robe does not make us merry; eating and drinking make us merry. When we have taken in the Son of God, when we have eaten the lamb and the fattened calf, there is [450] genuine merriment within us. When we eat Him and drink Him, we practically enjoy the riches of salvation and are inwardly filled. Then it is so easy to live a life that is according to His will. These are the central matters of the Bible. They are the very heart and marrow of the Bible. We must realize that the focus of God's salvation is that He wants to be our food, drink, and enjoyment.

*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 7)*