

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 26–29)**

The 2023 International Memorial Day blending conference will be held from **May 26-29** in Chicago, IL. Live webcast and broadcast will also be provided. For those who are not able to attend the in-person conference, the church will broadcast the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, or Chinese.

Conference Broadcast Schedule via Zoom:

Message 1: 8:30 PM Friday, May 26, 2023
Message 2: 11:00 AM Saturday, May 27, 2023
Message 3: 8:30 PM Saturday, May 27, 2023
Message 4: 7:30 PM Lord's Day, May 28, 2023
Message 5: 10:00 AM Monday, May 29, 2023
Message 6: 7:30 PM Monday, May 29, 2023

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86894505938?pwd=c1c5aEF6YVR0eHJGcFVENkTa3ZFz09>

Meeting ID: 868 9450 5938 **Passcode:** 2023

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- **2023 Northeast Teachers' Training (June 3)**

The Teachers' Training of the 2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth will be held **at Camp Penuel on Saturday, June 3, 2023**. We invite all the parents and saints who serve the young people from grades 6 through 12 to attend this day of fellowship. While the burden behind the Teachers' Training is more directed towards the Summer School of Truth, the fellowship can greatly benefit our shepherding and service of the young people in general. Therefore, we encourage all the parents and serving ones to attend, whether or not one can attend the Summer School of Truth. Our prayer and getting into the burden together also paves the way for

the Lord to bless the Summer School of Truth based on our one accord.

Topic: Life--Knowing and Experiencing Life (lesson book will be Lesson Book, Level 4: Life--Knowing and Experiencing Life)

Registration: Register for the Teachers' Training at www.tinyurl.com/2023teacherstraining by **May 28**.

- **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 Meeting ID: 378 512 3114 **Passcode:** 3131

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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 the faith, love and hope of all the saints would grow and be established, and that all the saints would put on "the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation"
1 Thessalonians 5:8 – But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for answering the prayers of the church for last weekend's Northeast Middle Schoolers' Conference on the general subject The Bible–The Word of God; let us pray for all of these dear young people, for the development of their ongoing relationship with the Word of God and that the word of the Lord released in the conference would not return to Him empty but accomplish what He sent it forth to do

- The salvation of all the children in grade 5—The ongoing preparation of the hearts of all the fifth graders and the salvation of each one and the citywide gathering this past Saturday at Hall 9 in Staten Island
- The Lord’s move in Europe:
 - a. The Central and Eastern European and Balkan Blending Conference being held in Bratislava, Slovakia this weekend
 - b. The first Lord’s Table meeting in Rotterdam, the Netherlands being held this Lord’s Day, May 21 (today)
- The International Memorial Day Blending Conference being held in Chicago, IL over the weekend of May 26-29

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2022 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF 1 & 2 CHRONICLES, EZRA, NEHEMIAH, AND ESTHER

Week 8: Building the Wall of the City for the Protection of the Church as the House of God

Portions from Days 1 and 3:

After recovering the building of the temple, there is still the need to build up the city. Without the city there is no protection for the temple. The temple is complete; it is the place of the Lord’s presence, where we meet and serve the Lord; but it needs protection. The wall of the city is the defense to the temple. Without the wall of the city, there is no protection. This is a type that we must apply in the New Testament. In the New Testament the building of the church is first mentioned in the Gospels. After Peter declared that Christ was the Son of God, he was told that the church would be built. The church comes after the knowing of Christ; after we experience Christ, the church comes into existence. At the same time the Lord told Peter that He would give him the keys of the kingdom. Therefore, the kingdom follows the church. These three things are necessary: Christ as the rock, the church, and the kingdom. Christ must be experienced, the church must be built up, and then the kingdom will be brought in.

The wall of a city is not only for protection but also for separation.The separation of the wall is not built up with regulations, but with transformed precious stones. The New Jerusalem is a city built up with transformed stones, not pieces of clay. There is

not one brick made of clay. The separation of the wall is the building up of the transformed stones. The more we are transformed, the more we are separated, and the transformation eventually becomes the separating line...Our trust is in the growth in life and transformation. Transformation is the separating line. We do not have regulations, but we do have the transforming life. Praise the Lord! This transforming life will bring forth much separation. In the wall of the New Jerusalem, there is nothing of regulation, but there is the building of the transformed precious stones. If we would pray-read all the verses in Revelation 21 and 22, we would see so much related to life: the flow of life, the feeding on life, the drinking of life, and the transforming of life. This is the church with the wall built up by transformation.

Corporate Reading: *“The Life-study of Romans”, message 17*

MINISTRY READINGS

Reading the Word Being One Way to Enjoy God

Prayer is not the only way that God has ordained for us to enjoy Him. He has also ordained reading the Word. God created everything in this universe in pairs. In order for the human race to propagate, there is the need of both male and female. Neither male nor female alone is adequate.In the universe there are two sides to everything.Everything has a top and a bottom, an inside and an outside, a front and a back, a positive and a negative. Similarly, enjoying God has two tracks, not one. On one track our eyes are closed, but on the other track our eyes are open. One track does not require our thoughts, but the other requires our thoughts. One track begins in our spirit and is unrelated to physical things, but the other track begins with black and white letters and ends in the spirit. In order to enjoy God, we need these two parallel tracks.

When we walk, we need both left and right legs. Similarly, when we absorb God, we need to close our eyes to pray and to open our eyes to read the Word. Everyone who properly breathes in God prays and reads, and reads and prays.If we want to enjoy God, we must learn to use both feet. We must learn to take both tracks. We must learn to pray, and we must learn to read the Word.

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