

# The Church in New York City

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth (July 30 -August 10)**

The details for the 2023 Northeast Summer School of Truth are as follows:

**TOPIC:** Lesson Book **Level 4: Knowing and Experiencing Life**

**Dates:**

High School (Grades: 9th to 12th grade in September 2023) - <b>July 30 - August 6</b>
Middle School (Grades: 7th to 8th grade in September 2023) - <b>August 6 - August 10</b>

**LOCATION:** Kingston Penuel Christian Center (KPCC) also known as Camp Penuel

**Cost:**

Rates	Adult	College	Young People
<b>High School</b>	\$460	\$390	\$320
<b>Middle School</b>	\$330	\$280	\$230

For more information, please visit the website: [www.pursuewiththose.org](http://www.pursuewiththose.org) or fellowship with the young people's serving ones in your district.

- **2023 Church in NYC's Family Bible Camp (Con.)**

**August 17-19, Thur. to Sat.** - In-person camp in KPCC, 288 Hickory Bush Rd, Kingston, NY 12401.

This time will be open to rising Kindergartners to 5th graders (rising 6th graders and young people can be helpers). Please save the dates and stay tuned for details and a registration link.

- **Service Office Hours**

Due to the many activities this summer, Service Office Hours will be suspended until after Labor Day.

## PRAYER BURDENS

- The North America College Training which took place this week, ended yesterday--The two main lines of fellowship in the training are *Love Prevails* and *Holding to Truth*; over 2800 brothers and sisters, including 1850 college-age saints and 950 serving ones, were gathered on the campus of the University of Illinois in the city of Champaign-Urbana; attendees of the training represent at least 373 localities, 46 US states, and 39 countries on 5 continents
- The Family Bible Camp (FBC)--The first session of the FBC held this past Saturday, July 22, at Hall 1; over 225 children, serving saints and family members attended this time; please continue to pray for the second gathering, for the blessing to the children and their families, and for the coordination and preparation among the serving ones (the second session of the FBC will be held at KPCC from Thursday, Aug. 17 to Saturday, Aug. 19)
- The Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training (July 26-30)--The general subject of this year's training is The Application of the Interpretation of the New Jerusalem; let us pray for the saints in the churches to be perfected in truth, life and service
- The Summer School of Truth for the churches in the Northeast (July 30-August 10)
- The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week, as well as all the practical services in all nine halls
- 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: 2023 INTERNATIONAL CHINESE-SPEAKING CONFERENCE - MAKING OURSELVES READY FOR THE LORD'S COMING

***Week 3: Making Ourselves Ready for the Lord's Coming By Giving Heed to the Prophetic Word as to a Lamp Shining in a Dark Place Until the Day Dawns and the Morning Star Rises in Our Hearts***

#### Portions from Days 5 & 6:

We have the prophetic word, the Bible [2 Pet. 1:19]. However, the prophetic word is not the star; the Bible is not the star. Then what should we do? .....Since we have the prophetic word, we need to give heed to it, we need to pay full attention to it, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

The word used for star here can be translated into English as "phosphorous." This star is something as phosphorous, bringing light in the darkness. ....The Bible should not simply be words in black and white; it should not be dead letters. We should give heed to the words of the Bible until something as phosphorous rises within us—that is, Christ as the morning star.

If we deal with the Word livingly and properly, it surely will turn into the living Christ. This is the turning point—the Word needs to be turned into Christ; the written word needs to be turned into the living word. We can never separate Christ from the living word. We should give heed to the prophetic word until it rises within us as Christ, as the phosphorous, as the day breaking through the darkness.

Whenever we receive a word from the Bible, this word shines in us, the shining exposes us, and the exposing subdues us. Others may be unable to subdue us, but the word of the Bible is able. We have something wonderful that shines within us and subdues us all the time. Sometimes we may want to argue with our spouse, but immediately the wonderful shining restricts us. This is the living word becoming the shining light in our experience. The word of God in the Bible, as a lamp shining in a dark place, conveys spiritual light that shines to enlighten the believers. This lamp becomes the morning star rising within the believers, which eventually brings in the dawning day, the age of the kingdom as a day that will dawn at the coming of the Lord Jesus as the

Sun of righteousness (Mal. 4:2). The shining light progresses from a lamp to the dawning day. .... Under the shining of the divine light the original model, the human life of the Lord Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels, is fully revealed. (CWWL, 1973–1974, vol. 1, pp. 291-292)

Corporate Reading: *"The Life-study of Romans", message 29-30*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **Reading the Word with an Attitude of Eating and Drinking God**

Our attitude should be that the Bible is our food. The Bible is a book of food. When we read the Bible, we should eat this food. Whenever we read the Word, we should have the attitude that we are coming to eat and drink God. If our motive is merely to study truths, analyze teachings, or understand doctrines, we are not eating and drinking God, and the Bible is a book of doctrines and teachings to us. We must have a change in concept to see that the Bible is not a book of God's teaching or truth; it is God's food for us.

When we come to the Bible, we must eat and drink God as our food; we must breathe in God Himself and enjoy Him. If we read the Bible this way, it will no longer be a book of teachings, commandments, truths, or doctrines. Instead, it will be God's embodiment, unveiling, expression, and exhaling. It will also be our rich food. We will receive nourishment, supply, and life from every word.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 13: ENJOYING GOD AS FOOD BY READING THE WORD (part 6)*