

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2023 December Semiannual Training Registration**

Registration for the 2023 December Semiannual Training has begun. Please submit your registration for both the live training in Anaheim, CA and the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>. The due date for registration is **November 1, 2023**.

- **Regional Conference (Oct. 27-29)**

We will have a regional conference with Brother Ed Marks over the weekend of **October 27-29**. 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. 27, 7:30pm

**Message 2:** Saturday, Oct. 28, 10am

**Message 3:** Saturday, Oct. 28, 4pm

**Lord's Table &**

**Message 4:** Lord's Day, Oct. 29, 10am

Details will be posted on the church website [www.churchinnyc.org](http://www.churchinnyc.org) and on the church App.

- **2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference Application (the church in New York City)**

Living Stream Ministry will host the 2024 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei in February 2024. According to the organizer, brothers and sisters need to register for the conference through their local churches (no individual application is accepted). Below is the registration form for the church in New York City: <https://tinyurl.com/3y8myu9w>. The deadline for registration is **November 30**. For any

questions, please contact the serving brothers who are collecting the registration fees in the corresponding meeting hall.

- **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

1. The Citywide Senior Saints' Conference held this past Saturday, October 21, in Hall 1
2. The regional conference with brother Ed Marks which will be held over the weekend of October 27-29, in Hall 1
3. The strengthening of the churches in Upstate New York, in New Jersey and throughout the Northeast
4. The continual homecoming of those who have not been in the meetings for some time and the shepherding of all the saints
5. The Lord's move in Europe:
  - a. The ongoing gospel trips in Germany, Switzerland and Austria (continuing until yesterday-October 22) targeting several major college campuses in these countries
  - b. The European Brothers Training (October 24-27) and the International Blending Conference (October 27-29) which will be held in Baarlo, The Netherlands this week

## MORNING WATCH

**HWMR: 2023 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING**

***Week 1: The Ultimate Goal of God's Economy – God Became Man That Man Might Become God in Life and in Nature but Not in the Godhead for the Building Up of the Body of Christ to Consummate the New Jerusalem***

**Portions from Days 3 & 4:**

It is the Spirit who sanctifies us unto sonship. It is the Spirit who begets us that we may be born of God (John 3:6). God chose us to be sanctified unto sonship. To be sanctified unto sonship is altogether a matter by the Spirit, in the Spirit, and with the Spirit. I am concerned when I see a number of dear saints who have been in the recovery for many years with no growth. Although they may meet, read the Bible, and listen to the messages, they do not care for the Spirit. Instead of taking care of the Spirit when they speak, they freely gossip and criticize others. Although they say that they love the Lord, love the recovery, and love the church life, they do not care a bit for the Spirit. This is wrong. We have to take care of the Spirit. Today this Spirit, who is wrapped up with sanctification and with God's sonship, is in our spirit (Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17). If we desire to take care of the Spirit, we should first take care of our spirit. (CWWL, 1993, vol. 2, "The Issue of the Dispensing of the Processed Trinity and the Transmitting of the Transcending Christ," pp. 483, 480-481)

God's economy is the intention of His heart's desire, and God made this intention a purpose...Sanctification...is the holding line in the carrying out of the divine economy...We say that sanctification is the holding line because every step of God's economy in His work with us is to make us holy.

The divine sanctification holds all our spiritual experiences from our repentance to our glorification. It goes through our regeneration, renewing, transformation, and conformation unto the redemption of our body (Eph. 1:14; 4:30). Unto means "resulting in." The redemption of our body is the consummation of the divine sanctification.

Such a sanctification is to "sonize" us divinely, making us sons of God in order that we may become

the same as God in His life and in His nature (but not in His Godhead) so that we can be God's expression. Hence, sanctification is the divine sonizing...We do not have and we cannot have God's Godhead, but we do have God's life and nature so that we may be God's expression. A son, in principle, is the expression of the father. God the Father sanctifies us to sonize us, to make us His sons for His expression...After being regenerated we need to grow to reach maturity. We become mature when our soul is fully sonized. Eventually, our body, which is still full of weakness, sickness, lust, and sinfulness, will be transfigured, glorified in full.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 52-53*

**MINISTRY READINGS**

**The Bible as God's Expression  
Becoming Man's Food**

We also need to know that the Bible is God's very expression. The Bible is God's word, His word is His breath, and His breath is His expression. Hence, whenever we read the Bible, we need to have a clear understanding that it is God's expression. God is expressed in the Bible. When we touch this book, we should not touch merely doctrines or words; rather, we should touch God Himself. God is Spirit, and He is also the Word. When we pray, we are breathing in God, and when we read, we are eating and drinking God.

If we read the Bible merely as doctrines and facts, we make it a book of letters. Since the Bible is the word of God, and the Lord said that His words are Spirit, if we contact the Bible with our spirit, it becomes spirit, and we eat it. The same Bible can be letter, or it can be spirit to us. Whether it is letter or spirit depends on how we read it. If we read it merely with our mind, it is letter, but if we contact it with our spirit, it is spirit.

I hope that the brothers and sisters clearly see this basic point. We must understand that the Bible is God's breath; it is His expression. Therefore, when we read this book, we are touching the expression of God. We should not study it as a book of doctrines. We are contacting God. May we all clearly see this point.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 15: RESTRICTING THE MIND AND EXERCISING THE SPIRIT IN READING THE BIBLE (part 3)*