

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2023 December Semiannual Training Registration**

The 2023 December Semiannual Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **The 2023 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 23-26)**

The conference will be held in person in Dallas, TX from Nov. 23-26, 2023 (Thursday to Lord's Day). We will provide zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, or Chinese.

Thanksgiving Conference Viewing Schedule via Zoom:

Message 1: 10:00 AM Friday, Nov. 24, 2023

Message 2: 4:00 PM Friday, Nov. 24, 2023

Message 3: 8:30 PM Friday, Nov. 24, 2023

Message 4: 11:00 AM Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023

Message 5: 8:30 PM Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023

Message 6: 4:00 PM Lord's Day, Nov. 26, 2023

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85490839313?pwd=Y2QzdYanI2Wz7NaYoC6efvLJ6tizJQ.1>

Meeting ID: 854 9083 9313 Passcode: 2023

One tap mobile:

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Alternatively, you can watch the conference at LSM Webcast site, [www.lsmwebcast.com](http://www.lsmwebcast.com). Login credentials are not required to access the site. The videos of the messages will be available for free for a period of 30 days after the conference.

- **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

**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

- Loving the Lord and loving one another for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:15-16)--That all the saints would enjoy the love of the Lord and be renewed in their love for the Lord daily and then love one another and function in the Body out of that love

- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference to be held in Dallas, TX over the weekend of November 23-26
- The strengthening of all the families and households in the church life--Let us pray for the strengthening of the relationships and the oneness in every household
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His constant and all-inclusive 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 Europe:
  - a. Thanksgiving to the Lord for providing the funds for the purchase of the new meeting hall in Paris, France and prayer that the Lord would provide for the remodeling of the properties in Malaga and Barcelona, Spain for the optimal use of the churches in these localities
  - b. Follow-up of the recent Bible distribution in the German-speaking countries; pray that many of the students who were contacted during the two weeks of the gospel trips in October on the campuses in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria will be gained as remaining fruit in the churches
- 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 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING - AN OVERVIEW OF THE CENTRAL BURDEN AND PRESENT TRUTH OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY BEFORE HIS APPEARING

#### *Week 5: The God-man Living*

#### **Portions from Days 3 & 6:**

The burnt offering denotes Christ's being absolute for God's satisfaction. The way to satisfy God with sweetness, peace, and rest is to live a life that is absolutely for God. Since we cannot live such a life, we must take Christ as our burnt offering. We need to lay our hands on Him to indicate that we

desire to be identified with Him, one with Him, and to live the kind of life He lived on earth. In the Scripture, the laying on of hands always signifies identification, union; it does not signify substitution. To lay our hand on the offering means that we are one with the offering and take the offering as being one with us. Hence, the laying on of hands makes the two parties one.

By laying our hands on Christ as our burnt offering, we are joined to Him. We and He, He and we, become one. Such a union, such an identification, indicates that all our weaknesses, defects, shortcomings, and faults become His and that all His virtues become ours. This is not exchange—it is union.

We may realize that we are altogether unqualified and hopeless. This is our actual situation. But when we lay our hands on Christ, our weak points become His, and His strong points, His virtues, become ours. Furthermore, spiritually speaking, by such a union He becomes one with us and lives in us. As He lives in us, He will repeat in us the life He lived on earth, the life of the burnt offering. In ourselves we cannot live this kind of life, but He can live it in us. By laying our hands on Him we make Him one with us, and we make ourselves one with Him. Then He will repeat His living in us. This is to offer the burnt offering. (*Life-study of Leviticus, pp. 71, 39-40, 27-28*)

[In 1 John 4:16] to abide in love is to live a life that loves others habitually with the love which is God Himself so that He may be expressed in us. To abide in God is to live a life which is God Himself as our inward content and outward expression so that we may be absolutely one with Him. God abides in us to be our life inwardly and our living outwardly. Thus, He may be one with us in a practical way. To say that we abide in God when we abide in love means that the very love in which we abide is God Himself. This indicates that the love that we have toward others should be God Himself. If we abide in the love which is God Himself, we then abide in God, and God abides in us.

**Corporate Reading:** *"The Life-study of Romans", messages 60-61*