

The Church in New York City

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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 (Cont'd)**

The conference ends today, Nov. 27, 2023 (Lord's Day). We are providing zoom meetings for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom in English, Spanish, or Chinese. The general subject is **"The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity"**.

Thanksgiving Conference **Viewing Schedule:**
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. 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.

KEY STATEMENTS FOR THE 2023 THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

I We should concentrate on Christ as our unique center appointed by God, not on any persons, things, or matters other than Christ; for all the problems, especially the matter of division, the only solution is the enjoyment of the all-inclusive Christ.

II Enjoying the Lord has many aspects—the joy of the Lord's presence, the joy of living in the divine romance, the joy of the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, the joy of drinking of the river of God's pleasures, the joy of knowing God's love, the joy of doing God's will, the joy of contentment in all circumstances, and entering into the joy of the Lord in the kingdom.

III The record of Joseph's life is a revelation of the rulership of the Spirit, for the rulership of the Spirit is the reigning aspect of a mature saint; the rulership of the Spirit (a life of reigning in life, being under the restriction and limitation of the divine life in the reality of God's kingdom) is higher than any other aspect of the Spirit.

IV The joy set before us is the Lord Jesus, the Bridegroom, coming for His bride, who has made herself ready—the maturity of the bride, the building of the bride, the righteousness of the bride, the beauty of the bride, and the bride being a warrior to defeat God's enemy.

- **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

- That all the saints would have a life of always rejoicing, unceasingly praying and giving thanks in everything
1 Thessalonians 5:16 — Always rejoice,
1 Thessalonians 5:17 — Unceasingly pray,
1 Thessalonians 5:18 — In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- The International Thanksgiving Blending Conference ends today in Dallas, TX (and being viewed locally); the general subject of the conference is The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for our next generation and prayer for their preservation and for their being raised up by the Lord so that each one would be a “man of God...complete, fully equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17)
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His care for the church as our “great High Priest” (Heb. 4:14) and “the great Shepherd of the sheep” (13:20) and prayer for the church’s further going on:
 - a. Prayer for the saints of all ages
 - b. The mutual shepherding among all the saints, that not one would be overlooked
 - 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 needed to purchase meeting halls in Malaga and Barcelona, Spain; Paris, France; and Stuttgart, Germany; let us continue to pray that the Lord will provide for the remodeling of these properties

- b. Students and young adults conference for German-speaking areas (December 1-3)— Many of the new ones who were contacted during the gospel trips in October will attend; let us pray that the Lord will use this conference to impart a heavenly vision to the students and young adults that they may be gained for the church life

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 6: Shepherding according to God

Portions from Days 3 & 4:

A shepherd takes care of the physical needs of his flock, and Christ our Shepherd takes care of the needs of our soul. He is not the Shepherd of our body; He is the Shepherd of our soul, our inner being. We all have a spirit, and the spirit is our inward organ. But our being is a soul. Therefore, Christ mainly shepherds us by taking care of our soul. He takes care of our mind, emotion, and will. Not only do we have the Lord's life within us, but we also have Him as our Shepherd. He is now shepherding us in our soul.

According to God means that we must live God. We must have God on hand. We have God in our understanding, in our theology, and in our teaching, but we may not live God when we are shepherding people. When we are one with God, we become God. Then we have God and are God in our shepherding of others. To shepherd according to God is to shepherd according to what God is in His attributes. God is love, light, holiness, and righteousness. “According to God” is at least according to these four attributes of God. We must shepherd the young ones, the weak ones, and the backsliding ones according to these four attributes. Then we will be good shepherds. Without shepherding, there is no way for us to minister life to others...If we want to enjoy life and minister life to others, we must shepherd them. The real ministering of life is shepherding by visiting and contacting people. (CWWL, 1994-1997, vol. 5, “The Vital Groups,” pp. 114-115)

Corporate Reading: “The Life-study of Romans”, messages 62-63