

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Citywide Fellowship with All the Parents and Serving Ones of the Young People (Jan. 20, Sat.)**

We will have a citywide fellowship with all the parents and serving ones of the young people on Saturday, January 20, starting at 9:30 a.m.

We will meet at the Hall 1 meeting hall, located at 87-60 Chevy Chase St., Jamaica, NY 11432. There will be two sessions of fellowship with a small break in between. Translation will be available during these sessions. Then we expect to end at around 12:30 p.m., after which lunch will be provided. All the saints are welcome to stay for lunch and have more fellowship.

- **Citywide Fellowship with All the Parents and Serving Ones of the children (Feb. 3, Sat.)**

We will have a citywide fellowship with all the parents and serving ones of the children, including the 2s & 3s and pre-K children, on Saturday, February 3, from 10:00am to 12 noon. We will meet at the Hall 1 meeting hall, located at 87-60 Chevy Chase St., Jamaica, NY 11432. Translation will be available during these sessions.

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

1. **Jan. 28:** Citywide Church Gathering in Hall 1 – Jamaica Estates, Queens
2. **Feb. 10-11:** International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference in Taipei, Taiwan
3. **Feb. 18-20:** NYC Young People Winter Retreat in KPCC

- **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

- The strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church in 2024:
  - a. That the Lord would strengthen the prayer ministry of the church so that the church would pray prayers in ascension and of authority for the binding of the enemy, for the building of the church, and for the bringing in of the kingdom
  - b. That Satan and the authority of darkness would be bound (Matt. 12:29; Col. 1:13) and that many who have been held captive by Satan, including unbelievers and believers, would be released
  - c. The strengthening of all the prayer meetings of the church
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking during the recent semiannual training on Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land. Let us pray that the Lord's speaking would reach all the saints in His recovery and issue in the strengthening of the saints and the churches and in the building up of the Body of Christ
- The special fellowship for the parents and serving ones of the young people in all nine halls of the church in NYC to be held in Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates) on Saturday, January 20, beginning at 9:30am
- The upcoming FTTA gospel trips taking place in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America beginning later this month; a total of 233 saints will participate in these trips:
  - a. The gospel trips in Africa, Asia and Europe will consist of 18 teams and will reach 21 countries, such as Ethiopia, Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Ireland, Portugal,

Spain, France, Germany, Italy, Poland and Switzerland

- b. The gospel trips in North America will consist of 18 teams in various locations throughout Canada and the United States
- c. Pray specifically for the team of 6 saints which will labor with the churches in Upstate NY
- 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 FALL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - LIVING AND SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY CONCERNING THE CHURCH

#### *Week 1: Living and Serving according to the Heavenly Vision of God's Economy*

#### **Portions from Days 2 and 4:**

Sanctification is to separate God's people unto God for God to work on them and to work in them to make them His sons. God had an intention and made an economy to get many sons. Then the Spirit came to separate the chosen ones unto God so that God could beget them. First, they were sanctified unto God; then...God came to beget them, making them His sons, and this was through the sanctification of the Spirit. Verse 4 of Ephesians 1 says that God chose us to be holy. Then verse 5 says that He did this by predestinating us unto sonship. Thus, sanctification is unto sonship, for sonship.

For us to be holy and for us to be sons both require God's dispensing...God is the only One who is holy. For us to be holy we need a holy element dispensed into us. When the Holy Spirit comes into us, He brings God's holy nature into us, and that holy nature becomes the holy element with which the Holy Spirit sanctifies us. Stanza 1 of Hymns, #841 says, "By Thy holy nature / I am sanctified; / By Thy resurrection, / Vict'ry is supplied." ..... Our being made holy is for us to be sons. The imparting of God's holy nature into us and His begetting us are His dispensing.

In Ephesians 5:26 Paul says that Christ sanctifies the church by cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word. According to the divine concept, water here refers to the flowing life

of God, which is typified by flowing water (Exo. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4; John 7:38-39; Rev. 21:6; 22:1, 17). The washing of the water here is different from the washing of the redeeming blood of Christ. The redeeming blood washes away our sins (1 John 1:7; Rev. 7:14), whereas the water of life washes away the blemishes of the natural life of our old man, such as "spot or wrinkle or any such things" (Eph. 5:27). In separating and sanctifying the church, the Lord first washes away our sins with His blood (Heb. 13:12) and then washes away our natural blemishes with His life. We are now in such a washing process, that the church may be holy and without blemish. (Life-study of Ephesians, second edition, p. 445).

**Corporate Reading:** *"The All-inclusive Christ", chs. 7-8*

## MINISTRY READINGS

### **Examples of Reading the Bible**

The proper way for a person to read the Bible is to guard his thoughts when touched by a verse. A person should not ask what it means to give life to the dead or to call the things not being as being. Rather, he should simply eat the Word and receive it into his spirit. He should immediately exercise his spirit to pray, saying, "Lord, You give life to the dead, and You call the things not being as being. I thank You that You are inside me and have become everything to me." When he prays in this way, he is contacting God with his spirit rather than considering doctrines with his mind. He might not understand much, but his spirit has eaten and enjoyed God because he has touched God. This is what it means to read the Bible with our spirit.

*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 6)*