

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2024 Church in New York City Banners**

1. **Loving the Brotherhood**

1 Pet. 2:17 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

2. **Serving in the Priesthood**

1 Pet. 2:5 You yourselves also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

3. **Overcoming**

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have affliction, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

- **Northeast Spanish-Speaking Conference (Mar. 8-10)**

The Spanish-Speaking Conference will be held in **Camp Penuel** (KPCC) from **March 8 to 10**. English translation will be provided for all messages. Please see details in the invitation link posted at www.churchinnyc.org.

- **Regional Conference (Mar. 22-24)**

A regional conference with Brother Ed Marks will be taking place from **March 22 to 24, 2024** in the meeting hall of **the Church in Franklin** located at 24 Evelyn Ave, Franklin Park, NJ 08823. Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Korean, and Chinese.

Conference Schedule:

Session 1: Friday, March 22 7:30 PM
Session 2: Saturday, March 23 10:00 AM
Session 3: Saturday, March 23 4:00 PM

Session 4: Lord's Day, March 24 10:00 AM

- **2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference (May 24-27)**

The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference will be held in **Bellevue, WA** from **Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27**.

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

1. **Mar. 29-31:** Northeast High School Conference in KPCC
2. **Apr. 6 (Sat.):** Citywide Senior Saints' Conference Hall 1 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

- Let us pray that all the saints would know how one ought to conduct themselves in the house of God, that is, by exercising themselves unto godliness (1 Tim. 3:15-16; 4:7-8)--That the saints would exercise their spirit in every aspect of their daily life and church life
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for answering the prayers of the church for the Northeast College Conference and the NYC Young People's Winter Retreat and prayer that the Lord's living and operative word (Heb. 4:12) would operate in the

young people and college saints to bring them on in their personal experience and enjoyment of the Lord and to usher them all further into the church life

- Let us pray for the participation of many saints in the truth pursuit this year in the book of Hebrews and that the truth pursuit would result in the saints coming to the full knowledge of the truth personally (1 Tim. 2:4) and the church being the pillar and base of the truth corporately (1 Tim. 3:15)
- The spring term of the Full-Time Training in Anaheim (FTTA) and the training extension in Boston (FTTA-XB)--There are currently 2 trainees from NYC in Anaheim: Miguel Carbajal (2nd term) and Michelle Wang (2nd term), and 2 trainees in Boston: Benjamin Cooley and Dean Deng
- The Lord's move in the United States—The strengthening of all the genuine believers in this nation and of all the local churches, and the spread of the gospel throughout the nation

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2023 FALL INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - LIVING AND SERVING ACCORDING TO GOD'S ECONOMY CONCERNING THE CHURCH

Week 7: The Pattern of the Apostle Paul

Portions from Days 5 and 6:

To assert authority, dignity, or right in Christian work damages that work. The Lord Jesus, while on earth, gave up His dignity (John 13:4-5), and the apostle preferred not to use his right (1 Cor. 9:12). ...The fall of the archangel was due to the seeking of glory. ...Even though he was a leading angel with a very high position, he was still seeking glory. ...According to the New Testament, anyone who seeks glory from men is a follower of Satan. The seeking of glory is a trap spread by Satan to snare Christian workers. ...Not many have escaped this trap. (Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, second edition, p. 98)

How much we will be used by the Lord and how long our usefulness will last depend on whether we seek glory from men. ...The seeking of glory for the self always kills one's usefulness. Therefore, may we all, especially the young, be warned never to seek glory in the Lord's work.

First Thessalonians 2:6 indicates clearly that the apostles did not stand on their authority as apostles of Christ. ...They had to forget that they were apostles and serve God's people as slaves.

If we would be a proper pattern for young saints, our greed must be dealt with, and money matters must be under our feet. We should never speak words of flattery, we should never have any pretext, and we should never seek glory for ourselves. Moreover, instead of trying to please man, we should do our best to please God. Then other believers will have a good pattern to follow.

We need to be a pattern to others and foster them, cherishing them as mothers and exhorting them as fathers to walk in a manner worthy of God. ...Only a life that lives God is worthy of God. When we live God, we walk in a manner worthy of Him. Such a walk will lead us into the kingdom and usher us into the glory of God. This is the goal of God's calling. (Life-study of 1 Thessalonians, second edition, pp. 101-103)

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 2*

MINISTRY READINGS

READING THE BIBLE BEING SIMPLE

We should not consider that it is difficult to read the Bible. Many people think that the Bible is a difficult book. They think that since the Bible is the canon of the Christian religion, they can never understand the Bible. This concept frustrates our ability to understand the Bible. However, we must consider that reading the Bible is as simple as eating. ...God does not want us to write the Bible; He wants us to read the Bible. We do not need to invent anything or to investigate. Strictly speaking, when we come to the Bible, we come to the presence of God to be fed by God. Hence, we must first consider that reading the Bible is a simple matter.

Although it is simple to read the Bible, it is difficult to fully understand the Bible; nevertheless, it is very easy to receive food from the Bible. No matter which chapter and which verse we read, we can find rich food and be filled because the Bible is full of nutrition.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 16: Learning to be Simple to Pick Up the True Meaning of the Bible (part 1)