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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

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

- The strengthening of all the meetings unto the building up of the church—Let us pray for the prayer meeting, the Lord's table meeting, the prophesying meeting and all the small group meetings

1 Corinthians 14:26 — *What then, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.*

- The salvation of the children in grade 5—The children’s meeting serving ones will be presenting lessons regarding salvation to the children in grade 5 over the next couple of months; let us pray for the preparation of the hearts of the children, for the attendance of the children, for the families of all these children, and for the serving ones; there are 36 fifth graders among all the nine halls of the church
- The Spanish-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) over the weekend of March 8 to 10
- The international blending conference being held in Puerto Rico for the churches throughout the Caribbean concludes today
- The Lord's move in Europe
 - a. The young people’s conference in Paris for the young people in the French-speaking countries in Europe concludes today
 - b. Let us pray for the preparations for the gospel outreach which will take place throughout many parts of France in the coming months surrounding the Olympics and the Torch Relay

MORNING WATCH

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

Week 8: The Function of the Church (1) The House of the Living God and the Pillar and Base of the Truth

Portions from Days 2, 3, 4 and 6:

The church, the house of the living God, is living in the Father’s name and in the Father’s life. This means that the church is living in the Father’s reality. God’s house is a living composition of His many children in the Father’s life and reality. This means that where the house of God is, there is God the Father with His life and reality. This is similar to the church being the Body of Christ. Christ is not separate from the members of the Body, for, as the Head of the Body, Christ dwells in all the members. For this reason, Christ should not be counted as a separate member of the Body, because He is in all the members of the Body. The principle is the same

with the church as God’s house. The Father is not a separate member of the household, the house, but is in all the children.

As believers in Christ, we need to grow and be transformed for the building up of God’s spiritual house. God’s goal in the believers is to have a house built up with spiritual stones, not separated and scattered stones, not even a pile of stones merely gathered together, but stones built up with one another. Hence, feeding on Christ by the nourishing milk in the word of God (vv. 2-3) is not only for growing in life but also for building up. Growing is for building up. Although the nourishing milk of the word is for the soul through the mind, it eventually nourishes our spirit, making us not soulish but spiritual, suitable for building up a spiritual house for God.

The Lord’s recovery is mainly founded upon four pillars: the truth, life, the church, and the gospel. The reason Christianity is degraded is that it has lost the truth and is short of life. The Bible tells us that the Lord Himself is the truth and the life. In John 14:6 the Lord Jesus said, “I am the way and the reality and the life.” In this verse the reality is the truth. Thus, the Lord said that He Himself is the life and the truth.

Paul refers to “the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth” [1 Tim. 3:15]...The church being the pillar and base of the truth implies that every member of the church should know the truth. We need to make a decision to learn the truth...For the sake of the spreading of the church to new localities, there is a need of leading ones, some who can bear responsibility...If we learn the truth and practice the truth in the daily church life, every member will be able to bear some responsibility. Then wherever we spread, there will be no problems; every local church will be strong. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 2, “Crucial Principles for the Christian Life and the Church Life,” pp. 618, 620)

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 3-4*