

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.

- **Regional Conference in Franklin, NJ (Cont.)**

The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks concludes **today** in the meeting hall of **the Church in Franklin** located at 24 Evelyn Ave, Franklin Park, NJ 08823. Interpretation is available in Spanish, Korean, and Chinese.

Conference Schedule:

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

On Lord's Day, March 24 only the following three meeting halls will be open in NYC: Hall 1 in Queens, Hall 2 in Manhattan, and Hall 7 in Brooklyn. Saints who are unable to go to New Jersey can meet for the Lord's table meeting and then join the conference meeting together via Zoom in one of these meeting halls. Details can be found on the church website: www.churchinnyc.org and on the church app.

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (Mar. 29-31)**

There will be a conference for the Northeast young people in grades 9-12 from **March 29-31 in Camp Penuel**. For registration and more details, please visit: <http://pursuewiththose.org>.

- **Northeast Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (April 19-21)**

A Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the saints in the Northeast will be held from **April 19-21 in Camp Penuel**.

Registration form and more details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/springyws>. The deadline for registration is **April 8**.

We strongly encourage the saints who will stay overnight to register as soon as possible to secure accommodation at the camp due to limited onsite housing.

We also encourage the saints to arrive on Friday night, **April 19**. Dinner will not be provided and there will be no formal meeting on Friday evening, but saints who arrive early can get settled in, spend time together, and fellowship before the conference starts.

- **Citywide Senior Saints Conference (Apr. 6)**

Our next Citywide Senior Saints Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 6**, starting at 10am in the Jamaica Estates meeting hall (**Hall 1**). The conference is for all the nine halls. Translation and lunch will be provided.

- **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. **May 10-12 (Fri. to L.D.):** Chinese-Speaking Conference in KPCC
 2. **May 17-19 (Fri. to L.D.):** Northeast Middle School Conference 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

- Loving the brotherhood (1 Pet. 2:17)—That the mutual shepherding in the church life would be strengthened and all the saints would experience the reality of “the brotherhood” (the family of the brothers, the brothers in the feeling of brotherliness)
- The regional conference with Brother Ed Marks which is being held in Franklin, NJ concludes today
- The salvation of the children in grade 5—Let us pray for the preparation of the hearts of the children, for the attendance of the children over the next several weeks, 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 Northeast Spring Highschoolers’ Conference to be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) over the weekend of March 29-31
- The Citywide Senior Saints’ Conference which will be held on Saturday, April 6, in Hall 1
- The Lord’s move in Europe:
 - a. Spring European University Conference being held in the Netherlands this weekend
 - 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

- 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 INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- THE ENJOYMENT OF CHRIST AND OUR GROWTH IN LIFE UNTO MATURITY

Week 2: The Joy of the Triune God Becoming Our Joy Portions from Days 1, 5 & 2

Romans 15:13 [indicates] that joy is one of God’s attributes. God is the God of enjoyment. In our experience, if we enjoy God as grace, we shall have peace, and if we have peace, we shall have joy.

Our spirit needs to take the lead in enjoying the Lord. [Luke 1:46-47 is] describing the enjoyment of the Lord, and in the enjoyment of the Lord, our spirit has to take the lead. First, Mary’s spirit exulted in God; then her soul magnified the Lord. Her praise to God issued from her spirit and was expressed through her soul. But today we mostly use our soul first. We must learn to directly use our spirit and let the soul be a follower of the spirit. Our spirit must take the lead aggressively in enjoying the lord. Our spirit should subdue our soul to make the soul its follower. (CWWL, 1979, vol. 1, “Basic Lessons on Life,” pp. 593-594)

The overcoming life that we live in the church today is the kingdom life, which is constituted of the joy of the Holy Spirit with righteousness and peace. If we are righteous and right toward others and toward God, we will have a peaceful relationship with others and with God. Thus, we will have joy in the Holy Spirit, proving that we are living in the reality of God’s kingdom and are under God’s rule and thereby have the practical church life. In Matthew 5, 6, and 7, in the decree of the constitution of the kingdom of the heavens, concerning the portrayal of the nature of the people of the kingdom of the heavens (5:1-12), the Lord Jesus concluded with this word: “Rejoice and exult, for your reward is great in the heavens.” This tells us that joy is an evidence of our living in the reality of the kingdom.

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 9-10*