

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Registration for the July 2024 Semiannual Training (Video Training)**

Registration for the July 2024 Semiannual Training has closed. However, the video training registration is still open. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **Northeast Spring Middle School Conference (May 17-19)**

There will be a conference for the young people in grades 6-8 and their parents and serving ones from **May 17-19 at Camp Penuel**. Young people currently in grades 11-12 can sign up to serve, only after fellowship with and recommendation from their local serving ones. Please contact the district serving ones for more details. The saints can check in starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 17. The first session begins at 7:00pm.

- **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. **June 1 (Sat.):** Summer School of Truth Teachers' Training (**Hall 1, Jamaica Estates**)

- **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 prayer ministry of the church and spiritual warfare—That the Lord would strengthen the prayer ministry of the church so that the church, as a corporate warrior, would fight against and defeat the satanic forces and bring in God's kingdom and will on the earth (Eph. 6:11-12; Matt. 6:9-10)
- The salvation of the children in grade 5—Let us pray for the ongoing, week by week citywide labor of the preaching of the gospel to the fifth grade children
- The Chinese-speaking conference for the churches in the Northeast concludes today at Camp Penuel
- The Northeast Spring Middle Schoolers' Conference to be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of May 17-19
- The Lord's move in Europe:
  - a. Conference in Rome for the churches in Italy this weekend
  - b. The Bible distribution and gospel outreach began last week in various cities in France during the Torch Relay in advance of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris; the trainees in the FTTA-XB are in France for two weeks to labor with the local saints; let us pray for all the saints involved in this endeavor and for the Lord to prepare the hearts of many "sons of peace" (Luke 10:6)
- The 2024 International Memorial Day Blending Conference to be held in Bellevue, WA over the weekend of May 24-27
- 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 DECEMBER SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Laboring on the All-inclusive Christ Typified by the Good Land for the building up of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the Reality and the**

## **Manifestation of the Kingdom, and for the Bride to Make Herself Ready for the Lord's Coming**

### ***Week 3: A Land of Wheat and Barley***

#### **Portions from Days 1, 2, 5, and 6:**

To many of us in many circumstances, the Lord Jesus is just as a grain of wheat. The more we experience Him, the more we realize that He is such a One. He lives in us. He is our life to make us willing to be limited, willing to die, willing to be buried, willing to be nothing. This is the experience of Christ as wheat. [CWWL, 1961-1962, vol. 4, "The All-inclusive Christ," pp. 234-235]

In John 12:24 the Lord Jesus indicated clearly that He was a grain of wheat...Wheat signifies Christ in His incarnation and crucifixion...Although in eternity Christ was the unlimited God, unlimited both in space and in time, one day He was incarnated and became limited. Oh, the unlimited God was limited in Jesus, a little carpenter from Nazareth! Although the Lord is the eternal, infinite, unlimited God, He lived as a man, limited even in the matter of time. When His brothers in the flesh encouraged Him to go into Judea, Jesus said, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready" (7:6)...The Lord Jesus was not only limited in time but also in space. It is difficult to believe that the unlimited God lived in the house of a carpenter for thirty years. This is Jesus as our life, the One by whom we may live. Thus, wheat signifies the limited Jesus.

Praise the Lord, following the wheat is the barley. The tomb was not the end of the Lord. He was resurrected...Wheat is the valley of death, but barley is the mountain of resurrection. Whenever you experience Christ as the wheat, be assured that an experience of Christ as the barley will follow.

Brothers and sisters, if you will take my word, believe in the resurrected Christ, and apply Him, you will find that the remainder abiding in you is more than that with which you started. This is the barley. This is not just a teaching but something for us to experience and apply every day in every situation. Apply the resurrected Christ, the unlimited, inexhaustible One. Tell Him, "Lord, I cannot meet the need; I cannot face the situation. But how I praise You, You can. I go ahead trusting wholly in You, counting wholly upon You."

**Corporate Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 22-23*

## **MINISTRY READINGS**

### **Our concepts hindering us from receiving the central thought of the Bible**

Likewise, if a man pursues humility, considering it to be the most necessary virtue, he will respond only to teachings on humility in his reading. As soon as he reads something about humility, there will be a response within him. He will be touched by those words. ....In his view, the Bible is a book about humility. Strictly speaking, however, he is not responding to the word on humility that is in the Bible; rather, the word on humility in the Bible is a confirmation of his concept of humility. He finds an echo in the Bible, and he responds strongly to it.

I must repeat that the kind of person we are determines the kind of Bible we read. .... In order to read the Bible, we need to be broken.

The Bible you have in your hand is the same book that I have in my hand. However, when you read it, you do not receive its divine inspiration. You are reading a book that only reflects your own concepts. Even though our Bibles are exactly the same, we receive different impressions when we read them. When the Bible in our hand is framed by our concepts, it becomes a different book. ....You are not reading the Bible according to God's original inspiration. You are reading a Bible that is tainted with your concepts and views. You are reading a Bible that is a reflection of yourself.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 17: Practicing dropping our concepts to pick up the central thought of the Bible (part 2)*