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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The 2024 December Semiannual Video Training Registration**

Registration for the 2024 December Semiannual Video Training still accepts registrations. Please submit your registration for the video training by filling out the online form: <http://bit.ly/nycregistration>.

- **The Fall College Retreat (Nov. 8-10)**

The 2024 Fall College Retreat for the students in NY, NJ, and Eastern PA will be held on the weekend of **November 8 to 10** at Camp Penuel (KPCC). Registration is still open. Details can be found in: <https://tinyurl.com/24collegeNYNJPA>

- **2024-2025 Church in NYC College Scholarship Application**

A number of generous donations from some elderly saints over the years were given to award scholarships for young people in the church in New York City. We thank the Lord for their generosity and for His practical care demonstrated to us through His Body. This year, the Board of Trustees has made available funds for awarding the **2024-2025 Academic Year Church in New York City Scholarship for Academic Excellence and for Financial Need**. For the scholarship application requirements and application form, please use the URL: <https://tinyurl.com/cnycs24>. The deadline for submitting your application is **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**.

Scholarships are awarded through an application and review process. The submission of an application does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship, but each application will be given careful consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to churchnycscholarship@gmail.com.

- **2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 28 – Dec. 1)**

The 2024 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held in **Atlanta, GA** from **Thursday, Nov. 28 through Lord's Day, Dec. 1**. For more details, please visit LSM website at: https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2024-tg-conf-info_en.pdf.

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours, which are for saints to call in to fellowship or to pray with some serving ones, will be **resumed on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024**.

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:
 - 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. The strengthening of the church prayer meetings and the sisters' prayer meetings
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the regional conference two weekends ago with His presence and His speaking; let us pray that the Spirit of reality would guide each saint into all the reality of the word which was spoken and let us pray that the Lord would bless every locality represented in the conference

- The Chinese-speaking conference concludes at Camp Penuel today
- The Fall College Retreat being held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of November 8-10 for the churches in New York, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania
- The Lord's move in France:
 - a. That a number of saints will receive the Lord's burden to serve in French-speaking Europe for one to three months to meet the urgent need for continued shepherding of the new ones contacted over the past several months
 - b. That by summer 2025 there will be a team of 20 full-time serving ones in Paris to take care of the Lord's needs throughout France and French-speaking Europe
 - c. That many students, families, and mature saints will migrate to France within the next several years for the Lord's interest

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2024 SPRING INTERNATIONAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS AND RESPONSIBLE ONES - Being A Vessel Unto Honor, A Fully Equipped Man Of God, By Being Empowered In The Grace Which Is In Christ Jesus To Fully Accomplish Our Ministry In The Unique Ministry Of God's Economy

WEEK 5: Being a Fully Equipped Man of God by Inhaling and Exhaling the Word of God as the Breath of God

Portions from Days 2, 5 & 6:

The expression God-breathed indicates that the Scripture, the word of God, is the breathing out of God. God's speaking is God's breathing out. Hence, His word is spirit (John 6:63), or breath. Thus, the Scripture is the embodiment of God as the Spirit. The Spirit is therefore the very essence, the substance, of the Scripture, just as phosphorus is the essential substance in matches. We must strike the Spirit of the Scripture with our spirit to kindle the divine fire.

The Bible, especially the New Testament, does not teach us to read the Scriptures in a common, secular way. Rather, Ephesians 6:17 and 18 tell us to receive the word of God by means of all prayer and petition. The reason we need to receive the word of God by prayer is that, according to 2 Timothy 3:16, the Scriptures are God-breathed. This indicates that the Scriptures are the breathing out of God. God has

breathed Himself out in the Scriptures, and thus our reading of the Scriptures should be our receiving of God's breath. When God breathes Himself out, He exhales Himself. When we read the Scriptures, or when we receive the Scriptures, we inhale God. Reading the Bible therefore involves both God's exhaling and our inhaling.

From experience we know that in order for there to be much spirit in our reading and teaching of the Bible, we need much prayer. We must be a person of prayer...We must be a person who is continually breathing the Lord, a person who is always inhaling God. Our reading of the Bible should be a kind of inhaling, and our teaching of the Bible should be a kind of exhaling.

The more we take the word of God by means of all prayer in spirit, the more the negative things within us will be put to death. Thus, pray-reading is not only feasting; it is also a way of fighting. As we pray-read the Word, the battle is raging as the negative elements in our being are slain. Eventually, the self, the worst foe of all, will be put to death. When the negative things in us are killed through pray-reading, the Lord is victorious. Because He is victorious, we are victorious also.

Without the word as the Spirit to be the killing sword, there would be no way for us to be kept in the church life over the years. For more than half a century, I have been traveling, visiting the churches, and contacting thousands of saints. Without the word as the Spirit to kill all the enemies, I would not still be here ministering. If I had allowed myself to remain offended with a certain church or saint, I would have been finished with the ministry. I have been kept in the church life and in the ministry through the killing of the word as the Spirit.

Once again I would emphasize that we need to receive the word of God in a living way so that in our experience the Spirit becomes the killing sword. When the word becomes the Spirit, the Spirit becomes the sword—the sword of the Spirit that kills the germs in us and the evil spirits in the air. In this way the Body, the church life, and our ministry are saved. This will enable our ministry to have a long life. However, the ministry of certain brothers has not lasted long. In their situation it was their ministry and not the enemy that was killed. (CWWL, 1984, vol. 1, "Teachers' Training," pp. 432-433)

Corporate Reading: *Life-study of Hebrews, msgs. 65-66*