

The Church in New York City

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

- **2024 December Semi-Annual Training**

The 2024 December Semi-Annual Video Training will be held online via Zoom. The subject of this training is: ***Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (2)***.

Schedule for Training Session:

Message 1, 7:00 PM, Monday, Dec. 23
(Live Webcast, Open Meeting)
Message 2, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Dec. 25
Message 3, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Dec. 26
Message 4, 7:30 PM, Friday, Dec. 27
Message 5, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 28
Message 6, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Dec. 28

LORD'S TABLE, 10:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 29
Message 7, 11:00 AM, Sunday, Dec. 29
(Open Meeting)
Message 8, 4:00 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 1
Message 9, 7:00 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 1
Message 10, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Jan. 2
Message 11, 4:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 4
Message 12, 7:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 4

Schedule for Review/Study Session (open to all the saints):

Messages 1&2, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 3
Messages 3&4, 7:30 PM, Monday, Jan. 6
Messages 5&6, 7:30 PM, Wednesday, Jan. 8
Messages 7&8, 7:30 PM, Thursday, Jan. 9
Messages 9&10, 7:30 PM, Friday, Jan. 10

- **Service Office Hours**

Service Office hours are 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 strengthening of the prayer ministry of the church and of all the prayer meetings in the church
- The ongoing truth pursuit in the book of Hebrews and the Friday night online Bible study—That the love for the Word of God would increase daily in all the saints and that the church would have the reality of being the pillar and base of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15)
- The burden for the gospel—That all the saints would have the burden for the gospel and seize every opportunity for the speaking of the gospel “in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2)
- The Lord’s move in the United States:
 - a. That the Lord would preserve this nation for the preaching of the gospel and the spread of His testimony
 - b. The strengthening of all the believers throughout the nation
- The church in Atlanta:
 - a. That the Lord would provide the funds for the construction of the new meeting hall in Atlanta
 - b. For the Lord’s blessing on the visit of 25 responsible brothers from the church in Atlanta to NYC this weekend to blend with

the church and have fellowship with the local responsible brothers

- 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: 2024 JULY SEMIANNUAL TRAINING: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)

WEEK 3: Discipling All the Nations by Baptizing Them into the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

Portions from Days 1, 2 & 6:

In His divinity as the only begotten Son of God, the Lord had authority over all. However, in His humanity as the Son of Man and the King of the heavenly kingdom, all authority in heaven and on earth was given to Him after His resurrection.

Because all authority had been given to Him, the heavenly King sent His disciples to disciple all the nations. They go with His authority. To disciple the nations is to cause the heathen to become the kingdom people for the establishing of His kingdom, which is the church, even today on this earth.

Ministry requires the experience of lessons of life. We can use gifts to collect, prepare, and produce building materials, but we must have ministry in order to build people into the church...In the book of Acts the church began through gifts, but at the time of 1 and 2 Timothy, the administration and building of the church required the learning of lessons. Hence, Paul charged Timothy, saying, "If I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God" (1 Tim. 3:15)...The administration of the church is not a matter of outward gifts but a matter of ministry. Paul often mentioned learning, teaching, exercising, and training in his two Epistles to Timothy. These matters do not come by gifts but by lessons learned through paying a price. We should learn to discern different kinds of vessels and to know people; these matters require the paying of a price. Ministry is to help others according to the lessons that we have learned. Gifts are of little use in the building of the church. The way to build the church depends on our paying a price and learning the lessons of life that work God into us.

Whether or not the Lord will delay His return or come quickly depends entirely on whether the

church is built. Today many evangelists and revivalists become famous through gospel campaigns and revival meetings, but few have learned the lessons of life. If the leaders in Christianity do not have much spiritual learning, what can be expected of the ordinary "church-goers"? In church history very few have spoken of the building of the church. Nevertheless, we should see that the Lord needs the building of the church today. (CWWL, 1957, vol. 3, pp. 393-394)

MINISTRY READINGS

LEARNING TO BEHOLD GOD BEFORE WE PRAY

When we are busy with many outward things, there is no way for us to touch God. When we want to pray, we must free ourselves from all affairs, stop our mental activities, and turn our entire being from outward things to our spirit. We must learn to exercise our spirit to touch God's Spirit. Then we will learn to behold God. Because God is Spirit and dwells in our spirit, it is not difficult to touch Him. When our entire being is occupied, and we live in our mind, God seems to disappear. However, He has not disappeared; rather, we have turned our backs on Him. We are not beholding Him. But as soon as we are free from our thoughts and turn from the outward things to our spirit, we touch God immediately. This is to behold God, and this is to touch His presence in our spirit. As soon as we touch God in our spirit, we feel solid within; we feel that we have the anointing and the moving of the Holy Spirit. At this point we can open our mouths to pray.

Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 19: Exercising to Pray in the Holy Spirit (part 4)