

# The Church in New York City

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Churchwide Truth Pursuit on Genesis**

The churchwide truth pursuit on the book of Genesis begins on February 3. The reading schedule, study questions, and other information are available at [churchinnyc.org/bible-study](http://churchinnyc.org/bible-study).

Join us for the weekly truth pursuit ministry meeting every Friday night at 7:30 PM. We welcome the saints to invite their family and friends. Translation to Spanish and Chinese is available. Please check the church website for more details.

### Week 1

#### Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 1  
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 1-2

#### Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: In the Beginning God Created the Heavens and the Earth

Scripture: Gen. 1:1

Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg. 1  
Supplemental Reading: Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Set 1, Vol. 3, "The Christian", msg. 1;

Questions: See the church website at [churchinnyc.org/bible-study](http://churchinnyc.org/bible-study)

- **2025 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference (Feb. 14-16)**

The 2025 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference (ICSC) will be held in Anaheim, CA on Feb. 14-16, 2025. Hospitality will be arranged for those attending the conference. Details are available at [www.icsc2025.org](http://www.icsc2025.org).

- **NYC Young People's Winter Retreat (Feb. 16-18)**

This year's NYC Young People's Winter Retreat will be held in Camp Penuel from February 16 to 18 (Lord's Day afternoon to Tuesday afternoon). We encourage the young people in grades 6 through 12, their families and the serving ones to attend. The registration deadline is February 9. Registration link is : [tinyurl.com/2025nycretreat](http://tinyurl.com/2025nycretreat).

- **Upcoming Church Events: details to follow**

**Feb. 28 - Mar. 2:** Northeast Churches Spanish-Speaking Conference in KPCC

- **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

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for the citywide gathering of the church in NYC this past Lord's Day and prayer for the Lord to take the church on this year according to the three banners for the church in 2025:
  - **Numbering our days (Psa. 90:12)**—That we all would learn to "number our days" and redeem the time so that every day would have eternal value before the Lord
  - **Magnifying Christ (Phil. 1:20)**—That we all would magnify Christ in our daily lives
  - **Maturing in life (Col. 1:28-29)**—That we all would grow in life daily unto maturity
- The FTTA gospel trips – From January 23 to February 9, FTTA gospel teams are traveling to more than 30 cities on the east coast of the

United States and 18 countries in Europe to join with local saints for the preaching of the gospel; let us pray:

- A. That the Lord will fully cover the travel, safety, security, and health of all those involved
  - B. That the sanctifying Spirit will go before the saints to prepare the hearts of those the Lord has chosen, the sons of peace (Luke 10:6)
  - C. That remaining fruit will be borne and the Lord will add to the churches in each of these places
  - D. For the teams of trainees who are laboring in NYC, in Upstate NY and in New Jersey this week and next week
- The saints in the church in Los Angeles and the community at large in the wake of the wildfires in the LA area; let us pray for the saints and the people of LA, and stand with the church in LA for their burden for the gospel at this time
  - The corporate truth pursuit this year in the book of Genesis which will begin next week
  - The Winter Retreat for all the young people in the church in NYC which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) from February 16-18
  - 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 8: Christ as the Feast of Tabernacles and as the Spirit Flowing out of the Believers as Rivers of Living Water**

### Portions from Days 1 & 2:

John in his Gospel refers to first the Feast of the Passover as the beginning of our enjoyment of Christ for the initiation of God's redemption judicially.

Then he also refers to the Feast of Tabernacles, signifying the consummation of God's full salvation organically. After the full harvest of their crops from the good land, the Jewish people observed the Feast of Tabernacles to worship God and enjoy what they had reaped (Deut. 16:13-15). Actually, their coming together was a real picture of blending. All the people of Israel were required to go to Jerusalem

three times a year for this blending. The last time was in the fall after the harvest to enjoy their produce from the harvest of the good land in their praise to God with adoration, to bless God and speak well of God.

This Feast [of Tabernacles] is a reminder that today people are still in the wilderness and need to enter into the rest of the New Jerusalem, which is the eternal tabernacle (Rev. 21:2-3). Although the New Jerusalem will be solidly built with gold, pearls, and precious stones, it will be called a tabernacle. The New Jerusalem is the tabernacle for the remembrance of how the overcomers, before the consummation of the New Jerusalem in the kingdom age, were still living in tents; they were not settled yet. When they enter into the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth, they will no longer be living in tents, but they will still call their eternal dwelling place the tabernacle in remembrance of what they experienced...The reality of the Feast of Tabernacles is a time of enjoyment in remembrance of how we experienced God and of how God lived with us. We lived in tents, and He lived in a tabernacle. Eventually, our Feast of Tabernacles will be the enjoyment of the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth. That will be the real consummation of all the harvest of our experience of God.

## MINISTRY READINGS

### Things to Consider Concerning the Sense of the Spirit

In order to have prayers that enjoy God, we must reject everything that disrupts the feeling in our spirit. In particular, we should not be occupied with many thoughts. Sometimes we should even avoid considering many Bible passages. Instead, we should use the Word to calm our thoughts. However, under normal circumstances, we should exercise to be calm without relying on the Bible. Even praying with the words of the Bible can be a frustration if it is not according to the sense in our spirit. We may lose God's presence.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 20: Practicing to pray according to the Sense of the Spirit (part 2)*