

# 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 began 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 8

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

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 8  
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 15-16

#### Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: Dominion  
Scripture: Gen. 1:26  
Assigned Reading: The Central Line of the Divine Revelation, ch. 8  
Supplemental Reading: The Way for a Christian to Mature in Life, chs. 12, 14  
Questions: See the church website at [churchinnyc.org/bible-study](http://churchinnyc.org/bible-study)

- **Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Mar. 29)**

We are glad to announce that we will have a special in-person gathering for all the senior saints, including all the districts and all languages. The conference is for all nine halls of the church. Lunch and transportation will be provided.

**Place:** Hall 1 (Jamaica Estates hall)

**Time:** Saturday, March 29, 2025, 10am

- **Northeast Spring High School Conference (Apr. 18-20)**

There will be a conference for the Northeast young people in grades 9-12 from **April 18-20 in Camp Penuel**. Registration form and more details can be found at <http://pursuewiththose.org>. The deadline for registration is **Lord's Day, April 13, 2025**.

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

**Apr. 11-13:** Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Franklin, NJ)

- **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:
  - 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
- The Chinese-speaking conference for the churches in New York State concludes today at Camp Penuel

- The Citywide Senior Saints' Conference which will be held on Saturday, March 29, in Hall 1
- 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
- The Lord's move in Europe:
  - a. The Spring University Students Conference in the Netherlands this weekend
  - b. 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 year and that many students, families, and mature saints will migrate to France within the next several years for the Lord's interest
  - c. Meeting Hall in Riga, Latvia—Let us pray that the funds needed to remodel a newly acquired property in Riga would be provided through the Body
- 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 THANKSGIVING BLENDING CONFERENCE- LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE AND CHURCH LIFE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD FOR THE ECONOMY OF GOD**

#### **WEEK 4: Becoming a Reproduction of Christ and Experiencing Christ as the Shepherd of Our Souls**

##### **Portion from Days 1, 4 and 6:**

As a model to the believers, Christ is the original used for making a reproduction of Himself. In order to understand Christ as our model, we need experience. From experience we know that as we enjoy Christ day by day, we are undergoing the process of spiritual reproduction to make us living copies of Christ.

Christ was our Redeemer in His death on the tree. Now He is our soul's Shepherd and Overseer in the resurrection life within us. Therefore, He is able to guide us and supply us with life that we may follow in His steps according to the model of His suffering (1 Pet. 2:21). According to verse 25, Christ is the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. Our soul is our

inner being, our real person. Our Lord, as the Shepherd and Overseer of our soul, shepherds us by caring for the welfare of our inner being and by exercising His oversight over the condition of our real person. (Life-study of 1 Peter, p. 190)

In order to enjoy Him, we need to deal with every part of our soul, especially with our mind. If our way of thinking is dealt with, we will have the proper taste for Christ, and we will both experience Him and enjoy Him. We will not only eat but enjoy what we are eating. Whether or not we enjoy the food we eat depends upon our taste. Concerning Christ, our taste is mainly with our soul. This is the reason that concerning the experience of Christ and the enjoyment of Christ, we need to deal with the various parts of our soul. (CWWL, 1978, vol. 1, "The Experience of Christ," pp. 341-342)

## MINISTRY READINGS

### INTERCESSION

When we enjoy God in prayer, we also enter into intercession. When we drop our thoughts and care for God's inward parts, it is easy for us to know His heart. Once we know His heart, we must call on Him and intercede. In Ephesians 6:18-19 Paul says that we should petition concerning all the saints and, in particular, to petition for him the apostle. Few people can petition concerning all the saints. A person who can petition for God's church and His servants is one who drops his concepts and ideas, turns to his spirit, and cares for God's heart. Such a person knows God's will and can pray for God's desire. God cares for His church, His saints, and His servants. It is easy for believers who live in their spirit, who have dropped their concepts, and who have God's mind to touch God's heart concerning the church, to understand His care for His children and His expectation of His servants. Such persons can intercede and will intercede because God's Spirit is moving in their spirit and stirring them up to pray for God's concerns. God is concerned about the church, and they pray for the church. God is concerned about the saints, and they pray for the saints. God cares for His servants, and they pray for God's servants.

*Excerpts from "How to Enjoy God and How to Practice the Enjoyment of God", Chapter 21: The Practice of Intercession, Beholding, Waiting, and Musing (part 3)*