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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **2026 December Semiannual Training Registration**

  Registration for the 2026 December Semiannual Training has begun.

  Please submit your registration for both the Live Training in Anaheim, CA and the Video Training by filling out the online form: http://bit.ly/nycregistration. The due date for registration is **November 1, 2026.**

- **2026-2027 Church in NYC College Scholarship/Financial Aid Application**

  Over the years, a number of generous donations from some elderly saints were given to award scholarships/financial aids 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 funds available for the **2026-2027 Academic Year Church in New York City Scholarships for Academic Excellence or Financial Aid**. For the scholarship application requirements and application form, please use the URL: https://forms.gle/CXp4FnvKMasWBuZUA. The deadline for submitting your application is **Monday, November 2, 2026.**

  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.

- **2026 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference (Nov. 26 – 29)**

  The 2026 International Thanksgiving Blending Conference will be held **in Denver, CO** from **Thursday, Nov. 26 through Lord's Day, Nov. 29, 2026.**

  For more details, please visit: https://www.lsm.org/pdfs/2027-tgconf/tgconf-info-en.pdf.

- **Upcoming Activities (more details to follow)**

  Oct 9 to 11: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)
  Oct 23 to 25: Regional Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Hall 1 – Jamaica Estates, Queens)

PRAYER BURDENS

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His speaking in the International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones (ITERO) held in Amsterdam, Netherlands two weeks ago–The general subject of the messages was The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; let us pray for all the responsible brothers in the churches throughout the earth, and that the Lord's word would not return to Him empty, but "accomplish what He delights in" and "prosper in the matter to which He sent it" (Isa. 55:11)
- The citywide young people's meeting which held in Hall 1 yesterday
- Gospel meeting in Hall 1 on Saturday, October 17
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for His constant and all-inclusive care for the church in NYC and prayer for the church's further going on:
  a. The shepherding of all the saints and all the new ones
  b. The strengthening of the church meetings and small group meetings this week
  c. The strengthening of the all the service groups, that there would be genuine building up in all the service groups

- The Lord's move in Europe:
  a. The first Lord's table in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg is scheduled for today; the church in Esch-sur-Alzette is the first local church being raised up in Luxembourg
  b. That the Lord would provide the funds for the renovation of the meeting halls of the churches in Stuttgart, Germany and Riga, Latvia

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: 2026 International Memorial Day Blending Conference - The Great Need for a New Revival

WEEK 6: Shepherding according to God

Portion from Days 3-6:

Today man's need is the release of our inner man, that is, the release of our spirit. This is the only way men will receive supply from us...How can we separate the outer man from the inner man?...The Gospel of John says that except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit (12:24). If those who follow the Lord would lose their soul-life, they would gain life...Those who are tried before the Lord and whose outer man is broken will be able to release their inner life; they will bear much fruit. (CWWN, vol. 59, pp. 5-6)

In his first Epistle, Peter speaks of Christ being the Shepherd and Overseer of our soul, our inner being and real person (2:25). Then in 5:1-2 he tells the elders that their obligation is to shepherd God's flock according to God. According to God means that we must live God. We must have God on hand. We have God in our understanding, in our theology, and in our teaching, but we may not live God when we are shepherding people. When we are one with God, we become God. Then we have God and are God in our shepherding of others. To shepherd according to God is to shepherd according to what God is in His attributes. God is love, light, holiness, and righteousness...We must shepherd the young ones, the weak ones, and the backsliding ones according to these four attributes. Then we will be good shepherds.

We need to build up a daily life of the gospel, and we need to go to the Lord for Him to show us who should be under the care of our shepherding. If these two matters are built up in the church, we will have a normal, proper church. A normal church is not merely one in which the members stand to speak something in the meetings. This is only a small part of our service. The main part of the service in the church is a daily gospel life and shepherding...We should realize that it is a great lack and a shame not to bear fruit each year and have someone under our care. All the members in the churches should bear fruit and shepherd people all the time. If we build up these items, the church will be wonderful. The Lord's way is always the best and wisest way. His way is to depend not on spiritual giants but on every member, on those who have a daily gospel life with shepherding. We all need a change of concept in this regard.

We must learn to minister life to others. In order to do this, we ourselves must have life...We must learn the lessons of life. Then we will know how to minister to others. In fact, if we have life, there is no need to purposely minister life to others. Life will already be ministered to them.

MINISTRY READINGS

EATING THE FATTENED CALF WITHIN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

We value the objective side of the Lord's redemption, our justification through His precious blood. But our redemption and justification are so that we can eat Christ, enjoy Christ. The father of the prodigal son dressed him up outside the door for him to come in and feast at the table where they could eat and be merry. All of us need to be those feasting on the Lord to enjoy Him. We may have been saved through the Lord's redemption, but how much have we been feasting on the Lord? In our experience are we outside the door of the Father's house or inside the door feasting on Christ with all His riches? You may be outside the door clothed with the best robe, with a ring on your hand, and with sandals on your feet, but how are you within? Are you satisfied and filled up or empty? We all need to eat the Lord to be filled with Him. When we eat Him, we are enjoying Him as the tree of life. Christ as the Lamb of God enables us to be justified by faith so that we can be brought back to the enjoyment of Christ as the tree of life.

Excerpts from "The Tree of Life", Chapter 6: The Tree of Life for Transformation (part 4)