

# The Church in New York City

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference (Sept. 20-22)**

The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference for the churches in the Northeast will be held at Camp Penuel from **September 20 to 22, 2024**. If you have any questions, please email [northeastyws@gmail.com](mailto:northeastyws@gmail.com).

- **2024 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat (Sept. 27-29)**

The 2024 Northeast High School Juniors and Seniors Retreat will be held from **September 27 to 29 at KPCC**. Since 1999, we have held a special gathering every year for our high school juniors and seniors to further equip them as they transition out of high school and into college. We believe that this fellowship (including many practical matters) can be a great benefit to these high school students. We also encourage the attendance of any of the college-aged saints who can strengthen and support the time with their recent personal experiences. This weekend is a unique opportunity for our young people to blend with the college-aged and community saints in such an environment. For registration and more details, please visit [www.pursuewiththose.org](http://www.pursuewiththose.org). **The registration deadline is September 15(Today)**.

- **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](mailto:churchnycscholarship@gmail.com).

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

1. **Oct. 19 (Sat.):** Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)
2. **Oct. 25-27:** Conference with Brother Ed Marks (Hall 1 Meeting Hall)

- **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

**One tap mobile:** +19294362866,, 3785123114#

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

- That all the saints would put on "the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation" (1 Thes. 5:8) and "not lose heart" as they face the "momentary lightness of affliction" (2 Cor. 4:16-17) in their daily lives

- Thanksgiving to the Lord for all the children and middle school and high school and college age young people, and prayer for each one during this new school year; let us also pray for the citywide young people’s meeting being held the past Saturday night in Hall 1
- Thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing the Spanish-speaking conference which concluded on September 8 and prayer for the going on of all the saints and the strengthening of all the churches in the Northeast
- The Young Working Saints and Young Families Conference being held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 20-22
- The Northeast High School Juniors & Seniors Retreat which will be held at Camp Penuel over the weekend of September 27-29
- The strengthening of the churches in Japan—The past weekend there was a national conference in Tokyo for all the churches in Japan with brother Ed Marks
- The church in Sacramento, CA—Let us pray for the going on of the church and that the Lord would provide the funds necessary for the purchase of a facility which would be very adequate for use as a meeting hall for the church and for regional blending
- 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 INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY BLENDING CONFERENCE: The Christian Life

#### WEEK 4: *Abiding in Christ as the True Vine*

##### Portions from Days 1, 4, 5 & 6:

Once we see the fact that we are branches in the vine, we need to maintain the fellowship between us and the vine. Any insulation will separate us from the rich supply of the vine tree. A little disobedience, a sin, or even a sinful thought can be the insulation that separates us from the riches of the vine. If we do not condemn such things but hold on to them, they will insulate us from the rich supply of the vine tree. First, we must see that we are branches. Then we need to maintain the fellowship between us and the Lord. Nothing should be between Him and us. ...From experience we know

that even a small thing can insulate us from the rich supply of the vine tree. We need to pray to the Lord, “Lord, let there be nothing between You and me separating me from Your rich supply.” (Life-study of John, 2nd ed., pp. 391-392)

Our abiding in Christ, the vine, by being one with the Lord in our mingled spirit is not only a divine fact but also a spiritual factor that affects our entire spiritual life. It is in and by abiding that we have the genuine holiness, spirituality, and victory over sin, the world, Satan, our flesh, and the self; it is in and by abiding that we become practical members of the Body of Christ; and it is in and by abiding that we live the normal Christian life and church life. When we are abiding in the vine, we have no problems, because we are one with the Son of God, who has conquered every enemy and dealt with every negative thing. When we abide in the Lord, we lack nothing, and we need to do nothing other than enjoy what He has accomplished, because all that He has accomplished becomes our experience when we are one with Him.

Real prayers are the Holy Spirit within man expressing God’s desire through man. In other words, real prayers are prayers involving two parties. They are not simply man alone praying to God, but they are the Spirit mingling with man, putting on man, and joining with man in prayer. Outwardly it is man praying, but inwardly it is the Spirit praying. This means that two parties express the same prayer at the same time.

John 15:7...can be divided into four points. The first point is, “you abide in Me.” The second is, “and My words abide in you.” Verses 4 and 5 speak of us abiding in the Lord and Him abiding in us. But in verse 7 I is changed to My words—“you abide in Me and My words abide in you.” I being changed to My words means that I have something to explain to you. ....When it says here, “My words abide in you,” this is a step forward. Third, it says, “Whatever you will.” Because of the Lord’s speaking in us, we begin to desire something, and this desire is something issuing out of the Lord’s words. Fourth, it says, “Ask...and it shall be done for you.” When we thus abide in the Lord, His words abide in us, and there is the desiring in us that comes out of His words; finally, “will” becomes “ask.” ...This asking will be answered by God. (CWWL, 1959, vol. 4, “Lessons on Prayer,” p. 123)

**Corporate Reading:** *Life-study of Hebrews, msg. 52-53*

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