

The Church in New York City

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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.

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 2

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 3
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg(s). 5-6

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: The First Day and the Second Day
Scripture: Gen. 1:3-8
Assigned Reading: Life-study of Genesis, msg. 3
Supplemental Reading: Collected Works of Watchman Nee, Set 1, Vol. 3, "The Christian", msg. 3
Questions: See the church website at churchinnyc.org/bible-study

- **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** (This afternoon to Tuesday afternoon).

- **2025 International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference (Cont.)**

The conference concludes in Anaheim, CA today. Zoom meetings is provided for those who would like to watch the conference messages via Zoom

in Chinese, English, Spanish, or Korean.

Conference Viewing Schedule via Zoom:

Message 4: 4:00 PM Lord's Day, Feb. 16, 2025
Message 5: 7:00 PM Lord's Day, Feb. 16, 2025

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84425141670?pwd=8z7rDWzeUn0I7TNUAZaorHArFMJJY1.1>

Meeting ID: 844 2514 1670 **Passcode:** 2025

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,84425141670#

Alternatively, you can watch the conference at LSM Webcast site, www.lsmwebcast.com. Login credentials are not required to access the site. The videos of the messages will be available for free for a period of 30 days after the conference.

- **Northeast Spanish-speaking Conference (Feb. 28 - Mar. 2)**

The Spanish-speaking Conference will be held in **Camp Penuel** (KPCC) from **February 28 to March 2**. English translation will be provided for all messages. Please register through the serving brothers in each hall. The deadline is **Feb. 16, Lord's Day**.

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

Mar. 21-23: Chinese-speaking Conference (KPCC)

Mar 29: Citywide Senior Saints' Conference (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

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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

- Magnifying Christ (**Phil. 1:20**)—That all the saints would have the aspiration to magnify Christ in every aspect of their daily lives and in any situation they pass through
- The International Chinese-speaking Conference (ICSC) concludes in Anaheim, CA today, and being viewed online locally; the general subject of the conference will be **Chapters 5 through 8 of Romans—The Kernel of the Bible**
- The College Conference for the students in the churches in the Northeast which just concluded in Ivoryton, CT
- The Winter Retreat for all the young people in the church in NYC which will be held at Camp Penuel (KPCC) beginning this afternoon (February 18-20)
- The follow up of the FTTA gospel trips which took place in the United States and Europe over the past few weeks—Let us give thanks for the hundreds that were saved through this endeavor and let us pray for the strengthening of the saints in all the localities which hosted gospel trips, that the local saints would rise up to shepherd the many seekers among those who were contacted and the newly saved and baptized ones; let us pray specifically for the follow up here in NYC and in Upstate NY
- The corporate truth pursuit this year in the book of Genesis

MORNING WATCH

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

WEEK 11: In the Father's House—Living in the Place Prepared for Us through the Death and Resurrection of Christ

Portions from Days 2 & 3:

In the Father's house are many abodes (John 14:2). The Greek word for abodes in verse 2 is the plural form of the word translated "abode" in verse 23. What does abode mean? The many abodes are

the many members of the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:5), which is God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16-17). The Lord's Body has many members, and each member is an abode. That the many abodes are the many members of the Body is adequately proven by John 14:23, which says that the Lord with the Father will make an abode with the one who loves Him...We all are the abodes of God's building. This building is the Body of Christ, and all the abodes are the members of the Body of Christ. (Life-study of John, 2nd ed., p. 343)

The words I go in John 14:2 mean that the Lord was going through death and resurrection to bring man into God for the building of God's habitation. This is the building of the church mentioned in Matthew 16:18, where the Lord said, "I will build My church." Here, in John 14:2 the Lord said, "I go to prepare a place for you."...The Lord has only one work...If we put these two portions of the Word together, we will see that the preparing of a place is just the building of the church. In order for the Lord to build the church, He had to go to prepare a place. The consummate result of this will be the building of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2). The Lord is now building the church. This building of the church is equal to the building of the New Jerusalem...In all the universe God has only one building—the building of His living habitation with His redeemed people.

The Lord's redemption was not to prepare a place for us in heaven. The Lord's redemption was to prepare a place for us in God...This thought is on the highest plane. The Lord redeemed us to bring us into God, to prepare a place for us in God...After we have been redeemed, after we have been saved, after we have been regenerated, please tell me where we are. We are in Christ and in God. Even John's first Epistle reveals that we abide in God and that God abides in us (4:13). Throughout the whole New Testament the central thought is that after we have been saved and regenerated, we are in God and in Christ. God and Christ are our dwelling place. Furthermore, we have become the dwelling place for God. Thus, God and we, we and God, are a mutual abode...[The Lord] was preparing a place that we might get into God, that the Lord might bring us into God by His redemption. By His death and resurrection He has brought us into God. Praise the Lord that each one of us has a place in God! (Life-study of John, 2nd ed., pp. 346-347)