

THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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Morning Revival Schedule

The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age and the Coming of the Lord

Week beginning:

2 Nov – Wk 2: Watching and Being Ready in Order to Be Prepared by the Lord for ...
9 Nov – Wk 3: The Losing of the Soul Life, Participating in the Rapture of the Overcomers ...

Bible Reading Schedule

Mon	1 Cor. 16 – 2 Cor. 1	2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.
Tue	2 Corinthians 2-4	
Wed	2 Corinthians 5-6	
Thu	2 Corinthians 7-8	
Fri	2 Corinthians 9-10	
Sat	2 Corinthians 11-12	
LD	2 Cor. 13 – Gal. 1	

Ministry Digest Reading Schedule

Ministry Digest Vol. 2, No. 8

Week beginning:

2 Nov – Shepherding and Teaching- the Obligation of the Vital Groups
9 Nov – The Basic Way Ordained by God in the Building Up of the Body of Christ to ...

Today's Radio Broadcast

Time of Broadcast: 2:30 pm on Free FM 89.0 MHz
Life-Study of Colossians 45: The Renewing of the New Man

International Prayer Burden

Mon	Croatia	Please pray for the brothers in these countries who have participated in the Elders and Responsible ones' online training
Tue	Belarus	
Wed	Slovakia	
Thu	Czechia	
Fri	Bulgaria	
Sat	Latvia	
LD	Estonia	

Weekly Church Accounts, 17–23 October

Total general offerings	\$11,187.14
Average expenses	\$8,000.00
Surplus	\$3,187.14
Total building fund offerings	\$1,280.00
Total loan of the church	\$759,428.62

Bibles for New Zealand (BFNZ)

Any saint who would like to obtain the **New Testament Recovery Version Bibles** to give away can get them from the church office or from the NZTC reception.

Jubilee Week, 22-28 November

Any young people who are interested in joining the *Jubilee Week* which will be held at NZTC should contact **Gloria Jiang** 021 086 07258.

Upcoming Events, November–December

13-15 Nov	Mini-Conference, Richmond
22-28 Nov	Jubilee Week
26-29 Nov	Church Conference of LSM Int. Thanksgiving Conference
18 Dec	Full-time Training Graduation
19-27 Dec	Summer Blending, Queenstown (www.summer.blendingtrip.org)
26 Dec-1 Jan	Church Video Training of the LSM Semi-annual Training
26 Dec-2 Jan	Summer School of Truth

The Holy Word for Morning Revival (HWMR)

The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord

This issue of the HWMR can be purchased at \$10 per copy from the NZTC reception, 33 Beale St or from the church office, 22B Gordonton Rd.

Lord's Day Lunch

Once a month the English-speaking districts and the Korean-speaking districts will NOT have a corporate lunch at the meeting hall but saints should try to invite each other to their homes for lunch. **There will not be any lunch at the meeting halls today.**

We will have another opportunity on **6 December** to blend with the saints, including the saints from other districts. May the Lord continue to bless all of us through this blending!

Saturday Church Practical Service at 22B Gordonton Rd

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Ministry of the Word	“Because our service to the Lord is the service of a slave, we should act according to the Lord's will, not according to our own desires”
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning tea	
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Practical service	

2020 Summer Conference replaced by Church Video Training

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we will not be having any brothers from overseas visit to take our Summer Conference this year. Therefore, instead of having a Summer Conference, the Church in Hamilton will have a video training of the Living Stream Ministry's December semi-annual training at the end of the year. The video training will be from **Saturday 26 December to Friday 1 January**. We will announce more details and provide a registration link closer to the time.

2020 International Thanksgiving Conference

LSM will be holding the 2020 International Thanksgiving Conference online. The church in Hamilton will hold a physical gathering for this conference at the New Zealand Training Centre where we can all gather physically to watch the messages.

The schedule will be:

- Message 1: 7:00 PM Thursday 26 November
- Message 2: 7:00 PM Friday 27 November
- Message 3: 10:00 AM Saturday 28 November
- Message 4: 7:00 PM Saturday 28 November
- Message 5: 10:00 AM Lord's Day 29 November
- Message 6: 7:00 PM Lord's Day 29 November

Please arrive early as messages start promptly at the above times. Registration is not required and there is no fee to attend this conference.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing upon this conference. May it turn out to be a real memorial among us to the shame of God's enemy and to the glory of God's grace!

“ Every Christian has something within him called faith. We cannot explain it, but we have it. The more we believe in God, Christ, and the Bible, the happier we are....The more we believe that the divine Spirit indwells, works, moves, and operates in our spirit, the happier we are.... Faith always has an object. The object of our faith is the Word of God. By faith we know that there is a God. Likewise, by faith we know that God has an economy (1 Tim. 1:4). This is why we all have to come to the Word often.

THE WASHING OF REGENERATION AND THE RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I. The washing of regeneration:

- A. Regeneration being a change of position—a new state of things.

Titus 3:5 Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

- B. Washing being the laver to purge away the old things of our natural life on the negative side:

2 Cor. 5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

1. Organically.
2. Metabolically.

II. The renewing of the Holy Spirit:

- A. To reconstitute our being on the positive side:

1. With the divine life.

John 1:13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

3:5b Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

2. With the divine nature.

2 Pet. 1:4 Through which He has granted to us precious and exceedingly great promises that through these you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption which is in the world by lust.

3. By renewing our heart.
4. By renewing our spirit.

Ezek. 36:26 I will also give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take away the heart

of stone out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

- B. To transform us:

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

1. By dwelling in us.

Ezek. 36:27a And I will put My Spirit within you ...

Rom. 8:9, 11 But you are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Yet if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not of Him. And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

2. By renewing our soul.

Rom. 12:2a And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind ...

3. By renewing the new man unto full knowledge according to the image of God.

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Focus: The washing of regeneration is to purge away the old things of our natural life, and the renewing of the Holy Spirit is to reconstitute us and transform us with the divine life and the divine nature into the image of God.

HOW TO SERVE THE LORD

1. "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there also My servant will be" (John 12:26).

To serve the Lord, we must follow the Lord. When the Lord was on earth, He walked a path that we must follow in order to serve Him. We must take His way. We must be where He is. Just as He died to Himself and willingly chose the way of the cross in everything, we must do the same. Just as He refused His own will and lived according to God's will, we must do the same. In order to serve Him, we must follow Him and be with Him.

2. "David...served his own generation by the counsel of God" (Acts 13:36; see also Heb. 10:7).

In serving the Lord we must serve those of our own generation. However, we must serve by the counsel of God, just as David did in his time. If we do not serve by the counsel of God, we are merely serving people, not serving God. Only what is done according to the counsel of God can be counted as service to the Lord.

3. "His master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him forever" (Exo. 21:6; see also Isa. 50:4).

Because our service to the Lord is the service of a slave, we should act according to the Lord's will, not according to our own desires. Thus, in order to serve the Lord, we need to hear His word. We can know the Lord's will only when we hear His word. Those who serve the Lord must hear the Lord so that they can know His will and serve according to His desire in order to please Him. In the Old Testament a slave who wanted to serve his master forever would have his ear bored through with an awl by his master according to God's command. This is a type of a serving one who has ears to hear the word of the Lord in order to serve Him. Our ears must be bored through by the Lord so that we can hear His word and serve Him.

4. "They shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me" (Ezek. 44:15).

Once we have ears to hear, we must come near to the Lord, minister to the Lord, and stand before the Lord. Then we will know what He wants us to do and how He wants us to do it. In this way we can serve Him according to His will, match His heart's desire, and be acceptable to Him.

5. "Serving God with fastings and petitions night and day"; "They were ministering to the Lord and fasting" (Luke 2:37; Acts 13:2).

In serving the Lord we need to fast and pray to seek Him in addition to contacting Him and standing before Him. To fast means that we are willing to give up our rightful enjoyment and to suffer in order to seek the Lord's desire and accomplish the Lord's will. To pray means to ask the Lord to reveal His desire and to accomplish His will. We must not be lacking in prayer and fasting in our service to the Lord. Strong and proper service to the Lord includes both prayer and fasting.

6. "The faithful and prudent slave" (Matt. 24:45).

We must also be faithful and prudent in our service to the Lord. Faithfulness must be accompanied with prudence. If we are faithful without being prudent, we will make a mess of our service to the Lord, and the result of our service will be the exact opposite of our desire in serving Him. Only faithfulness with prudence can fulfill our desire in serving the Lord.

7. "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and you be like men waiting for their own master when he returns" (Luke 12:35-36).

In order to serve Him, we must gird our loins, have our lamps burning, and wait for the Lord's return. Girding our loins means that we are not loose, having a burning lamp means that we live in the light, and waiting for the Lord means that we are watchful. Our service to the Lord must be according to these conditions.

8. "That I may finish my course and the ministry which I have received from the Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:24).

We must be faithful to the end in our service to the Lord. We must not begin and then quit, leaving things half done. We must not be loose or light in the matter of serving the Lord. We must be clear about the ministry that the Lord has allotted to us and know the course that the Lord wants us to finish. Once we are clear about the course that the Lord has chosen, we must be faithful and endure, finishing the course and fulfilling the ministry that we have received from the Lord.

(Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures, vol. 3, Chapter 3, Section 2)