

# Week of August 17

## The Building of the Bride

“And Jehovah God built the rib, which He had taken from the man, into a woman and brought her to the man. And the man said, This time this is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman because out of Man this one was taken.” (Gen. 2:22-23)

“This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.” (Eph. 5:32)

Genesis 2:22 does not say that Eve was created but that she was built; the building of Eve with the rib taken from Adam’s side typifies the building of the church with the resurrection life released from Christ through His death on the cross and imparted into His believers in His resurrection (John 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3).

The church as the real Eve is the totality of Christ in all His believers; the church is the reproduction of Christ; other than Christ’s element, there should be no other element in the church (Gen. 5:2).

Only that which comes out of Christ with His resurrection life can be His complement as His bride (1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:6; 5:28-30); the church is a pure product out of Christ; the church is “Christly,” “resurrectionly,” and heavenly. (*The Preparation of the Bride*, msg. 1, III.G.2-3, H.)

## Wednesday Night Ministry Meetings

A new term of mid-week ministry meetings begins this Wednesday, August 20 at 7:25 pm at the LSM Ministry Conference Center in Anaheim. All the saints are warmly invited and encouraged to attend in person to support the release of the word. The meeting will also be live-streamed and archived at [lsmwebcast.com](http://lsmwebcast.com) (subscription or payment required).

Please pray for the ministry of the Lord’s word week by week to His recovery. Pray for as many saints as possible to receive the speaking, whether in person or online. Pray for the Lord’s continued blessing of the Full-time Training in Anaheim and covering of all trainees and serving ones.

## FTTA Middle-Age

The fall term of the middle-age full-time training begins Monday, September 8. The application deadline is Tuesday, August 19. The training brings saints further into truth, life, service, gospel, and character. Ask the Lord to release more applications from across North America and from Europe. Also pray that He prepare more saints to join this training in the coming terms.

## Bibles for America

While enrollment rates in colleges and universities dropped during and immediately after the pandemic, they have begun to increase again in the past couple of years. According to the Association of American Universities, around 16 million students enrolled as undergraduates in the fall of 2024.

As the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year draws near, please pray for the Lord to brood over all of the campuses in the United States, that His Word may go out in an unhindered way and that many young people would be captured for His purpose. Pray also for the saints going out to distribute copies of the NT Recovery Version and that every student who receives one would open it and find joy, strength, and peace in God’s Word.

## FTTL

The 2025 autumn semester of the Full-time Training in London began this week on August 18. The total number of trainees is 47, of which 14 are starting their first term. Please pray:

- That the Lord will cover the training during the transition while the new facility is being constructed.
- That many more European young people will be burdened by the Lord to come to the training full-time, and that the Lord will release them from any preoccupation to offer themselves willingly in the day of His warfare.
- That the Lord will continue to raise up many shepherds to provide the needed care for the European young people, university students, and young adults as the tide of this age continues to darken.

## 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy

The 2026 Winter Olympic Games will be held in Italy from February 6 to 22. The Torch Relay throughout the country will begin on December 6, 2025. Please pray:

- That the Lord will be wisdom to His Body on how to take advantage of this opportunity to sow Christ as the seed of the kingdom into many who attend this event.
- That the Lord will use the upcoming months to prepare the hearts of many seeking people to receive Christ in His word and be added to the Lord's testimony in Italy and other parts of Europe.

## The Entire World Situation

"...For His dominion is an eternal dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation; and all the inhabitants of earth are considered as nothing, but He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and there is no one who can resist His hand or say to Him, What are You doing?" (Dan. 4:34-35)

The entire world situation is under the rule of the heavens by the God of the heavens in order to give Christ the preeminence in all things, to cause Christ to have the first place in everything. (*Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ* (3), msg. 9, IV.F, 1)

## Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 2 of *The Preparation of the Bride* (Memorial Day Conference).
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The new series begins this week on August 20 at 7:25 pm.
3. **Thanksgiving Conference:** This year's conference will be held in Indianapolis, November 27 to 30. Childcare for K-6 will be provided during the meetings. Saints from LA interested in attending can get more information on hotel group rates and RSVP at [tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla](http://tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla).
4. **Bibles for America's** new blogpost "How to Spend Time with Jesus in the Morning" is available to read and share at [bfa.org/blog](http://bfa.org/blog). Helpful videos are available at [bfa.org/videos](http://bfa.org/videos).
5. **Free e-Booklets:** Living Stream Ministry offers free e-booklets to read and share. For example, sixty nuggets and gems have been extracted from the *Life-study of Philippians* with practical and relevant topics such as "The Way to Be Freed from Anxiety" and "The Need of Forbearance in Married Life and Family Life." These e-booklets may be accessed for free at [www.lsm.org/life-study-philippians](http://www.lsm.org/life-study-philippians).
6. **France Shepherd Trips:** An invitation letter to participate in ongoing short-term shepherding trips throughout France is posted at [lme.org/reports.html](http://lme.org/reports.html).
7. **Germany Gospel Trips:** Saints are invited to participate in gospel trips October 5 to 19 in Germany for the purpose of contacting university students. Information is at [tinyurl.com/Gospeltrips-2025](http://tinyurl.com/Gospeltrips-2025).
8. **Italy 2026 Winter Olympics:** A letter of fellowship and a letter with instructions on how to apply and participate in gospel trips are posted at [lme.org/reports.html](http://lme.org/reports.html).
9. **The LA Years:** This oral history project at [www.layears.org](http://www.layears.org) documents the early years of the church life in Los Angeles from 1958-1974, including written history, photos, and first-hand testimonies.
10. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at [www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings](http://www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings).