

Week of August 31

Being Prepared as the Glorious Bride by the Lord's Speaking

“That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word, That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.” (Eph. 5:26-27)

“O you who dwell in the gardens, my companions listen for your voice; let me hear it. Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young hart upon the mountains of spices.” (S.S. 8:13-14)

The Lord's primary work in the recovery is His genuine work to prepare us to be His glorious bride; apart from the continual, dispositional sanctification spoken of in Ephesians 5:26, there is no way for the bride to be prepared and, hence, no way for Revelation 19:7-9 to be fulfilled. The church is being beautified through the process of sanctification by Christ as the life-giving Spirit cleansing us by the washing of the water in His word.

Ephesians 5:26-27 matches Song of Songs 8:13-14; both reveal that it is by the Lord's speaking to us that we are prepared to be His glorious bride with the desire for His second coming... In Song of Songs the loving seeker of Christ asks Him who dwells in the believers as His gardens to let her hear His voice while her companions listen for His voice. This indicates that in the work that we as the lovers of Christ do for Him as our Beloved, we need to maintain our fellowship with Him, always listening to Him. Our lives depend on the Lord's words, and our work depends on His commands (Rev. 2:7; 1 Sam. 3:9-10; cf. Isa. 50:4-5; Exo. 21:6)... The life of the believers hinges totally upon the Lord's speaking (Eph. 5:26-27). (*The Preparation of the Bride*, msg. 3, II, A; IV, A, 1-2)

May we all learn to fully depend on the Lord's speaking for the preparation of His glorious bride!

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The Fall 2025 term of the middle-age Full-time Training in Anaheim begins Monday, September 8. A total of 80 trainees will be attending, including 36 from outside the United States. Those coming from large distances will arrive one day to several days early.

Please ask the Lord to cover and supply these saints during their travels. Also ask the Lord to give trainees coming from other nations smooth passage through U.S. immigration.

2026 Winter Olympics in Italy

Next year, 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. Over the past few weeks, there has been much prayer, coordination, and visitation to seek the Lord's leading in His present move. 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.
- For the Lord to grace the serving saints to prepare the most effective ministry publications for distribution to the seeking ones.

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.

European University Training

The 2025 European University Training will take place from September 6 to 10 at Woodland Camp in London. The general subject will be “Abiding in Christ.”

Please pray that the Lord will speak a personal word to the university students in Europe and call them into a deeper experience and enjoyment of Him by abiding in Him.

West Africa Brothers Training and Conference

The West Africa Brothers Training will be held in Calavi, Benin from September 4 to 6. It is expected that 65 brothers from the countries of Benin, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Togo will participate, as well as a handful of brothers traveling from France, UK, and the United States.

Following the brothers training there will be a mini-conference for all the saints and the first Lord's table meeting in Calavi on September 7. Praise the Lord! Please pray:

- That the Lord would release His burden during this time and meet His own need through His speaking.
- That the Lord would use these annual times of training to raise up many younger brothers who would be perfected and equipped to bear the Lord's testimony in a prevailing way throughout the subregion of West Africa.

Southern Africa Blending Conference

We praise the Lord for the upcoming blending conference that will be held September 6 to 7 for the saints and churches in Angola, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The conference venue is in Brits, South Africa, a town near Pretoria and just over an hour's drive from Johannesburg, on a former farming property that had been given to the church for the Lord's purpose. It will be the first time the property is used for this conference, so many preparations are being carried out.

May the Lord kindle in each saint a fresh excitement for this time of blending with the saints, as well as a prayerful anticipation of receiving His up-to-date speaking to the church. Please pray:

- That this time would be fresh and new to everyone, and the saints would be released to attend.
- For all the practical services and venue preparations, and a sweet and harmonious coordination among all those serving.
- For the speaking brothers.
- That the Lord's name would be exalted.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 4 of *The Preparation of the Bride*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The ministry series continues this Wednesday 7:25 pm on "The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles—Philippians and Colossians." Saints are invited to attend in person at the MCC in Anaheim. The meeting will also be live-streamed at lsmwebcast.com.
3. **SCYP Blending Meeting:** September 13 in Arcadia, conducted in two sessions (4:30 to 6:00 pm; 7:00 to 8:30 pm) with dinner in between. Contact serving ones for registration and more details.
4. **SCYP Parents & YP Serving Ones Fellowship:** September 20 in Fullerton, 9:30 am to noon. Translation will be provided into Chinese, Korean and Spanish (please bring a smartphone and headphones). Contact serving ones for registration and more details.
5. **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.
6. **France Shepherdng Trips:** An invitation letter to participate in ongoing short-term shepherding trips throughout France is posted at lme.org/reports.html.
7. **Germany Gospel Trips:** Saints are invited to participate in gospel trips October 5 to 19 in Germany. Registration deadline is September 15. More information is at tinyurl.com/Gospeltrips-2025.
8. **Bibles for America's** helpful blogpost "How to Spend Time with Jesus in the Morning" is available to read and share at bfa.org/blog. A number of insightful videos are available at bfa.org/videos.
9. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.