

Week of September 5

The Church Being the Pillar and Base of the Truth

“...I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.” (1 Tim. 3:15)

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.” (2 Tim. 2:15)

The supporting pillar and holding base of the truth are the entire church, including all the saints; every member of the church is part of the pillar and base that uphold the truth. The church being the pillar and base of the truth implies that every member of the church should know the truth; thus, we should make a decision to learn the truth.

The kind of church that we build up depends on the kind of truth that we teach; thus, there is the desperate need of the living truth to produce the church, to help the church to exist, and to build up the church. The greatest need that we must meet is to bring the saints into the truth; all the saints should be trained in the divine revelation. (*Knowing the Truth*, Message 5, II.A-B, I.F-G)

Let us pray for all the saints to make a decision to get into the truth and be trained in the divine revelation in order to uphold the truth and testify to the truth.

Renewed Burden for the Church in Oakland, CA

The church in Oakland was first established in 1994 with over 20 Chinese-speaking saints. In 2013, these saints began to meet as the church in Alameda with the purchase of the current meeting hall in Alameda. In December 2020, brothers in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area began to coordinate for the Lord’s move in Oakland, and in 2021, a weekly prayer time was started. There are currently 30 to 50 saints from the surrounding churches who live in the greater Oakland area.

Oakland has a population of over 440,000 and is the 8th most populated city in California. It is the largest city in California without a lampstand and the only one without a lampstand in California’s top 20 cities. Within the last decade, it has been ranked the most socio-culturally diverse city in America.

Please pray that the Lord would regain a lampstand in this key city for His up-to-date move and for a shining testimony of the one new man!

The saints can read more about the burden for Oakland at bit.ly/burdenforoakland and saints interested in participating can sign up at bit.ly/burdenforoaklandsurveyform.

Bibles for America Volunteers

The BfA distribution center in Anaheim is now accepting applications from local volunteers who would like to help package Bibles. We’ve developed an application process and health and sanitation protocols to make the environment as safe as possible. So far, two volunteers have been able to come once a week to assist BfA staff members in fulfilling orders.

Please pray for the Lord’s protection and covering of the health and safety of all the staff and volunteers as we continue to ship out Bibles. Pray also for the Lord to add more volunteers in order to meet the growing demand for Bibles.

European University Training

“And they said, Let us rise up and build; and they strengthened their hands for the good work” (Neh. 2:18b). The European University Training will be in person at five locations in Europe, four to six days long, with dates between September 12 and October 3. The topic is “Rise Up and Build!” The goal of this training is to supply university students with a vision, equip them with truth, help them in their experience of life, perfect them in the preaching of the gospel, and develop their character so they can become useful vessels for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Ask the Lord to accomplish these goals in each person attending the training. May many students be enlivened and encouraged to rise up and have a burden for their universities and classmates, and would consecrate to be the builders in this age to meet His special need at this special time.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 5 of *Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age*. On September 20, we begin *Crystallization-study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth* (July Semiannual Training).
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** Live broadcast this Wednesday beginning at 7:25 pm at lsm.org/live in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. Outlines will be posted on the same site.
3. **SCYP Parents and Serving Ones' Fellowship Time:** September 25 from 9:30 to 11:45 am. Translation into Spanish, Chinese, and Korean will be provided.
4. **Thanksgiving Conference** will be November 25 to 28. Due to the pandemic, Living Stream Ministry will again host this conference completely online. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.
5. **Living Stream Ministry** has a monthly online newsletter called "*Having This Ministry...*" The [August 2021 issue](#) contains an encouraging report from the Cairo International Book Fair and a detailed introduction to LSM's recent digital distribution endeavors. Go to newsletters.lsm.org/having-this-ministry/index.html.
6. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.