

Week of November 30, 2025

Shepherding according to God

“Shepherd the flock of God among you...according to God...” (1 Pet. 5:2)

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, according to the need, that it may give grace to those who hear.” (Eph. 4:29)

In order to shepherd according to God, we need to become God in life, nature, expression, and function. We need to be filled to the brim with the divine life, enjoying the Triune God as the fountain, the spring, and the river to become a totality of the divine life, even to become the divine life itself. We need to become God in His attributes of love, light, righteousness, and holiness. We need to be the reproduction of Christ, the expression of God, so that in our shepherding we express God, not the self with its disposition and peculiarities. We need to become God in His function of shepherding the flock of God according to what He is and according to His goal in His economy.

To shepherd according to God is to minister God to others. The Triune God is embodied in Christ and realized as the consummated Spirit; this is the God whom we worship, proclaim, and minister to others. If we would minister God to one another, we need to speak words of grace, truth, spirit, and life, ministering the processed God who has been wrought into our being. (*Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ* (3), msg. 10, V.E.1-4, J.1-2)

The Living Vision of the Heavenly Christ

“And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” (Matt. 2:10)

The star is the living revelation, the up-to-date vision that human concepts can never teach. After receiving the living vision, the magi were misled by their human concept and went to Jerusalem. When the magi were corrected by the Scriptures and restored to the right track, the star appeared to them again; living vision always accompanies the Scriptures.

The priests and the scribes had knowledge concerning the birth of Christ, but unlike the magi, they did not see the vision, nor did they have the heart to seek after Christ. It is easy to accumulate scriptural knowledge, but if we would have living guidance, we must live in an intimate relationship with the Lord; we must be one with Him. (*2025 Thanksgiving Conference*, msg. 1, II.C, E, G.1; II.G.2,4)

The Scripture, the word of God, is the breathing out of God... The Scripture is the embodiment of God as the Spirit. The Spirit is therefore the very essence, the substance, of the Scripture, just as phosphorus is the essential substance in matches. We must strike the Spirit of the Scripture with our spirit to catch the divine fire. As the embodiment of God the Spirit, the Scripture (God’s word) is also the embodiment of Christ. Christ is God’s living Word (Rev. 19:13), and the Scripture is God’s written word (Matt. 4:4). (2 Tim. 3:16, note 2)

Let us pray for the Lord to always give us a heart to seek Him and live in an intimate relationship with Him. May He make us those who regularly strike the Spirit of the Scripture to know the Bible and to have an up-to-date, living vision.

Thank the Lord for His speaking to the churches during the past weekend’s Thanksgiving Conference on “The All-Inclusive Christ as Revealed in Matthew.” Pray for more saints to receive, review, and assimilate the messages. All videos and outlines are available at no charge until December 30 at www.lsmwebcast.com.

Semiannual Video Training Registrations

The general subject of the upcoming Semiannual Training, December 22 to 27, is “Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (4).” For saints in LA, the firm registration deadline to participate in this training by webcast is this Lord’s Day, December 7 (\$130). Sign up at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla.

Please pray for the release and receiving of the Lord’s speaking in this training. Such trainings are a precious heritage in the Lord’s recovery. The purpose of these trainings is to minister the all-inclusive Christ as eternal life embodied in the word of God to bring the believers to the full knowledge of the truth so that they may enjoy Christ as life, grow in life unto maturity, and dispense life to others for the growth and building up of His Body.

May the Lord grant us to highly value the semiannual trainings and encourage others to have a heart for them, and may the Lord grace us to bear the burden to pray for the trainings so that He as the seven Spirits of God may have an unhindered way to continue to speak the present truth to the churches.

University Conference for Germany, Switzerland, Austria

The University Conference for students and young adults from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and beyond is December 5 to 7. The saints will once again gather at Gut Elim to seek the Lord's presence, sit at His feet, and listen to His Word (Luke 10:39).

May the Lord grant each attendee mercy and grace (Heb. 4:16) to have a pure heart (Matt. 5:8) and be poor in spirit (Matt. 5:3), so that they may receive freshly from the Lord what He wishes to say to this generation. May the Lord gain many more young adults from these nations for the advancement of His move in Europe.

Brussels, Belgium

A conference will be held in Brussels, Belgium this weekend, December 6 to 7. Please pray for the release of the Lord's rich word to supply the saints and knit them together. Continue to pray for the strengthening of the Lord's testimony in this crucial city and for more saints to migrate there under the Head and in the Body.

Czech and Slovak Translation Work

The labor continues to translate the NT Recovery Version into the Czech and Slovak languages. It was a year ago when, after thorough fellowship and many prayers, the translation team started their preparations for this project. This week, the team finally begins the translation of the Gospel of Matthew. The translation of this book is expected to take until June 2026. These first weeks and months are very crucial for the whole team of six translators, as they will still be learning ways of working individually and corporately. It is also a new experience of applying everything they have learned into practice, handling new translation tools, and establishing working procedures.

Please pray:

- For the Lord to be the team's wisdom in setting the best principles for their work from the start.
- That the whole team be kept from unnecessary distractions to remain focused and on schedule.
- That the Lord Himself may become and remain the unique goal and focus of all the serving saints as they carry out their daily tasks.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** REPEAT Week 34 of *Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ* (3), vol. 6.
2. **December 2025 Semiannual Training:** For saints in LA and Santa Clarita, registration for the video training (December 22 to 27) closes this Lord's Day, December 7 (\$130) at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla.
3. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The weekly ministry series resumes this Wednesday 7:25 pm, in-person at the MCC in Anaheim or online at lsmwebcast.com.
4. **Bibles for America's** newest blogpost "What is faith, where does it come from, and how do I get it?" is available to read and share at bfa.org/blog.
5. **LSM Christian Radio** broadcasts hymns and messages 24 hours each day at lsmchristianradio.com.
6. **The LA Years:** This oral history project at 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.
7. **Ways to Give:** Information about the church's online giving platform, Subsplash, and where to mail checks, are at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.