

Week of March 8, 2026

God With Us

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel’ (which is translated, God with us).” (Matt. 1:23)

“And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.” (Matt. 28:20b)

“And He said, My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exo. 33:14)

Christ is God with us [Matt. 1:23]. This is revealed not only in Matthew 1 but also in Matthew 28, where the Lord Jesus said, “Behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age” (v. 20). Actually, the entire New Testament is an Emmanuel, and we are now a part of this great Emmanuel that will consummate in the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth for eternity. (*Life-study of Isaiah*, 2nd ed., pp. 53-54)

To live with Christ as Emmanuel, we need to be in His divine presence, which is the life-giving Spirit as the consummation of the Triune God (Gal. 5:25). To live with Christ, we still live, yet not by ourselves alone but by Christ living in us and with us as Emmanuel; the Triune God cannot complete His intention to dispense Himself into our being outside of us; therefore, His being with us must be inward (2:20). Emmanuel is our life and person, and we are His organ, living together with Him as one person; our victory depends upon Emmanuel, the presence of Jesus. If we have the Lord’s presence, we have wisdom, insight, foresight, and the inner knowledge concerning things; the Lord’s presence is everything to us.

If we would enter, possess, and enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the reality of the good land, we must do so by the presence of the Lord. The Lord promised Moses, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest” (Exo. 33:14); God’s presence is His way, the “map” that shows His people the way they should take. (*The All-inclusive Christ as Revealed in Matthew*, msg. 3, II.E.1-3, F)

May the Lord lead the church in Los Angeles on, by all the saints seeking His face!

Bibles for America

“Indeed days are coming, declares the Lord Jehovah, when I will send a hunger into the land, not a hunger for bread nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of Jehovah.” (Amos 8:11)

We at Bibles for America (BfA) are so thankful to the Lord for the growing hunger for His Word we’re witnessing among the people in this country. In addition to the Bible orders that are placed online with us directly, we are also receiving many more orders from both individual saints and churches for distribution materials, including Bibles, books, and tracts.

This increase in orders can be attributed to the fellowship and burden regarding The Truth Sets US Free (TSUF). To find out more about TSUF and how you can participate, including how to order materials for personal distribution, please visit tsuf.us/participate.

Please pray that orders from both the public and the saints would continue to increase, and that many more people would come to the full knowledge of the truth this year.

SCYP High School Conferences

The SoCal High School Brothers Conference concluded this past weekend while the Sisters Conference will be this weekend, March 13 to 15, at Oak Glen. The topic is “The Unique Way of Faith.”

Please pray:

- For the faith of the brothers to be strengthened as they return to their ordinary days.
- For the Lord to prepare the beings of the sisters, that their conscience would be pure and void of offense, their heart would be soft and open towards Him.
- For each attendee to be freed from all distractions within and without so that they would thoroughly enjoy the Lord in these conferences.
- That, following the conference, all the young people will learn to walk with God, by not overriding Him, and seize the golden opportunity to perfect the faith of those who have come before.

ITERO

The International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones will be in Anaheim from March 20 to 22. The general subject is “The Ministry of the Word and God’s Dispensing for God’s Economy.”

Please pray for the rich and timely supply of Christ to be ministered to all the brothers that they may grow in life and be equipped further in their function and service. May the Lord gain and perfect all the brothers as able ministers of the New Testament, effective building material for the universal building up of the Body of Christ, and good stewards and serving ones in their respective local churches.

Italy – Shepherding Trips

The Italy gospel trip reports with detailed prayer burdens are available at tinyurl.com/olreports26. Please continue to pray for the shepherding of the seeking ones contacted during the Torch Relay and Olympics gospel trips. Pray that new lampstands be raised up in Turin, Bologna, Prato, Naples, and other key cities, and that the churches in Rome, Milan, and Vicenza be strengthened.

An application form is posted at tinyurl.com/italyshep for saints to participate in follow-up shepherding trips from now until the end of the year. We expect a good number of saints to join the international conference in Rome from May 9 to 10; specific trips are being planned around those dates.

Saints who are burdened to give for the Lord’s move in Italy may do so through the [Church in Los Angeles](#) designated for “ITALY OLYMPICS.”

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)

Regarding Israel, Iran and the Middle East, please continue to pray:

- That the Lord would do His will in the midst of the current situation and lead the world to the condition He needs for His move, so that many may be saved and the church may be edified.
- That the Lord would preserve His people and keep them from all danger and harm.
- That the inner man of the saints would be strengthened to experience the Lord’s inner movement and His organic salvation in the midst of any situation.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 3 of *The All-inclusive Christ as Revealed in Matthew*.
2. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The ministry meeting on 1 & 2 Thessalonians continues this Wednesday at 7:25 pm at the Ministry Conference Center and online at www.lsmwebcast.com.
3. **Bibles for America’s** new blogpost “Walking by Faith: What We Can Learn from Matthew 14” is available to read and share at bfa.org/blog.
4. **ICSC:** Recordings of the International Chinese-speaking Conference on “Noah, Daniel, and Job—Patterns of Living an Overcoming Life on the Line of Life to Fulfill the Economy of God” are available for free without subscription until March 17 at www.lsmwebcast.com.
5. **Memorial Day Conference:** May 22 to 25 in Dallas, TX. For LA saints attending in person, please RSVP by May 1 at tinyurl.com/memdayla. More information is linked at that site.
6. **GTCA:** To learn more about the burden for migration and 2026 target cities, visit gtca.us.
7. **Ways to Give:** Information may be found at www.churchinlosangeles.org/members/offerings.