

Prayer & Announcements

Week of October 11, 2026

The Good Seed: The Word of God and the Believers

“...The seed is the word of God.” —**Luke 8:11**

“And the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom...” —**Matt. 13:38**

The believers are symbolized by the good seed, the sons of the kingdom who are sown by the Lord to grow in His kingdom. The seed is the word of God, Christ Himself, sown into us to make us the good seed, the sons of the resurrection. As the good seed, we must follow the Lord into the ground to die and bear much fruit in resurrection; to die and experience the cross is to deny and reject our soul-life, our natural life, to live by the divine life.

All our service to the Lord must originate from God, not from ourselves, as we allow His death to operate in us so that His resurrection life can be imparted through us into others. David's stopping established a twofold testimony in the universe: first, all the work in this universe should come from God, not from man; second, all that matters is what God does for man, not what man does for God. Sister M. E. Barber said, “Whoever cannot stop working for the sake of God cannot work for the sake of God.” (*The Believers* (I), msg. 3, II, A, C, G, 2, 4)

SoCal Praise and Ministry Meeting

Twice a year, college students throughout Southern California gather on a Saturday evening to worship the Lord and hear His speaking. This Saturday, October 17, UC Riverside will be hosting the meeting on campus. High school seniors are also invited to attend.

Please pray:

- For the students to come and participate—that many students throughout SoCal, including newer ones, would attend, blend, and actively participate in the meeting.
- For the Lord's speaking to infuse the students—that He would speak to the students and infuse them with Himself through His word.

Junior High Conferences Follow-up

Last weekend, 10 junior high students and 7 serving ones from across Los Angeles attended a conference on “The Living and Abiding Word of God.” The sisters gathered in Diamond Bar and the brothers in Huntington Beach. Through the four messages, they saw that reading the Bible regularly is important and that eating the Word is both enjoyable and life-supplying.

Please pray:

- That each young person develop a consistent habit of reading the Bible with their parents.
- That they approach the Bible not in the way of routine, but of eating with enjoyment and contacting God.
- That they receive much life and life supply through their eating of the Word to be constituted as men of God with the breath of God.

Bremen, Germany

There are currently 15 local churches in German-speaking Europe (Germany: 11, Switzerland: 3, and Austria: 1) and groups meeting in about 12 other places.

This Lord's Day, October 18 there will be the Lord's table in Bremen to declare the establishment of the church there. A major port city in northwestern Germany, Bremen is one of the country's largest centers for aerospace innovation and automotive manufacturing.

Please pray:

- For October 18 to have rich enjoyment, strong praising of the Lord, and much blending.
- For the Lord to supply more saints to strengthen the church life there.
- For the gospelizing and shepherding of new believers and seekers.

Eswatini

Eswatini, formerly called Swaziland, is one of the smallest countries in Africa, bordered by South Africa and Mozambique. Over the past several years, the Lord has graciously been working among the saints through gospel preaching, visitation and shepherding, the migration of key families, the opening of homes, the labor on the campuses, and the fellowship of the saints.

In Mbabane, the country's most populous city, around 40 saints attend the Lord's Day meeting (including 8 households, along with young working saints and university students) and around 70 attend the small group meetings (including 30 in community groups and 40 in campus groups).

This past Lord's Day, October 11, the first Lord's table meeting was held in Mbabane. Around 220 saints representing seven countries attended. Hallelujah!

Please pray:

- That the Lord gain a strong and bright testimony in Eswatini through this first lampstand there.
- That He gain more young people to seek Him in the church life and perfect them to become pillars in the house of God.
- That the saints develop a deeper hunger for and enjoyment of God's Word, and that their capacity be enlarged to receive more of Him and bear greater responsibility for His testimony.
- That the Lord gain two more key households in the areas of Ezulwini, Lobamba, Matsapha, and Manzini for His further spread in Eswatini.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 3 of *The Believers (I)*, vol. 1.
2. **Bibles for America's** new blog post "Our Responsibility to Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ" may be enjoyed and shared at blog.bfa.org.
3. **Semiannual Training:** December 21–26 in Anaheim. For LA saints, registration is now open until October 31 (live) and December 6 (video) at tinyurl.com/wintertrainingla.
4. **ICSC 2027:** The next International Chinese-speaking Blending Conference will be in Taipei from February 20–21, 2027. Registration must be done by locality. For LA saints, go to tinyurl.com/ICSCLA for more information; the registration deadline is December 27.
5. **Thanksgiving Conference:** November 26–29 in Denver, Colorado. Saints from LA are invited to get more information and RSVP at tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla.
6. **Wednesday Night Ministry Meeting:** The weekly ministry series on 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus continues this Wednesday 7:25 PM at the MCC and online at ismwebcast.com.