Prayer & Announcements

Week of November 15, 2026

Knowing and Experiencing the All-inclusive Christ as the Lord of the Harvest

"The harvest is great, but the workers few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out workers into His harvest." **—Matt. 9:37-38**

We all need to see a vision of the Lord Jesus as the Lord of the harvest. In verse 38 the Lord told us to beseech the Lord of the harvest that He may thrust out workers into His harvest. First, in His economy God has a plan to accomplish; then there is the need for His people to beseech Him, to pray to Him, concerning it. In answering their prayer, He will accomplish what they have prayed concerning His plan. Many times when we sense the need for workers, we sound out the call for help. But from now on, whenever you sense the need for workers, you must firstly pray to the Lord of the harvest, saying, "Lord, here is Your harvest. You are the Lord of the harvest. We call on You to thrust out some reapers. Lord, send more reapers into Your harvest." Praying like this will make a difference. To pray like this means that we have seen a vision that our Christ, the kingly One, the Shepherd, is the Lord of the harvest. Whenever you pray that the Lord would send reapers into His harvest, you honor Him very much. How different this is from inviting people to help you in your work! When you do that, you do not honor Christ as the Lord of the harvest. Rather, it is a matter of your work, not of His harvest. You become the master of that work, and He is not considered as the Lord of the harvest. Therefore, we need to call on Him and say, "Lord, You are the Lord of the harvest. The work in this field is Yours, and this harvest is Your crop. We call on You for Your crop. Lord, send Your reapers." (*Life-study of Matthew*, 2nd ed., msg. 29, pp. 341-342)

Recovering the New Testament Priesthood of the Gospel

What the Lord intends to recover in us is the universal priesthood. The New Testament tells us that this priesthood is a priesthood of the gospel. The Old Testament priests offered bulls and goats as sacrifices; 1 Peter 2:5 says that the New Testament priests "offer up spiritual sacrifices." One of the main sacrifices that the New Testament priests offer is sinners saved through our gospel preaching. All believers can preach the gospel.

There are four steps in the organic work of the New Testament priests of the gospel: begetting, nourishing, teaching, and building. The focus of our priestly service is to save sinners and offer them to God, to nourish and to perfect them, and the goal of our service is the building up of the Body of Christ.

Please pray:

- That we learn to live as priests of the gospel of God by being revived every morning (Prov. 4:18), overcoming every day (Rom. 8:37), being filled with the Spirit every moment (Eph. 5:18-19), and speaking Christ everywhere (2 Tim. 4:2).
- That we be built up together to be a priesthood (1 Pet. 2:5).
- That we become lovers of men (John 3:16).

Culver City Meeting Hall

In recent years, a particular burden has developed for the spread of the Lord's testimony into Culver City. Although independently incorporated, Culver City is almost entirely surrounded by the city of Los Angeles and draws many young working professionals and families. Many saints who currently meet with the church in Los Angeles live or work there already. There is a growing awareness of Culver City as a strategic area to reach people in the community.

For many years, small group meetings have taken place in the homes of the saints in Culver City. Regular prayer meetings started in March 2025 and Lord's Day district meetings were recently begun with the goal of gathering in Culver City proper by the end of 2026.

The search for a meeting place included properties both for rent and for sale. In October 2026, the brothers learned of a property listed for $1,525,000 that seemed fitting for the church's use. It is in a central location and next to a park. After much prayer and under the leadership of the elders and the board of directors, an offer was made at asking price. Out of multiple competing offers, the sellers (an aging congregation) chose to sell the property to the church in Los Angeles.

Please pray:

- For the Lord's clear leading and blessing throughout the remaining escrow process.
- For the necessary preparations of the property.
- For the increase and spread of His testimony in Culver City and throughout Los Angeles.
- That the saints receive grace to participate in the Lord's move through voluntary offerings great and small.

A more complete update with financial considerations is at churchinlosangeles.org/culvercity. Saints may give through The Church in Los Angeles designated for "Culver City Meeting Hall."

SoCal College Conference

This weekend, November 20–22, the second of two college conferences—this one including UCLA, CSUN, and SMC—will take place at Oak Glen. From Los Angeles, 55 students and 12 serving ones have registered.

Please pray:

- That the Lord prepare the students in spirit, soul, and body to be wide open to His speaking.
- That the students touch the Lord and let Him infuse them as genuine believers.
- For the shepherding, care, and fellowship throughout the weekend, including car rides, meals, recreation, and times in the lodging.

Announcements

1. **Morning Revival:** Week 8 of *The Believers (I)*, vol. 2.
2. **Bibles for America**'s new blog post "In Everything Give Thanks" is at blog.bfa.org.
3. **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 lsmwebcast.com.
4. **Thanksgiving Conference:** November 26–29 in Denver, Colorado. The general subject is "The Overcoming Life as Portrayed in Song of Songs." Saints from LA may get more information and RSVP at tinyurl.com/thanksgivingconfla. Meetings will be live-streamed at lsmwebcast.com.