



Faith Christian Assembly

April Newsletter

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

There's been a good deal of talk lately about the increasing cost of things like gasoline and energy as well as other goods and services. Many speculate about how companies are arriving at their prices. The common answer to that question is that a company should charge "what the market will bear" — in other words, the highest price that customers will pay. But is the price we are paying really worth what we get in return? I will leave the answer to that question to people who are experts in economics and infla-

tion. But I do know something about worth and value. For example, this month, as we approach Resurrection Sunday, [April 17 - 10:30am] my mind goes to the value that our Lord put on the immeasurable worth of the church.

Acts 20:28 makes this powerful statement about the priceless value of the church, "...the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood."

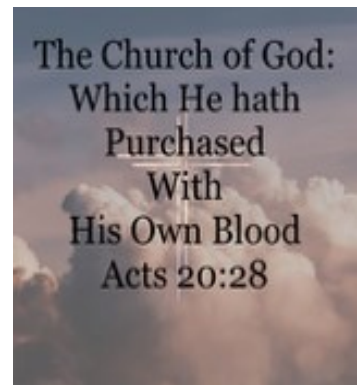
Jesus purchased the church for Himself, and the price was His own life! Think about that!

Searching for What's Right *by Gary Leming*

Recently in a service I mentioned that people can spend their whole lives looking for what's right, while at the same time refusing to lay down what's

wrong.

And although it may sound like this is relating to blatant sin in our lives, which it certainly does, it also refers to finding



Scripture makes it clear that, in light of this, there should be a spiritual paradigm shift in us. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 reminds us that in view of Christ's shed blood, we are no longer our own. ~ Continued page 2

the right calling and God's perfect will specifically for us.

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The Precious Blood *by Earlene Leming*

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation (your manner of life or conduct), received by tradition from your fathers, but by the PRECIOUS blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot...

1 Peter 1:18-19

The Blood of Jesus is “precious” because it has power to redeem and cleanse us from sin. 1 John 1:9. It is precious because it has power to heal and restore our mind and bodies.

Isaiah 53:5. We can learn its power of protection from demonic activity as we speak and “plead the blood” of Jesus over our lives and families. A favorite comment on Allison Bown’s and my latest book is how much is written about the Blood of Jesus. Since Resurrection Sunday is this month, I’m sharing a poem which was written by my friend Donna...AFTER she read THE HIGHER CALL.

The Ever-Flowing Blood of Christ

The ever-flowing blood of Christ
Is found at the foot of the cross.
So take your sins and drop them there

And realize they are forever lost.
The ever-flowing blood of Christ
Available for us still today,
Has mighty power to cleanse and heal.
The torment of the enemy to slay.
The ever-flowing blood of Christ
Brings joy and blessed belief.
For every burden brought will receive
His wonderful peace and relief.
So give praise to God, the Father
For sending His only Son
Providing the ever-flowing blood
The Victory for us He won.

~by Donna Wenrick

**But drops of
grief can ne’er
repay the debt of
love I owe;**

**Here, Lord, I give
myself away, ‘tis
all that I can do”**

~ Isaac Watts

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? *continued*

We have been purchased!
Therefore we are called to glorify God in our body and our spirit, which belong to Him!

This involves a shift in our perspective in the way that we live. In view of His blood which has been shed for the church we should guard and defend it be-

cause it was bought at the highest price in the universe. If the Lord Jesus loved the church so much that He gave Himself for it, shouldn’t we be willing to deny ourselves for it?

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you

have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

1 Cor 6:19-20 NKJV

~ Pastor Sheri

Searching for What’s Right *continued*

Isaiah 30:21, NIV - Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

Often we don’t hear that voice behind us because we haven’t been obedient to lay down the wrong thing first. I encourage

you to lay down what’s wrong and trust God to bring the right thing into your life.

~ Gary Leming

Good Friday
April 15 at 12 noon

Join us for a special
Good Friday service at
noon on April 15!

April Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Times: 10:30am and 5:30pm/Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

April 3 10:30 am Communion service

April 10 Palm Sunday regular service times

April 17 Easter Service 10:30 am/
NO EVENING SERVICE

April 24 Guest speaker Curt Cornelius at both services

MONDAYS

Church Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office/Library Hours 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00 am

April 13 NO Bible Study (due to Good Friday Service)

April 27 11:00 am Fraud Prevention Class

THURSDAYS

April 14 5:30 pm Grief Share

April 21 1:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting

April 21 1:00 pm Touch of Love Women's Ministry

FRIDAYS

April 15 Good Friday service: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Church Office Hours 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call for appointment

April Events

The month of April is full of important events with the commemoration and celebration of Palm Sunday on the 10th, Good Friday on the 15th, and Resurrection Sunday on the 17th. This year FCA is having a Good Friday service at 12:00 pm, which will take the place of Bible Study on the 13th. Resurrection Sunday service will be at 10:30 am, with no evening service that

day. We would love to have you join us on any or all of these dates!

After Easter, we are excited to have Pastor Curt Cornelius back, speaking at both services on April 24. Pastor Curt always blesses with a wonderful, Bible based message. He will be filling in for Pastor Sheri, who, along with Gary, will be attending the Grace International Conference in Houston, TX. At the conference they will be

reconnecting with other Grace International church leaders, hearing messages from great conference speakers, and getting re-fueled with fellowship and time away. We're so happy they are taking this time to fill their tanks and be refreshed! We look forward to Pastor Sheri's return to the pulpit on Sunday May 1 when we can expect her to deliver another amazing message and share with us about their time away.

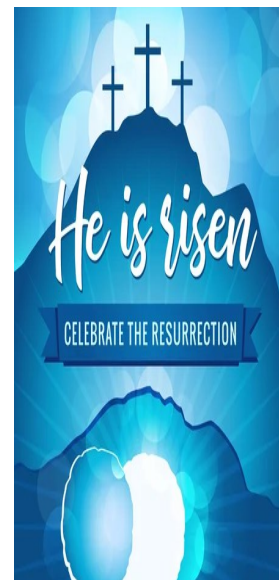
Upcoming Classes

We're excited to be offering some great growth and learning opportunities this month. The next Grief Share program will be starting on Thursday, April 14th at 5:30 pm in the Garden Room. We're blessed to once again have Rupert and Addie Penner hosting. The first session will be a DVD presentation of "Surviving the Holidays." Grief

Share is a wonderful and caring setting to learn helpful coping strategies and to discover hope for the future for those dealing with grief from the loss of a loved one.

Then on April 27 at 11:00 am we will hold a Fraud Prevention class with speaker Karen Rossi of the Senior

Protection Program from the Council on Aging. Ms. Rossi will be teaching on how to avoid fraud by recognizing the four characteristics of a scam. We really care about you and are always looking for ways to protect and help, so we are very excited to be able offer this important resource! Invite your friends!





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Faith Christian Assembly is a member of the Grace International Churches and Ministries, Inc., which was originally organized as the California Evangelistic Association in 1934. Beginning with one church, Colonial Tabernacle, located in Long Beach, CA the organization has since grown to include more than 3800 churches in the United States as well as in many nations of the world. It is now headquartered in Houston, TX, and overseen by an Executive Team and a Board of Directors, including as President Pastor Steve Riggle. Pastor Sheri Leming serves on the Grace International Missions Board and on the Grace SoCal District Committee.

From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming

April greetings to you! This is one of my most favorite times of the year! I love the warmer weather, and the beautiful fragrant flowers that are in bloom. But most of all, I love the church celebrating the Cross of Jesus and His Resurrection! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

This year we are excited to be having a Good Friday Service, Friday, April 15 at 12noon. (This service will take the place of Bible Study April 13) We also look forward to Resurrection Sunday, April 17 at 10:30am (No Sunday evening service.) Please prayerfully consider who you will invite to join you for Easter. We have invite cards on the back table for you to use.

We have a lot going on this month, so please be sure to carefully take a look at the FCA Calendar section, so you don't miss anything. Pastor Curt Cornelius will be speaking in both services April 24. He and Krislyn always bless us when they minister. You won't want to miss them. Grief-Share is starting up again April 14 at 5:30pm, under the direction of Rupert and Addie Penner. Also we are having a Fraud Prevention class Wednesday, April 27 at 11am. Your safety is always on our mind and very important to us. This is a great opportunity to invite others to join you.

Please keep the Grace International Conference in your prayers. It will be

in Houston, Texas this year - April 25-28. Pray for God's traveling mercies on all of the people taking part and that God would pour out His refreshing Spirit.

Every Sunday we have Prayer at 5pm. This is a precious time where God knits our hearts together as a church. We invite you to join us, as so many have.

"Prayer is aligning ourselves with the purposes of God." E. Stanley Jones

Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore! 1 Chron 16:11 NKJ

Can't wait to see you Sunday,
Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming

