



# Faith Christian Assembly

## May Newsletter

May 1, 2022

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### "Behold, Your Mother!" *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

- John 19:25-27, NKJV

It is always a special time of year when we set aside time to celebrate mom. When we think

of Mother's Day, we often see or conjure up images of dads and little children making mom a breakfast of burnt toast and cereal. These are very real and precious times for families. But what happens as mom ages? We don't often think of these examples as much as we should. For as the years pass, our appreciation for mom should increase more and more.

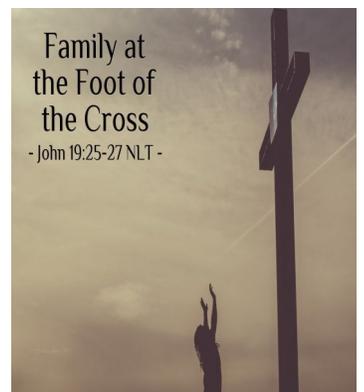
Last month we celebrated the greatest day in history - when Jesus bore our sins upon the cross. He agonized for us to a level we will never know. But

### Receiving Unsettling Reports *by Gary Leming*

Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. 2 Kings 19:14 NIV

This Scripture is one of my fa-

vorites. I encourage you to read the full context of the unsettling report that Hezekiah received from the king. It is still as current today as it was then. Just as Hezekiah spread the letter before the Lord, we



Family at the Foot of the Cross  
- John 19:25-27 NLT -

even though He was in excruciating pain, He demonstrated an undying care over His mother, Mary...

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can also spread out our concerns on paper before Him. Examples of this could be, a doctor's report, a financial concern, or whatever else is troubling you. Bring all your needs to the altar. ~ Gary Leming

## Celebrating Mothers *by Earlene Leming*

**“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” - Joshua 24:15**

God blessed my family with generations of godly Grandmothers and Mothers. I am honored to have personally known these women from the Vaughn, Johnson, Opie and Leming families. EACH woman was a Prayer warrior!

As we celebrate “MOTHERS” this month, I’d like to share what I once heard from a friend who was also in Prison Ministry, referencing Isaiah 59:21

**“As for Me, this is My Covenant with them. My Spirit that is upon you, and My Words which I have put in your mouth shall not de-**

**part out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed’s seed from henceforth and forever, saith the Lord.”**

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**Jesus, in His dying moments, filled with tender regard for His mother, secured for her... and consoled her grief... What a model to all of us!**

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### **“Behold, Your Mother!” *continued***

“Behold your mother!...” As short as these sentences that Jesus uttered appear to be, they reveal genuine love and concern for Mary. You see, we understand from this that Jesus was leaving the care of Mary to His disciple, John. It is generally understood that Mary was poor, and may have even been without a home of her own. It is also believed that John was in a better position than the other apostles to take care

of Mary. In fact, tradition tells us that Mary continued to live with him until the time of her death. Jesus, in His dying moments, filled with tender regard for His mother, secured for her an adopted son, obtained for her a place to live, and consoled her grief by the most beloved of all the apostles. What an example of a son’s devotion! What a model to all of us! And how lovely appears the dying Savior, making

Mary’s welfare one of His last concerns on the cross, and even when making atonement for us!

This is a beautiful reminder for us that we can and should bring our own family to the foot of the Cross of Christ. Happy Mother’s Day

~ Pastor Sheri

## May Calendar

### SUNDAYS

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

May 1 10:30 am Communion service

May 8 Mother's Day No evening service

### 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

### THURSDAYS

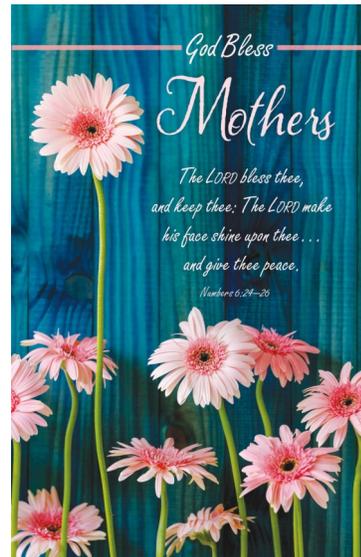
Weekly 5:30 pm Grief Share

May 19 1:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting

May 19 1:00 pm Touch of Love Women's Ministry

### FRIDAYS

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



## Grace International & Faith Christian Assembly Support for Ukraine

Pastor Slavic & Tamara Kravchuk are the Grace International pastors and leaders of more than 58 churches in the Ukraine. One of those churches, Bethany, in Mylokaiv, Ukraine, continues to provide food baskets and prep meals. They have also provided food for several soldiers. Pictured below are a few of the church's volunteers.

As a member of Grace International Churches and Ministries, Inc, we

at Faith Christian Assembly are blessed to be able to support their efforts through our parent organization. In addition, we provide support through Samaritan's Purse. Thank you so much to our Faith Christian Assembly family for their generous support for the people in the Ukraine!

If you would like to support these precious brothers and sisters in

Christ in the Ukraine, you can do so directly through Grace International at [gracechurches.tv](http://gracechurches.tv), or Samaritan's Purse at [Samaritans-purse.org](http://Samaritans-purse.org). You can also send your gift to Faith Christian Assembly and we will forward it to either Grace International or Samaritan's Purse, where 100% goes directly to Ukraine.





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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 ~ May 1, 2022



May greetings to you! By the time you receive this May Newsletter, Gary and I will have returned from our Grace International Conference! We look forward to sharing all about our trip to Houston with you on Sunday, May 1. We are so thankful to all who helped fill in for us while we were away including Pastor Curt Cornelius who blessed our congregation with his anointed teaching.

This is the month we celebrate our moms! Please join us Sunday, May 8 in our 10:30am service as we pay special tribute to mom. All ladies in attendance will receive a special gift to show our appreciation for you. (No Sunday evening service on May 8.)

We continue in our Wednesday Bible

Study at 11am in the Scriptural Doctrines that will change your every day life. We are having such great response for these studies and the attendance is growing beautifully! If you haven't attended our Bible Study we encourage you to do so.

We have seen an increase in visitors at FCA which thrills us! So if you haven't used our new resource, "Come to Church with Me" cards are available in the back lobby. Statistics tell us that 82% of people are likely to attend church if invited by a friend or relative.

GriefShare is currently in session every Thursday at 5:30pm in our Garden Room. Rupert and Addie Penner host this wonderful ministry for

those who have lost a loved one. Just ask them to tell you the stories of so many who have been blessed by this group!

Every Sunday we have Prayer at 5pm. This is a bonding time for our church family as we lift up our praise and petitions together as a church. Please join with us!

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" - Corrie ten Boom

Isaiah 55:6, NIV

Seek the Lord while He may be found;

call on Him while He is near.

*Can't Wait To See You Sunday,*

*Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming*