

Faith Christian Assembly June Newsletter

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Not All Heroes Wear Capes by Pastor Sheri Leming

Proverbs 2U:7, NKJV "The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him."

Happy Father's Day! This is the month that we celebrate Dad. And rightfully so, but do we celebrate him as much as he deserves? The following is one of my favorite quotes about fathers:

"A good father is one of the most unsung, un-praised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." ~ Billy Graham Yes, I'm sure we all have noticed the troubling changes in our society. Indeed there seems to be a race to the bottom as far as morality is concerned. Anxiety about our family is natural, but we would be wise if we turn our concerns into care about our own character. If we walk before the Lord in integrity, we will do more to bless our descendants, and our communities than if we handed down to them large fortunes. Specifically, a father's holy life is a rich legacy for his children. And it is with these men in mind



that I write this article today. Keep walking in the fear of the Lord. Keep praying for your families and standing for righteousness.

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Are We About Our Father's Business? by Gary Leming

Luke 2:49, NKJV And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

As Father's Day approaches, it reminds me of how grateful I am to personally have had the fortunate opportunity to be about both my earthly father's business, as well as my heavenly Father's business. A little over 40 years ago, I was feeling a little lost as to my vocational future. This is when my own father invited me to join him at his truck dealership. Within 30 minutes, I didn't feel lost anymore, for I had found what I was meant to do.

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A Father's Love by Earlene Leming

Genesis 1:26 says God created man "in His image" with the capacity to love. He is our "Heavenly Father" who wants us to reflect His love to others. Some people find it difficult to believe God loves them, and will be there for them. JESUS came to show



Earlene Leming

us what our Father is like. and protection like a good father, "The thief does not come "The thief does not come"

a good mother. Come to your Heavenly Father and experience His embrace. As YOU receive His love, give it to others. The power of God's love will bring new purpose and fulfillment into YOUR own life.

~ Earlene

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Not All Heroes *continued*

I honor those of you who model godly virtues to the lives of your children, grandchildren as well as your communities. In this way, you are fulfilling the call of the Lord to speak to the day in which we live.

"Our integrity may be God's means of saving our sons and daughters. If they see the truth of our religion proved by our lives, it may be that they will believe in Jesus for themselves. Lord, fulfill this word to my household!" ~ C. H. Spurgeon Proverbs 14:26, NIV "Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge."

Too many in our day are looking for their heroes in the entertainment industry, or in the world of professional sports. Well, if I may echo what others have said on this... I've never needed a celebrity, I've never needed a professional athlete. But I have needed a father. I shudder to think how differently my life would have been without him. We see the evidence played out tragically in the nightly news of what can happen when father is absent. So thank you to all you fathers who are the unsung heroes! You may not wear a cape, but you will probably be getting an ugly tie soon! Wear it proudly! And may God continue to bless you as you serve your family for Him!

~ Pastor Sheri



Our Father's Business continued

In much the same way, I believe that as followers of Jesus, we too feel lost when we try to live this life unto ourselves. Only when we surrender our lives for His purposes will we be fulfilled. You may not have had the opportunity to be about

your earthly father's business, but it is my prayer that we make sure we are about our heavenly Father's business in the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and it is there that we find true purpose.



June Calendar

SUNDAYs

Service Times: 10:30am and 5:30pm/Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm June 5 10:30 am Communion service June 19 Father's Day—<u>N0 evening</u> <u>service</u>

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 June 16 1:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting

June 16 1:00 pm Touch of Love Women's Ministry

FRIDAYs

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



Local Gathering of National Day of Prayer 2022

Faith Christian Assembly was honored last month to participate in the local gathering of the 2022 National Day of Prayer, held at Rush Park in nearby Los Alamitos. This year's theme was "Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us" based on Colossians 2:6-7: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming were among the pastors and leaders who were invited to lead prayer. Many needs were covered, including local, state and national government leaders who were prayed for by name, for families and children, for educators, and for pastors and church leaders. Prayers were also offered up for peace in Ukraine, the persecuted church all over the world, and for spiritual revival in America. Those in attendance prayed in small groups over needs as well. It was a powerful time as worship and prayer permeated the park and atmosphere of the Southern California neighborhood, reaching far bevond the locality! At Faith Christian Assembly, we set aside a special time each week to pray together. Church members and visitors gather each Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. just prior to our 5:30 p.m. evening service for prayer. If you are in the area, we

would be blessed to have you join us! Come to pray and bring your prayer requests. Then stay for service immediately following!



Pastor Sheri and Gary praying at the 2022 National Day of Prayer

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

James 5:13



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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 4400 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 ~ June 1, 2022

Joyful June greetings to you from Faith Christian Assembly! God continues His faithfulness to us time and again and we are so grateful! We look forward to the warmth of summer which reminds us, as the Psalmist states, "the Lord God is a sun and shield..." (Psalm 84:11)

This is the month we will celebrate our fathers! Please join us Sunday, June 19 in our 10:30am service as we pay special tribute to dad. All fathers in attendance will receive a special gift to show our appreciation. (No Sunday evening service on June 19.)

Wednesday Bible Study at flam we are taking a journey in the Scriptural Doctrines that will change your everyday life. Scripture reveals the things that God knows are vital for us to know and to understand. We encourage you to renew your commitment to the study of God's life changing Word. We are commanded in 1 Peter 2:2, to long for and crave the pure milk of the word so we are enabled to grow spiritually. More than any other words, the Bible will guide us in the right direction.

The ministry of GriefShare continues every Thursday at 5:30pm in our Garden Room. Rupert and Addie Penner host this crucial ministry for those who have lost a loved one. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as it is a light in the darkness to our community.

We will say it again - every Sunday we have Prayer at 5pm. I doubt any of us need more proof than the nightly news that our nation, as well as the nations of the world are in desperate need of our prayers. Please join with us!

Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer. — Charles Finney

Psalm 145:18 The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

Can't Wait To See You Sunday,

Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming