



Faith Christian Assembly September Newsletter

September 1, 2022

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How Did We Get Here? *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

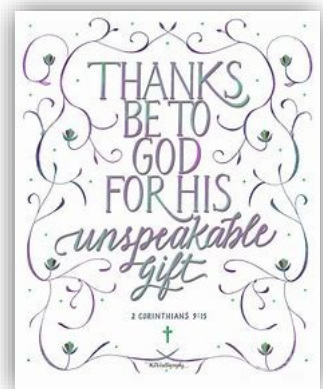
Genesis 3:4, NKJV Then the serpent said to the woman, "you will not surely die..."

Our first parents took a swan dive into the abyss when they decided to listen to the 'cunning serpent' instead of what God had commanded. Result: No curse has fallen on humanity that is worse than the curse of sin.

Notice in Genesis 3 the serpent begins with the question, "Has God indeed said...?" and quickly moves to the declara-

tive in verse 4, "You will not surely die..." In our Bible Study in August we focused our study on The Doctrine of Sin. This passage reveals ground zero for the downfall of humanity. Sin entered the world (Romans 5:12).

Eve's feet should have swiftly moved in cartoon speed at the sound of the first question, "Has God indeed said...?" But sadly, she stuck around to hear the serpent's declarative in verse 4. This time,



resulting in her hiding from God (Gen. 3:8).

How did we get here as a society?

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Seeing the Weary and Scattered *by Gary Leming*

Matthew 9:36, NKJV But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Last month on our Mission's trip to South Africa, Sheri spoke on the above Scripture. There is not a greater need in our day than for us to allow Jesus to be our example in this way, specifically in the

business world. We must ask ourselves, What do we see when we look on the multitudes that are in our lives?

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Anniversary Blessings *by Earlene Leming*



This month you are invited to celebrate a 40th Anniversary of **healing** with me! In late summer of 1982, I left Long Beach Memorial Hospital with the words of my Baptist Doctor ringing in my heart! "Well, the technicians think their machines are broken, but there is nothing wrong with you. Go home, Earlene. The answer is from the Bible...Once I was blind, now I can see."

As I recall those days, I realize how my circumstances caused me to speak His Promises aloud. I discovered I was actually "praying" for those promises to come to pass! I encourage you to try this for yourself. No matter what the

news or people say, remember it is ALWAYS HIS WORD that will drive away depression, loneliness, and fear. It brings you joy, peace and a sound mind. God's Word changes your thinking...and produces His MIRACLES! Do NOT allow the enemy to "STEAL" your Promises from Him. Here are a few scripture references from my Anniversary Cake to sample!

Psalm 103:1-5. "Bless the Lord, oh my soul...and forget not all His benefits..." Thank you, Lord, that You forgive my sins, and heal my diseases. Thank you for crowning me with tender mercies and loving kindness. I will fill my mouth with good things (God's Word,

healthy food) so my youth is continually "**renewed as the eagles.**"

Philippians 4:8. Help me, Jesus, to guard my thoughts today. I CHOOSE to keep the past behind me. I give my hurts, mistakes & sad memories to You. I will try to "speak NO more" of them. Cover my mind with the Blood of Jesus and restore Your joy!

Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." I will do my best to put YOU FIRST today, and I will expect You to fulfill Your Promises to me.

~ Earlene

How Did We Get Here? *Continued from page 1*

Too many are still listening to the question, "Has God indeed said?" and therefore have developed ears to hear the declarative, "You will not surely die!" Some are even hearing these statements of liberal theology being 'preached' in churches and universities.

Our only hope is Divine intervention. God knew we would need a Redeemer. So He lovingly provided His Son Jesus Christ, the second Adam.

Romans 5:15, NKJV ...For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of

God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV
Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift

~ Pastor Sheri

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Seeing the Weary and Scattered *Continued from page 1*

I had an opportunity to lead a Monday Morning Prayer Meeting at a corporation in South Africa. I encouraged them along these lines, and

I'd like to exhort us all to see the weary and scattered that God has brought into our lives, and be

moved with compassion as Jesus was.

~ Gary Leming

September Calendar

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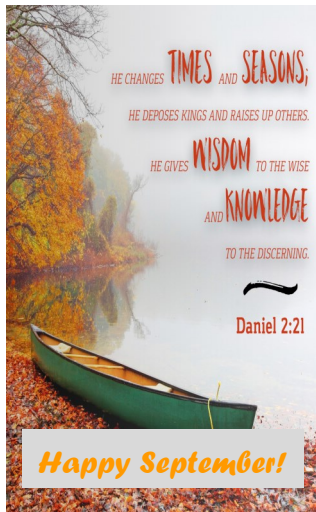
Service Times: 10:30am and 5:30pm

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

September 4 -10:30 am
Communion 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

September 15 -1:00 pm Men's
Ministry meeting

THURSDAYS cont

September 15 -1:00 pm Touch
of Love Women's Ministry

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours 10:00 am
to 4:00 pm. Call for appoint-
ment

Update on Grace International Dream Big Conference, South Africa

On Sunday August 21 we were excited to have Pastor Sheri back in the pulpit! Pastor Sheri and Gary had returned home to Faith Christian Assembly after a trip abroad. During their travels, Pastor Sheri served as the keynote speaker at the 2022 Grace International Dream Big Women's Conference held at Faith Centre Ministries International in Malvern, Durban, South

Africa. There were 400 women in attendance at the conference, and afterward Pastor Sheri and Gary prayed with over 200 of the women! She also spoke at the church's three Sunday services the same weekend.

Pastor Sheri shared that as they gave testimony of the things she and Gary walked through in the past, they truly

believed that God used those things to encourage others who had been going through similar circumstances. "We shared about God getting us through financial struggles with Gary's business, and there were several who asked for prayer for financial struggles in their businesses/families. We also shared how God brought us through [our son] Tyler's brain tumor, and we were able to pray with a woman who has a

daughter who has a brain tumor."

"We would like to thank all of you who supported this incredible ministry trip to South Africa through your prayers and your financial support. Please continue to pray for these precious people in South Africa." – Pastor Sheri

Romans 10:15 ~ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"





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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 ~ September 1, 2022

September greetings to you from Faith Christian Assembly! Gary and I arrived home a few days ago from our wonderful trip to South Africa and our vacation in England. We were so honored to be invited to speak at the Dream Big conference with Pastors Stanley and Sandra Moodley! They were so gracious to us, and we really enjoyed getting to know them better. We also want to thank you all for keeping us in your prayers! God's grace was upon our ministry time. He is always faithful.

While Gary and I ministered in South Africa, Faith Christian Assembly was blessed to have Pastor Gwyn Vaughn and Pastor Curt Cornelius minister to the

church. We have heard the glowing reports of the wonderful blessing they were. We want to thank them for sharing their hearts.

Each Wednesday we have Bible Study at 11am in the Main Sanctuary. This year we have committed to study through the 12 Historic Doctrines of Scripture that will change your everyday life. We are so happy to see how well attended these times have been. We also believe they will reap fruit in each of our lives. It seems as time goes on, too many have left the important doctrines by the wayside, and as we examine our culture, we see this is to our own peril and the peril of future generations.

Amos 2:4, NKJV "...Because they have despised the law of the Lord, and have not kept His commandments. Their lies lead them astray, lies which their fathers followed.

We look forward to gathering for Sunday pre-service Prayer at 5pm. We ask each of you to join us as we pray for our nation, as well as the nations of the world.

"The neglect of prayer is a grand hindrance to holiness."
—John Wesley

I Chronicles 16:11, Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.

Can't Wait To See You Sunday,
Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming