



Faith Christian Assembly

November Newsletter

November 1, 2022

Special points of interest:

- * Pastor Sheri on Eating Like Jesus ~ page 1
- * Gary Leming on Walking God's Course ~ page 1
- * Earlene's Corner ~ Thankfulness ~ page 2
- * November Calendar and Events ~ page 3

Inside this issue:

Earlene's Corner	2
Pastor Sheri's "Eat Like Jesus" Continued	2
Gary's "Walking God's Course" Continued	2
November Calendar	3
SWAT's Happening?	3
Grace International History	4
Letter from Pastor Sheri	4

Eat Like Jesus *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

John 4:31-34, NKJV In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." Therefore, the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

As we have arrived at the month that makes us dream of the Thanksgiving meal, I think it's a great time to think about the food of Jesus. Yes, we know He probably ate fish most days and

some bread. But if you read the above Scripture, we're obviously not talking about His physical food.

The disciples were concerned that Jesus hadn't eaten. And as often was the case, the disciples were slow to understand Jesus' response.

Verse 32 "I have food to eat which you do not know."

They couldn't even blame tryptophan for their foggy thinking.

What Jesus was saying to them, was that the great purpose...the



great focus of His life was to do the will of God. Have you asked yourself lately, 'What is the great design of my life?'

Continued page 2

Walking God's Course *by Gary Leming*

A man's steps are of the Lord; how then can a man understand his own way? Proverbs 20:24,

A few days ago, our Men's Ministry group enjoyed a round of golf together, which is something we do from time to time.

It's a great way of connecting the men and getting some exercise at the same time.

Here are some questions for golfers:

What if you have a beautiful image of your next shot, but

that shot produced an ugly result? Did you swing badly? Was the bad shot pre-ordained by God?

Continued page 2

Thankfulness *by Earlene Leming*

Thankfulness is a skill we learn best by seeing it modeled. I'm grateful to have grown up hearing the words "thank-you" continually. I saw my Mother and Grandmother often writing lovely thank-you notes. Even when things were difficult, they still gave thanks to God because they believed Our Heavenly Father loves His children and good gifts come from Him. It was easy to



Earlene Leming

learn the art of gratitude in my home. God had a great plan when He led me into Prison Ministry. I learned along with incarcerated women to genuinely say "Thank you, Jesus" for everything. I witnessed miracles of God's Grace and saw vivid proof of His love!

Last month, Grads Dina and Suzy from my Valley State Prison for Women Leadership Class, came

to Faith Christian Assembly and gave testimonies of God's faithfulness in their lives. It brought memories of the story of Joseph. Genesis 50:20: "You thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good...to save much people alive."

May we be aware of opportunities to say "thank you" to others today, and be thankful to God as we watch Him turn our difficulties into good... in His time.

"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

~Jesus

Eat Like Jesus *continued from page 1*

The reason the disciples asked Jesus if He had eaten, was probably because it was mealtime, which means Jesus was probably hungry, maybe even tired. But unlike some of us, Jesus didn't get hangry. He didn't ask, "What's to eat???" Instead, His focus was on an-

other opportunity to make a difference in the life of a Samaritan woman, which caused Him to forget all about his hunger. The pain of a woman at a well trumped any hunger pangs He may have felt.

Job 23:12; "I have esteemed the

words of His mouth more than my necessary food."

Happy Thanksgiving!

~ Pastor Sheri

Walking God's Course *continued from page 1*

God isn't as concerned about our golf game as He is with our spiritual images. Are these images consistent and true to the Word? God is trying to encourage us to trust Him. We can be confident that He will lead us where we need to go,

even when we cannot see the green.

Psalm 23:1-2, NIV

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters...

~ Gary Leming



November Calendar

SUNDAYS

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

Pre-service prayer
5:00 pm

November 6 -10:30
am Communion ser-
vice

November 6—
Daylight Saving Time
ends



Daylight Saving Time
Ends Sunday
November 6

MONDAYs - Office
Closed

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

WEDNESDAYs
Bible Study 11:00 am
November 23- 11:00 am
Thanksgiving Eve Service

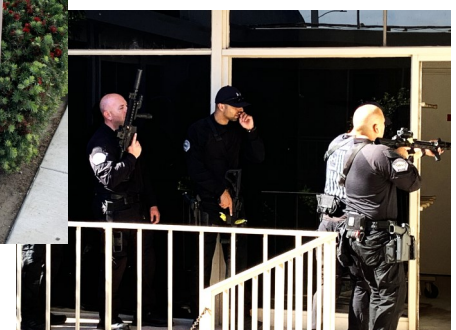
THURSDAYs
November 17 -1:00 pm
Men's Ministry meeting
and 1:00 pm Touch of
Love Women's Ministry
meeting
November 24—
Thanksgiving, office
closed

FRIDAYs
Church Office Hours
10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Call for appointment
November 25—Office
closed for the holiday

SWAT's Happening?

SWAT team members from Seal Beach Police and other area precincts descended on Faith Christian Assembly for several hours on Thursday, October 20. But don't be concerned! FCA happily opened up our facility for use by these officers for the purpose of a training day. Local police were here perfecting their skills so that they are pre-

pared to protect our community when called upon. We are so appreciative of our police and the families who undergird and back them up as they serve. FCA is honored to support these men and women and we are always eager to assist! Our prayers are with them and their families!





13820 Seal Beach Blvd
P.O. Box 3444
Seal Beach, CA
90740

Phone: 562-598-9010
Email: contact@fcachurch.net

Visit us on Facebook!
facebook.com/FCChurch

We're on the Web!
fcachurch.net



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 ~ November 1, 2022

It's hard to believe that we are about to bid 2022 adieu. It seems our world's orbit around the Sun feels faster every year! But one thing never changes, and that is our Mighty God and His faithfulness to us. May we all spend our month expressing our thanksgiving to God.

You will want to take special note that it's time to fall back this month. Saturday, November 5, be sure to set your clock back one hour before you turn in for the night. Yes, this is the good Daylight Savings. Also be sure to join us this coming Sunday for our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. Another calendar item that you will want to remember is our Thanksgiving-Eve service Wednesday, November 23 at 11am. This is a favorite time

of gathering together and celebrating the kindness of God as we offer our thanks for His goodness to us.

We are continuing our rich study each Wednesday at 11am in the Main Sanctuary. Many continue to join us as we journey through 12 Historic Doctrines of Scripture. In our current culture, it seems too often that we don't realize that Doctrine - what Christians believe, directly influences how we live. But what happens if we fail to connect the dots between what we say we believe and how we actually live? This is why it is vital to know what Scripture has to say about how we are to live, and then we put these truths of God's Word on display for all the world to see. We encourage you to invite someone to join you for this important time

together.

We look forward to gathering for Holy Communion this Sunday morning at 10:30am, and for Sunday pre-service Prayer at 5pm before our 5:30pm service. We ask each of you to join us as we pray for our nation, as well as the nations of the world.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

Colossians 3:15, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

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