



Faith Christian Assembly

January Newsletter

January 1, 2023

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God's Datebook *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them." Psalm 139:16, NKJV

Happy New Year to you! As we scurry to find a new date book for 2023 I wanted to encourage us with the above Scripture.

Do you ever think about the fact that God has a book? And His book is a real page-turner! And in God's book He records all of our days. In fact, the above Scripture tells us that even before we were born this book was written. Before we were born? Yes!

Albert Barnes puts it this way, "Before the embryo had any such form that its

future size, shape, or proportions could be marked by the eye of man, it was clearly and distinctly known by God." This means that all of our future was known to God as to what the events of our lives would be. WOW!

This tells us that whatever 2023 brings, we can have confidence in our God. He has everything in His control. Nothing is going to take Him by surprise. We serve an Omniscient God. He already knows EVERYTHING.

In fact, back up to verse 4: Psalm 139:4, NKJV -For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

So because of God's in-

credible knowledge of us, and of our days, we have a responsibility to Him...

Hebrews 4:13, NIV

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

As we journey through 2023, let's begin each day by asking our Lord to direct our steps according to His perfect will. Let's utter a prayer to Him right now committing to begin each day with the question the apostle Paul asked Him, "What shall I do, Lord?" (Acts 22:10)

Job 23:10, He knows the way that I take...

~ Pastor Sheri

Jesus Prays for You *by Earlene Leming*

We can say "Happy New Year" because we don't face life alone! God's plan is for us to PRAY for each other and expect Him to answer. If you don't have a praying friend, just remember you have the Promise...JESUS PRAYS FOR YOU!



Earlene Leming

"And the Lord said, "Satan hath desired to have thee, that he may sift thee as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." Luke 22:31-32a

Paul learned to use the

Word, the Name, and the Blood of Jesus as weapons for daily battles. He declared, "I have fought a good fight!" He knew he completed God's Assignments with success and said, "I

have finished my course!" Then he boldly proclaimed, "I have kept the faith!" II Timothy 3:7,8

Paul suffered difficult experiences, but they didn't touch his faith. His goal

was to win the race and gain the prize! "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." II Timothy 3:7, 8.

Like Paul, we only live ONE day at a time. We learn to keep our faith through ONE battle at a time. We EXPECT VICTORIES when we remember that Jesus promised, "I have PRAYED for thee, that thy faith fail not!"

Faith Christian Assembly 2022 Wrap Up & Impact

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger."

Proverbs 11:24
The Message

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is,

there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

Looking back on 2022, God's goodness and faithfulness has once again shone strong at Faith Christian Assembly, through all the ups and downs that the year held! And it was a banner year

with the generosity of our Jesus-loving, bighearted congregation, friends, and family, leading the way by providing much needed prayer and financial support to missionaries and the needy both worldwide and locally.

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January Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Times:

10:30am and

5:30pm

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

January 1—New

Year's Day Service

time 10:30 AM. NO EVENING SERVICE

January 8—Com-

munion service

10:30 am



*Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning
Lamentations 3:23*

TUESDAYS

Church Office/Library Hours

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00 am

NO BIBLE STUDY 1/4/23

THURSDAYS

Men's Ministry—no meeting this month

THURSDAYS cont

Touch of Love Women's Ministry's—no meeting this month

GriefShare—5:30 pm weekly in Garden Room

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours

10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Call for appointment

MONDAYS - Office Closed

Faith Christian Assembly 2022 Wrap Up & Impact ~ *continued from page 2*

We were blessed to send critical support through Grace International for the people and churches of Ukraine where food and heaters for winter have been especially needed. Grace International missionaries all over the world have received monthly financial assistance as well as funds for special projects such as motorcycles for pastors in India and a feeding program for the poorest of the poor in South Africa.

Other generous local assistance has gone to We Care Family

Support Center of Los Alamitos, Orange County Rescue Mission, Long Beach Rescue Mission, Los Angeles Mission, and Samaritan's Purse Shoebox program.

The group that gathers each Sunday at 5:00 pm just prior to our evening service continues to pray faithfully, lifting up many needs and thanking our Lord for meeting those needs. (Phil 4:19) Their prayers cover our congregation, family and friends, the Grace International missionaries, our local, regional, and national leaders and more.

In May, Pastor Sheri and Gary were asked to be prayer leaders at the local meeting of the National Day of Prayer held in Los Alamitos. It was a glorious afternoon of worship and prayer held outside at a community park. Then in August our pastors were sent to South Africa where Pastor Sheri was the keynote speaker at the Grace International Women's Conference, and she and Gary were blessed to minister one-on-one to conference attendees. Also during that trip they spoke to and encouraged a gathering of

local Grace International pastors.

Thank you Lord, and thank you for FCA congregation, friends and family for your amazing hearts of generosity! Well done!

"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Matthew 25:40.

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger." Proverbs 11:24 MSG



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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 ~ January 1, 2023

Happy 2023 to you! We are so grateful for what the Lord has done in and through Faith Christian Assembly in 2022, which gives us confidence in all that He has planned for 2023! And we look forward to being on that journey with all of you! We serve a Mighty God, who has proven Himself faithful to us again and again.

It was so enjoyable to have Pastor Paul Vaughn return from Tahiti. He shared with us stories of God's faithfulness throughout the year to La Bonne Nouvelle. We also had a blessed time at our Birthday Party for Jesus, and through your financial gifts we were able to help raise some extra support for our Grace International Missionaries as well as special projects for our GI churches in Ukraine, South Africa feeding programs, and for Good News for India by giving

funds towards motorbikes that greatly assist in transportation for missionaries there. Also because of your generosity we were able to give to Samaritan's Purse and local organizations We Care and the Orange County and Los Angeles Rescue Missions. Thank you for giving to the Lord!

We will be mailing out letters of receipt for your giving for this past year on January 20, 2023. Those of you who have tithed regularly throughout the year will receive a financial statement as well. We thank each of you for your generosity to Faith Christian Assembly throughout the year.

We invite you to join us this month only on the second Sunday of 2023 for our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together (next month communion will go back to the first Sunday.) This is

such a rich time to partake together and in this way we can be obedient to Scripture as we obey Jesus instruction to, "Do this in remembrance of Me." (No Sunday Evening Service on January 1, 2023)

We encourage you to make a commitment this year to join us for Pre-service Sunday Night Prayer at 5pm.

"To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees."

- Billy Graham

Psalms 31:23-24, NIV

23 Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to Him, but the proud He pays back in full. 24 Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

Can't wait to see you Sunday,