



Faith Christian Assembly

September Newsletter

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Ginny Vaughn

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Mama's Clothes *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

Most of you know by now that a few days ago my precious mother, Ginny Vaughn passed away. As I reference later in the letter portion, we have received so much love as we walk through this difficult time, and we are so grateful to feel the comfort of our Lord through His people. But there is a part of me that understands what others have said about grief. When your loved one passes, the first time you walk outside, or into a business, you see strangers going about their normal lives, and it feels remarkable that the whole world hasn't come to a grinding halt, because that is what you are experiencing in your own heart. Once again, we must go to our heavenly Father, "the God of all comfort" and allow His Word to sooth us...

Isaiah 41:10, Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

One of the things that others have noticed about my mom was her incredible fashion sense. As a small child I was always so proud of the way she carried herself. I remember once in elementary school she was going to a parent teacher conference with one of my favorite teachers. I picked out the outfit, and even the way I and she did it! But what stood out about her wasn't just her clothes. What truly stood out about my mother was her relationship with her Savior, and the way that impacted the way she walked around this world. She faithfully served the Lord lavishly all her life in humility, in excellence and with great love.

Proverbs 31:25, She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

I love this Scripture because it beautifully describes her life. She was serious about many things in life - the important

things that she imparted to Paul and me. And for that we are eternally grateful. But she also had a twinkle in her eye. She had a really fun sense of humor, which we all loved so much. We loved her jokes, even when they made us groan. She loved corny jokes because she said they were Scriptural...

Proverbs 11:26, He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

While we know that hard things happen to all of us, we can also know that we are not alone.

Isaiah 66:13 - As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you...

Comfort from God comes into greater clarity as we choose to embrace gratitude for His blessing us with her all these years.

~ Pastor Sheri

My Love & Constant Wife & Companion *by Pastor Gwyn Vaughn*



Pastor Gwyn & Ginny
Vaughn

"My time allotted to me today can in no way express my innumerable thoughts on this occasion to truly express how I have felt toward this wonderful, lovely, faithful, and godly woman for the past 64 years. I fell head over heels in love just prior to our marriage on Feb. 12, 1960 and that love has never diminished from the time that God made real to me that she was born for me.

Her birth was a miracle, weighing only three and half pounds upon delivery. The doctors took her prematurely to save her mother's life and has used her to save mine. Her gifts, while most people from the outside would say were musical, being a genius at the piano, but that only scratches the surface to what she was on the inside.

Her graces exceeded her artistic musical ability truly first, as a child of God, as a mother of our children, as a faithful and devoted pastor's wife, who was willing to make any sacrifice necessary in order for us to fulfill our calling not only here in the USA but in Canada, India, Ukraine, Trinidad, Tahiti, Africa, all over Europe and Great Britain, on many occasions that were often times, exhausting, health draining, enduring, but all without complaining once.

She truly loved the ministry. And when I saw the toll it placed on her health and decided to retire in order to care for her condition, she was not a happy camper. But even though she did not really complain I could sense the pain of leaving the ministry was greater than her affliction. But

she supported my decision and did her best to adjust to her new living environment praying for a miracle which did not come, but maintained her faith in God to the end of her journey through life.

I have been proud of her as our leading musician at the various churches we have pastored as well as the other contributions of her gift at various conferences, revival meetings, and for major organizations including Nordstrom. She knew how to tickle the ivories and make a song better than it was written.

But she was one who was not content to be a top pianist, she worked hard in training others for this profession as well.

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September Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Times:

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

5:00pm

September 3 – Com-
munion service

10:30am NO EVENING
SERVICE due to holiday

September 24—5:30
pm service Guest Wor-
shipper & Speakers
Pastors Darrin and
Wendy Green



MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office/Library

Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00am

THURSDAYS

GriefShare—weekly at
6:00pm in the Garden
Room

THURSDAYS cont

September 21- 1:00 pm

Men's Ministry meeting

September 21- 1:00 pm

Touch of Love Wom-
en's Ministry meeting

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm.

Call for appointment

September 18-19

Grace International
Regional Conference in
Oceanside, CA

My Love & Constant Wife *continued from page 2*

And today there are count-
less, even hundreds who are
musicians in their church or
career, who have been
trained to play the piano by
note or ear, using her own
written course. This has taken
place throughout the United
States as well as in India,
Ukraine, Canada, etc., both in
the field of education and
ministry.

If ever there was a woman of
God that excelled in humility
and wisdom, it was Ginny. I
asked her one day where she

received all the insight
which she possessed early
in her adult life. She blushed
when I asked her this, but
she said, "Well I learned ear-
ly in youth to read some-
thing from the Book of Prov-
erbs daily, and I practiced
this and if I have any such
grace you think I have, the
credit belongs to Solomon
and the Lord that inspired
him to write such truths."

Ginny excelled in many gifts
and graces that the general
public may not be aware of...

such as she was the proof-
reader for all my books, as
well as my monthly news-
letter, my weekly sermons,
and various letters and ar-
ticles I have written for
various publications. I have
been guilty of mispronunci-
ation of words as well as
murdering the King's Eng-
lish....but don't blame her,
she tried to improve my
vocabulary....but had a 'D'
student to train.

~ Pastor Vaughn



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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, 2023

We welcome September with the hope of cooler days of Fall. As I write this, just two days ago, we lost my mother, Ginny Vaughn. Our family has lost a true treasure. We know those of you who knew her feel a great loss as well. We as a family want to thank you for the outpouring of love, prayers, kind notes, and shared remembrances of this precious lady that we all loved so much. But we do not, "sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We invite you to join us this fall as we gather to enjoy our study of the greatest Book ever written. Bible Study meets every Wednesday @ 11am. We dive into God's Word which reveals His plan

for the way we should walk around this world as He draws others to Himself.

September 18-19, Gary and I will attend our Regional Conference for Grace International in Oceanside, CA. This is always a wonderful time to gather with other Pastors and be refreshed by the presence of God and further equipped in leadership and ministry.

Sunday, September 24, in our 5:30 pm service, we are excited to welcome Pastors Darrin & Wendy Green. They pastor our Grace International church in Panorama City. Darrin's parents, Daryl & Joie Green have been cherished friends to FCA and ministered with us several times in the past. Please join us on this special night of music and the Word. You will be blessed!

Please be sure to join us this first Sunday of September for our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is such a set apart time to partake together and in this way we obey Jesus' command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Please join us for pre-service prayer this Sunday at 5pm, before our 5:30pm Service.

1 Chronicles 16:11 Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

"The prayer offered to God in the morning during your quiet time is the key that unlocks the door of the day. Any athlete knows that it is the start that ensures a good finish." ~ Adrian Rogers

Looking forward to Sunday,
Pastor Sheri & Gary Leming