



# Faith Christian Assembly

## December Newsletter

*CHRISTMAS Edition*



December 1, 2023

### We Need a Little Christmas, Now! *by Pastor Sheri Leming*



Father and son, Pastor Gywn Vaughn and Pastor Paul Vaughn

Merry Christmas greetings to you! We pray the Prince of Peace reigns over you in a fresh way this Christmas and over your life as well! We decided to do something different this year. Instead of sending our typical Newsletter and Christmas cards, we chose to combine them and send you a Christmas letter, that is more personal with some family pictures. We are feeling extra sentimental this year, with the loss of our precious mama this past August. So we

wanted to send along our love and update you on our family and some of the happenings at Faith Christian Assembly.

I absolutely love the Christmas song, "We Need a Little Christ-

mas!" I don't know when it has ever been more true than this year. Not only for our family, but as I look out into this dark world, it is my prayer for our nation and our world.

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Tyler Leming, Pastor Sheri and Gary's son, speaking at a Sunday evening service



Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming



Earlene Leming

## The Joy of Our Salvation *by Earlene Leming*

MUSIC will always be a special part of Christmas! In Luke 2:13,14 we are told how the ANGELS SANG the "Birth Announcement" of our Lord Jesus. When we gave the Call for Salvation In Women's Prisons, we said, "Angels in

Heaven are singing!" Luke 15:10 tells us, "Likewise I say unto you, there is JOY in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." May we appreciate this truth from words of another song: "Holy, Holy, is

what the angels sing. And I expect to help them make the courts of Heaven ring. But when we sing a Redemption story, they will fold their wings; For angels never felt the JOY that our Salvation brings!" ~Earlene

## We Need a Little Christmas *continued from page 1*

It struck me in a new way recently that indeed this is exactly what God sent, when He sent His Son - He sent a Little Christmas...

Galatians 4:4, NKJV

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Clearly our Heavenly Father had this plan all along. It was His purpose to send the Re-

deemer He knew we would desperately need, but in the form we would never expect: small enough to fit in a manger...

Luke 2:11-12

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul is expressing his gratitude for the generosity of the people of Corinth. Then he ends the chapter with a beautiful expression of gratitude for the Savior...

2 Corinthians 9:15, NKJV

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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Lauren, Luke, James and Eva Mintz, Pastor Sheri and Gary's daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren



Pastor Paul Vaughn performing a baptism at his church, Le Bonne Nouvelle in Tahiti



Pastor Gwyn Vaughn with the microphone at Grace International's October Conference in The Woodlands, TX, sharing his wisdom and being a blessing in retirement!

## December Calendar

### SUNDAYS

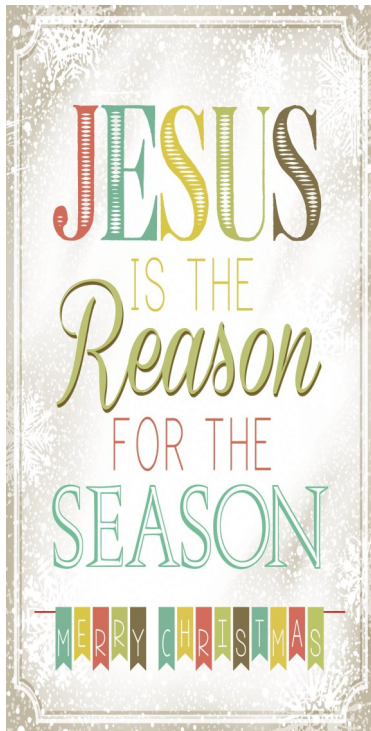
*Service Times:* 10:30am and 5:30pm/Pre-service prayer 5:00pm

December 3 – Communion service 10:30am

December 3—The Cornell Trio Night of Music 5:30 pm

December 17—Pastor Paul Vaughn ministering at 10:30 am service,

followed by Happy Birthday Jesus Lunch Party directly after service



## We Need a Little Christmas *continued from page 2*

One of our best-loved December events at Faith Christian Assembly is our “Happy Birthday to Jesus” party. This is where we all bring our best financial gift, all of which goes to both local and foreign Missions. I cannot adequately express the joy that is in this gathering every

year! But Paul, as we previously referenced, stated there is no joy that can compare to the Gift of our Lord Jesus! Yes, indeed, Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! Merry Christmas!

~Pastor Sheri

### SUNDAYS cont

December 17, 24 & 31—**NO EVENING SERVICE**

### MONDAYS

Office Closed

### TUESDAYs

Church Office/

Library Hours  
10:00am to 4:00pm  
Call for appointment

### WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study 11:00am  
December 27—no Bible Study

### THURSDAYs

December 21—Men’s and Women’s Ministry Christmas Luncheon hosted by Touch of Love 12:30 pm Garden Room

### FRIDAYs

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

### OTHER

January 3—No Wednesday Bible Study



Pastor Sheri, Gary and Tyler enjoying family time!



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## From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ December 1, 2023

This is the blessed time of year when I have Christmas music playing in my heart! I pray Luke 2:10-11 is a reality in all of our lives as we celebrate Jesus! "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."

We have many ways we are celebrating this joyous season this month. Sunday, December 3 in our 5:30pm service we are thrilled to be having the Cornell's back with us. If you love Christmas music, beautiful harmonies, and hearts that love to proclaim Jesus, you won't want to miss this concert! Invite a friend - you will be blessed!

We invite you to join us for Bible Study meeting every Wednesday @ 11am. God's Word shows us His plan for the way we should walk

around this world as He draws others to Himself. Psalm 119:24, "Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors." (No Bible Study December 27, or January 3, 2024)

A December tradition we enjoy here at Faith Christian Assembly is to welcome Paul Vaughn from Tahiti! He will be ministering in the Word and in song for us Sunday, December 17 in our 10:30am service. Come and hear all that God is doing in Tahiti!

This year our Happy Birthday Jesus Lunch Party will be Sunday, December 17 directly following the morning service. We will be enjoying lunch together as we bring our best financial gifts to Jesus - which go to support outreach, both locally and to bless our missionaries around the world. (No Sunday Evening Service December 17, 24, or 31)

Please be sure to join us this first Sunday of December 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.

Luke 1:38, NKJV

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

"Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done."

C.S. Lewis

Looking forward to Sunday,

Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming