



# Faith Christian Assembly

## May Newsletter

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### Be Kind to One Another (Especially to Your Mother) *by Pastor Sheri Leming*



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"And be ye kind one to another..." Ephesians 4:32 NIV

Last month I ended our April Newsletter article on the subject of kindness with the above Scripture. As I reviewed it, I thought I would use it again for this month. This is the month we celebrate Mother's Day. I cannot look at this verse without thinking of my mom. When Paul and I were very little she would teach us Scripture. But she also would make it fun, as she did everything she touched. One day she was quoting this Scripture, but she added her own thought with it, "Especially to your mother." And to this day, this is what comes to mind when both Paul and I hear this verse.

A godly mother is among the greatest blessings that God can give. Abraham Lincoln once said, "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

The psalmist who penned Psalm 116 as he was recounting all of the benefits that he had received from the Lord, spoke of his gratitude for his mother in verse 16...

"Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains." Psalm 116:16, NIV

The psalmist was writing not only of his thankfulness to God, but also of his great indebtedness to Him. This

struck him so deeply that it made him realize that he owed God more than a simple, "Thank-You!" but he owed his very life for God's service. And he credits his mother for giving him this level of understanding. She taught him not just in word, but in deed. He credits his mother for the way she modeled a life of devotion to the Lord as she devoted her son to the Lord. He wants it to be understood that he had a wonderful mother that trained him for this kind of life. She served her Lord, and therefore, He wanted to serve his Lord. And while he is honoring all that his mother did for him in this way, the psalmist is really showing his gratitude to Almighty God.

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## Bold Prayers *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

My Grandmother planted spiritual seeds into me as a child. Bible stories came alive! Illustrations from her friend's book provided TRUTHS to sustain me in hard places. She taught that God provides "endless hope" for His children when we PRAY! All we need to do is ASK Him for it. Let us learn to be bold with our prayers!

From the classic devotional *Streams In the Desert* by Mrs.

Cowman.

"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say unto me." Habakkuk 2:1

"There is no waiting on God for help, and there is no help from God without watchful expectation on our part. Watch for God in the events of your life. Unless you put out your water jars when it rains, you catch no wa-

ter. Men who come to the bank in earnest present their checks, they wait until they receive their gold, and then they go; but not without having transacted real business. Our heavenly Father would have us do real business with Him in our praying." C.H. Spurgeon

"Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 12:1

## Be Kind...Especially to Your Mother *continued from page 1*

There are some of you I'm sure, for whom Mother's Day is not a happy occasion. Maybe verse 16 doesn't reflect the way you were brought up in your early years. If this is you, I encourage you to not allow yourself to be robbed of the gratitude

of the psalmist. We all were influenced by someone God sent our way, as His Spirit drew our hearts to Him. And for that we can offer ourselves to God for His use out of our tremendous gratitude to Him for "freeing us from our chains."

"Father and mother are apostles, bishops and priests to their children, for it is they who make them acquainted with the gospel." ~ Martin Luther

~ Pastor Sheri



Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children.  
-Billy Graham



~ All Church Prayer Saturday May 11 @ 11:00 am ~

Join us Saturday, May 11, from 11am-12pm for a time of prayer.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." ~ 1 John 5:14



## May Calendar

### SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

May 5 —Communion Service

May 12—Mother's Day Service

### MONDAYS

Office Closed

May 27-Memorial Day

### TUESDAYS

Church Office and Library Hours



### TUESDAYs cont

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment

### WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study—  
11:00am

May 8 & 15 —Gary Leming teaching (see article below)

### THURSDAYs

May 16—Men's and Women's Ministry meetings at 1:00 pm

### THURSDAYs cont

GriefShare weekly at 3:00 pm in the Garden Room

### FRIDAYs

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

### SATURDAYs

May 11—All Church Prayer at 11:00 am

## Are Your Treasures Safe? *By Gary Leming*

Do you have a clear understanding of what God wants our attitude to be when it comes to our money? What does God's Word have to say about this? Would it surprise you to know that the Bible contains numerous examples that bring tremendous clarity on this? I

will be teaching a Bible Study class on how our attitude towards money can be pleasing or displeasing to God according to His Word. We will also set aside time for prayer in these classes.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 11am

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @ 11am

Matthew 6:19-20, NKJV - "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."

~ Gary





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## From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~May 1, 2024

I just love this time of year! We begin to experience more of those beautiful and warm Spring days and the fragrance of flowers is in the air. We also celebrate Mother's Day - which is always a special time to give honor to those cherished and irreplaceable mama's who raised us. John Wesley is quoted as saying, "I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England."

We have been so blessed as we have scheduled times to join together for All Church Prayer. We have also been so encouraged to see so many of you join with us. If you haven't done so as yet, we encourage you to save the date as

we are scheduling another Prayer Gathering for Saturday, May 11 @ 11am for All Church Prayer. We read these words of Jesus in Matthew 21:13 - And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer.'"

J.C. Ryle: "Praying and sinning will never live together in the same heart. Prayer will consume sin, or sin will choke prayer."

We want to invite you to a very special Bible Study Class that will be taught by Gary Leming on Wednesday, May 8, and Wednesday, May 15 at 11am. In this Bible Study Class, Gary will teach us about what God's Word has to say to us about what our attitude should be concerning money. Join us for

Bible Study 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. Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

We invite you to join us this first Sunday in May in our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is the time to partake together and in this way we obey Jesus' command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Looking forward to Sunday, Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming