



Faith Christian Assembly

July Newsletter

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Righteousness or Reproach? *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

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It is with a warm heart of gratitude that we welcome July and anticipate singing those cherished songs of patriotism that mean so much. With that being said, most of us, I'm sure, cannot help but sing these with a melancholy heart as we see the direction our nation seems to be headed. We all surely know that it felt easier to sing these songs as a kid - when our nation seemed to value godly precepts more than it seems to today. Proverbs 14:34

describes the reality of what we are experiencing...

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

-Proverbs 14:34, NKJV

It is the nature of sin to deprive a people of the blessings of freedom. So what do we do now? God has more for us to do than cry as we sing the familiar songs of patriotism. We should always be grateful for those who gave all for this country. But is gratitude enough? No,

it is not. One of my favorite devotional writers, J.R. Miller said, "This country is a sacred trust in our hands. We are now the conservators of its glory. We have more to do than sing the praises of its dead heroes and soldiers. There are battles yet to fight - battles for national honor, righteousness, truth, purity and faith...Let us ourselves be worthy soldiers in the great moral war that never ceases..."

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Earlene Leming

Fireproof Protection *by Earlene Leming*

"When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you. For I am the Lord thy God." Isaiah 43:2

When life brings us unexpected situations, it is wise to quote God's Word. His plans are always for good, but Jesus warned that the enemy's plans are "steal, kill, and destroy" John 10:10. Recently, God gave

me a vivid picture of this spiritual TRUTH. When we walk through life's hard places, Jesus provides us with the protection of HIS WORD. He covers us with the FIREPROOF PROTECTION OF HIMSELF!

Firefighters protect themselves in a raging forest fire by wrapping inside a huge asbestos blanket until the fire is gone. When we keep our mind focused on

God's Promises, our spirit is "wrapped-up" in Jesus. We hear His Words through scriptures and songs. We're protected from fear, anxiety, & depression... JESUS IS the WORD!

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind." II Timothy:7
"Casting all your cares on Him, for He cares for you." II Peter 5:7

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So as we prayerfully prepare for battle, we can read the familiar strain of The Battle Hymn of the Republic...

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on!

It's good to prayerfully bring ourselves before the Lord and ask, 'Is my soul swift to answer Him?' He has a plan for us to be used to reach out to those around us.

May our feet be jubilant and trusting Him and always prayerfully looking for opportunities. I love Psalm 25 and Ephesians 2. These would be good additions to our morning prayers... Psalm 25:4-5, NKJV: Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

Ephesians 2:10: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

I also encourage you to join me in this daily prayer: "Lord, lead me today to those I need and to those that need me. And let something I do today have eternal significance. Amen."

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS,
MARCHING AS TO WAR,
WITH THE CROSS OF JESUS GOING
ON BEFORE.
CHRIST, THE ROYAL MASTER,
LEADS AGAINST THE FOE;
FORWARD INTO BATTLE SEE HIS
BANNERS GO!

- SABINE BARING-GOULD -

July Calendar

SUNDAYS

**Service Time:
10:30am**

**July 7 – Communion
Service**

**July 14 – Guest
Speaker Pastor Curt
Cornelius**

**July 21 – Guest
Speaker Pastor Gwyn
Vaughn**

MONDAYS

Office Closed



TUESDAYS

**Church Office and
Library Hours**

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study—11:00am

**July 17—Medicare
Seminar 11:00 am**

**July 24—Bible Study
Guest Speaker Lucas
Levin**

THURSDAYS

**July 18 -Men's and
Women's Ministry
meetings at 1:00 pm**

FRIDAYS

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

More Info on FCA's July Events!

Here's what's happening in July at Faith Christian Assembly!

Check out our guest speakers this month:

Pastor Curt Cornelius will be speaking at our service on Sunday July 14 at 10:30 am. Pastor Curt always blesses us from God's Word and you won't want to miss his message!

The following week, Pastor Gwyn Vaughn will return to the pulpit, sharing his wisdom accumulated during his many years of pastoring and studying the Word

of God. Join us for his message on July 21, at our Sunday 10:30 am service.

Finally on Wednesday July 24 we have Lucas Levin, Grace International's missionary to Europe, Africa and the Middle East speaking at our 11:00 am Bible Study. We can't wait to hear his message and testimonies!

Join us on Wednesday July 17 at 11:00 am for a Medicare seminar presented by the Orange County Council on Aging. If you are in-

terested in finding out how to navigate the ins and outs of Medicare, this is a great, unbiased look at the program. It will benefit those in all stages of the Medicare journey, whether you're new to it, have been on it for some time, or are somewhere in between.

And don't forget to join us for our July Men's and Women's meetings on Thursday the 18th at 1:00 pm. Having a ministry devoted specifically to addressing the strengths and

unique issues of each group is not only fun and enjoyable, but it is also an excellent opportunity to give and receive support, share like experiences and help each other along during life's ups and downs. This is the last meeting before our August break so don't miss out!

See you soon at FCA!



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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~July 1, 2024

July Greetings to you!
We have many wonderful things happening this month, please take special note of the calendar section because we don't want you to miss out!

We have wonderful speakers coming to Faith Christian Assembly! We are excited to have Pastor Curt Cornelius ministering in the Word on Sunday, July 14 in our 10:30am service. And we have Pastor Vaughn in FCA's pulpit on Sunday, July 21 at 10:30am! These Pastors always bless us from God's Word! You won't want to miss hearing them.

Wednesday, July 17 at

11am we are going to have a special class taught by the Council on Aging. This particular class will help those of you who are negotiating the medicare system. There will be a lot of important information that is sure to help you, whether you're new to Medicare or have been on it for a while.

We want to invite you to 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. Please take note that we

have as our special guest speaker for Wednesday, July 24 @ 11am - Lucas Levin our missionary to Europe, Africa and the Middle East. You won't want to miss hearing incredible testimonies of God's faithfulness!

We invite you to join us this first Sunday in July 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