



Faith Christian Assembly

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Walk in Love (Ephesians 5:2) by Pastor Sheri Leming

Happy February to you... the month filled with red hearts, chocolates, and all things to celebrate love. And why not? Our world is clearly in desperate need of more love — especially to our fellow man.

I am convinced that any time is a good time to be reminded of how very much we are loved by Almighty God. The Word of God tells the wonderful story of God's redeeming love from cover to cover. In fact, the most well-known Scripture, John 3:16, beautifully reveals the lengths that God has gone through to show the entire world the full extent of His love— by giv-

ing His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Because of this love I think the greatest question we can ask ourselves is the same question that Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love Me?" Jesus asked him this question not once, but three times.

What would you say in answer to this question? After all, if we are walking with the Lord and serving Him, I pray we are fully aware that Jesus loves us. But I think it would be valuable to ponder Jesus' question to Peter in our own lives: "Do you love Me?"

Dr. Thom Rainer talks about the heart-breaking

shift in American worship that has moved from "a self-sacrificing service and worship of God to consumer-focused, self-serving attitude." This could primarily be because our culture has nose-dived into an "all about me" mind-set. Yes, of course, Jesus does indeed love me! But when was the last time I pondered my love for Him? First John helps us out here. In fact, this verse reveals how we will know the answer to the "Do you love Me?" question. We must take note of the first two words... "By this..."

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Because He First Loved Us *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

"We love Him, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19
The Word God gave me in 1984 at a prison is still valuable today. He said, "They may NOT remember what YOU SAID, but they will remember what YOU DID."

I began asking God to "POUR HIS LOVE" into me. Soon I discovered that I was falling-in-love with Jesus. He healed me! Then

HE revealed HIS Love to those I was teaching. One day, I found "The Vessel" poem and I knew it was a title for a book. In 1999, when the first copies of *Vessels of Honor* books were loaded into my Temecula garage, the Lord said, "The book will GO where YOU cannot go." Twenty-five years later, I no longer go inside prisons, but God continues to fulfill HIS

Promise, even into other countries. My nephew's family often takes Spanish *Vessels of Honor* books to Mexico, and our FCA Pastors take English copies for missionaries on their trips. Who knows what God will do to change lives around you, when YOU obey and ask Him to "POUR HIS LOVE" into you?

~ Earlene

Walk in Love (Ephesians 5:2) *continued from page 1*

1 John 5:2-3, NKJV -By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

Loving God and loving one another is frequently tied together in God's Word.

1 John 4:7-8, NKJV— Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of

God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

J.C. Ryle tells us that, "Love is the grand secret of true obedience to God. When we feel towards Him as children feel towards a dear father, we shall delight to do His will. We shall not find His commandments grievous, and work for Him like

slaves under fear of the lash. We shall take pleasure in trying to keep His laws, and mourn when we transgress them. None work so well as those who work out of love. The fear of punishment, or the desire of reward, are principles of far less power. They do the will of God best, who do it from the heart."

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February Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time:
10:30am

February 2 – Com-
munion Service

February 16—Guest
speaker Grace Intl
missionary Lucas
Levin

MONDAYS

Office Closed



TUESDAYs

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

WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study @ 11:00am

THURSDAYs

February 20—1:00pm
Men's Ministry Meeting

THURSDAYs cont

February 20 –1:00pm
Touch of Love Wom-
en's Ministry meeting

FRIDAYs

Church Office Hours
10:00am to 4:00pm.
Please call for ap-
pointment

Walk in Love *continued from page 2*

"Always, love is a choice. You come up against scores of opportunities every day to love or not to love. You encounter hundreds of small chances to please your friends, delight your Lord and encourage your family. That's why love and obedience

are intimately linked-- you can't have one without the other." ~ Joni Eareckson Tada
1 Corinthians 16:14, NKJV - Let all that you do be done with love.

~Pastor Sheri





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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 ~ February 1, 2025

February greetings to you all! We pray your 2025 is off to a wonderful beginning. We know that even in those challenging times we can confidently place our hope and trust in our Almighty God. We know His faithfulness will continue as this year marches on. Again, we are thrilled and grateful to God to be on this journey with you.

You should already have received your letters of receipt for your giving for 2024. If you have not, please don't hesitate to call the church office @ 562-598-9010. Again, thank you for giv-

ing so generously to the Lord and for your obedience to God's Word.

We are looking forward to Lucas Levin ministering with us Sunday, February 16 in our 10:30am service. Lucas is our missionary to Europe, Africa and the Middle East. You won't want to miss hearing Lucas minister the Word of God as he shares incredible testimonies of God's faithfulness! You will be blessed.

We continue to enjoy the anointed ministry of Pastor Gwyn Vaughn, who will be speaking Sunday, February 23 in

our 10:30am service. Pastor Vaughn always brings such richness and through his passion for God's Word lives are transformed.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday, February 2 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 & Gary
Leming*