



Faith Christian Assembly

March Newsletter



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Don't Forget to Remember *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

Memory is a funny, often elusive thing. There are things we want to remember, but can have a tendency to forget. And there are those things that we have a hard time forgetting. Why can I remember, "Rice-a-Roni, the San Francisco treat" and at the same time constantly ask myself, "why did I walk in here???" Why can we recall dumb jingles, or insignificant facts, but have a hard time forgetting past hurts?

From Paul David Tripp's devotional, *Everyday Gospel*, "We need to pray that God would give us eyes to see examples of His redeeming grace..." That's the real issue, isn't it?

We need eyes to see. Our prayer must be for a God-anointed perspective shift. How do we get that? This comes through time spent in prayer and in the Word of God. Psalm III:4, NKJV - "He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The Lord is gracious and full of compassion."

Albert Barnes says that God created our memory so we can remember His wonderful works. Our memory is made to glorify God, by appreciating all He has done, all He has made, and glorifying Him for it. The highest and most appropriate exercise of memory is to retain the lessons which the

works of God instill in us and to treasure them. Let us choose gratitude and use what He teaches us through those works. Memory can never be better employed than in treasuring up the truths which the Creator teaches in His providential dealings with us, and in His Word.

So let's not waste it. How much better would it be if we challenged ourselves and prayed to remember these things? To choose to focus on His wonders instead of our resentments is the way we glorify God. This isn't just a good idea, it is vital to the very health of our souls.

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Earlene Leming

Kites, Eagles and Flying *by Earlene Leming*

In the 1950's, God used a fun job to teach me spiritual lessons while paying my CSULB tuition. As a supervisor on an afterschool playground, I vividly recall MARCH with "Kite-Flying" contests! He taught me to FLY ABOVE my problems. I learned God wants to show us HOW TO TRUST HIM as He fulfills the PLANS He has for our life.

Deuteronomy 32:11-12a: "As an eagle stirs up her nest

and flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead him." Learning to fly is frightening at first! The mother eagle begins with baby eaglet on her back, but soon abruptly dives, hurling her young into the air. The little bird struggles frantically and plummets toward the earth. At the last moment, mother

eagle swoops under her eaglet, breaking his fall, and rescues him as he lands again on her back. She REPEATS the process until the little bird discovers the thrill of flying and learns to take-off on its own. If you are anxious about a situation today, ASK Jesus to "carry you on HIS strong wings", enjoy the flight in peace, and LEARN to fly above your problems. ~ Earlene

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So how do we take this remembering of His works seriously? Because this is vital not only to us, but to future generations. All we have to do is take a look at Psalm 106 to see what is at stake. This psalm should send chills down our spine when we think of our propensity to forget the goodness of God or when we choose to give in to bitterness. Take a look...

Psalm 106:7, "Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember the multitude of Your mercies..."

What do you think comes next? What is the cost of not remembering God's mercies?

Verse 7 ends, "But rebelled by the sea - the Red Sea."

But God in His mercy saved them anyway. He

rescued them. But take a look at verse 13, "They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel." Not remembering His works and refusing to wait for His counsel leads them to idolatry and eventually joining themselves to Baal (v. 28). Then comes the unthinkable, "They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons." (v. 37)

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March Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time:

10:30am

March 2 — Communion Service

MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office and Library Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment



WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study @ 11:00am

March 5—Guest Speaker Pastor Sam Rios

March 12—Health Class with Susan Kelleghan, RN

THURSDAYS

March 20—1:00pm

Men's Ministry Guest Speaker Pastor Sam Rios

THURSDAYS cont

March 20—1:00pm

Touch of Love Women's Ministry meeting

March 20—First day of spring

FRIDAYS

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

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"When we read this, I'm sure we say, 'I would NEVER do that!' But the question we must bring before God is, 'What devastation comes from familial bitterness, or generation after generation of unforgiveness?' What is the end result of forgetfulness of God's mercy? This should sober every one of us.

"Remember the goodness of God in the frost of adversity."
~Charles Spurgeon

So the question is... What are we remembering?

"My bologna has a first name, it's O-S-C-A-R...?"

Or....

Psalm 77:11, NKJV "I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old."

~Pastor Sheri



SUNDAY MARCH 9

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

TIME BEGINS

clocks move forward

one hour



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What's Happening! Don't miss our 2 guest speakers during Wednesday Bible Study this month.

On March 5, we welcome our own Pastor Sam Rios who will be sharing a wonderful Biblical message. The following week on March 12 is our next Health Class taught by FCA's Susan Kelleghan, RN. Susan is a gifted teacher, who always shares important information on how to add a better quality of health to our everyday lives. Both start at 11:00 am. And...March also brings two seasonal beginnings, with Daylight Savings Time sending us forward one hour on our clocks on the 9th, and the ushering in of the start of spring on the 20th. ***Have a blessed March everyone!***

From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ March 1, 2025

Happy March to you! Hosea 6:3, exhorts us, "Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." This is a wonderful promise that points to our Lord's faithfulness and His promise to come to us, whatever the weather. And how blessed we are to gather as a family whether in the sunshine, or the spring rains.

Gary and I appreciate your faithfulness to Faith Christian Assembly. On March 3 we are headed to India to attend the Graduation of the New Theological

College (NTC) in Dehradun founded by Brother George and Leela Chavani-kamannil. We ask for your prayers for safe travels and God's anointing for ministry there.

We continue to enjoy the anointed ministry of Pastor Gwyn Vaughn, who will be speaking Sunday, March 9 in our 10:30am service. Pastor Vaughn always brings such richness and through his passion for God's Word lives are transformed.

We continue to enjoy learning together through Bible Study each Wednesday @ 11am. This month Pastor Sam Rios will be sharing the Word with us

March 5 @ 11am. We will also have a health class on March 12 @ 11am, taught by our own Susan Kelleghan. We encourage you to attend these events as you will be blessed.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday, March 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*