



Faith Christian Assembly

August Newsletter



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Dining with Jesus *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

At Faith Christian Assembly our July Bible Study was in the Book of James. James does not waste any time challenging our human nature from the very beginning of chapter one...

James 1:2-3, My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

I love to imagine the first people who read this in James' letter or heard him say this. "My brethren, count it all joy..." We all can think of things that bring us joy, but if we are honest, we will

admit "various trials" is not the first thing that springs to mind.

Then in verse 5, James begins to build his case for why we can look at those various trials through a different lens than we usually do...

James 1:5,

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

I just love it that James uses the word, "If." Wasn't that nice of him? So, James tells us to "ask of God." This com-

mand must be a vital part of our prayer life. We must come to Him again and again for that wisdom that we will need to face those "various trials." The remarkable thing about our God is that He not only gives us wisdom, but He gives it to all "liberally." Our family has a funny story that has gone back generations. My dad's parents loved to entertain people and cook for them, and they cooked lavishly and generously - we're talking multiple main dishes, multiple side dishes, various desserts, etc.

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Earlene Leming

Pursue and Recover *by Earlene Leming*

Bible stories bring perspective when we face sudden fears, shocking news, or disappointments. They remind us our situation is NOT a surprise to God. We are warned in John 10:10: "The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy." BUT Jesus came to bring us life! Be encouraged by I Samuel chapter 30.

When David returned home from a battle, he faced a burning town and missing families. His exhausted warriors, overcome with grief,

could weep no more, and were ready to stone him! David CHOSE to look beyond what he saw, and look to GOD. Verse 6: "But David encouraged himself in the Lord."

He asked God, "What shall I do?" The answer was Verse 8: "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail, recover all." God not only gave David direction to PURSUE, but gave him HOPE of a good result so he WOULD ACT on His instructions. He prom-

ised to give him back MORE than he had at first. God REWARDS those who trust Him. I Samuel 30:20: "This is David's spoil."

HOW to PURSUE and RECOVER.

1. DAILY SPEAK or SING

ALOUD Bible Verses that always helped you in hard times.

2. Do something for JESUS...encourage someone else ASAP: Phone, Write, Visit.

~ Earlene

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And it was always delicious. But one day they went to someone's house for a meal who asked them, "How many pieces of bacon do you want...ONE?" This was so foreign to my generous grandparents' way of thinking that we have laughed about it down through the generations. God wants to give us

wisdom LIBERALLY and without reproach.

But do we ask Him for it?

In Revelation 3:20, we see a powerful illustration... "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Jesus tells us that He is standing at the door knocking, but it is on us to OPEN that door to Him. This requires a wisdom and a humility that realizes our need of Him to the point where we will reach out and turn that doorknob, and open it to invite Him into every situation, every decision, every trial.

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August Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

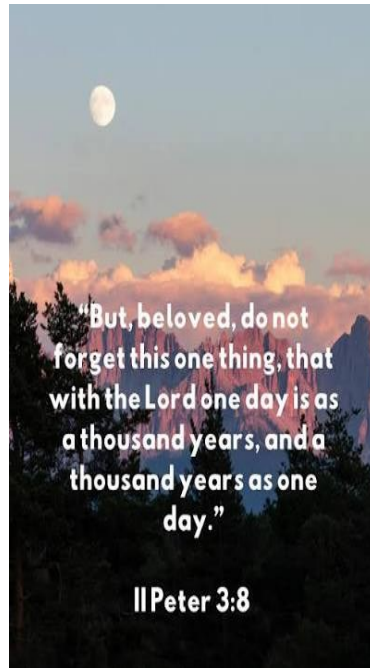
August 2 — Communion Service

MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Office and Library
Hours 10:00am to
4:00pm*



WEDNESDAYS

August 5 @ 11:00am
Movie showing: Part 1 of *A Great Awakening*

August 12 @ 11:00am
Part two of *A Great Awakening*

August 19 & 26 No
Bible Study - starts
back on September
2 @ 11:00am!

THURSDAYS

August — NOTE:
NO Men's Ministry
and Touch of Love
Women's Ministry
meetings this
month, back in Sep-
tember!

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours
10:00am to 4:00pm*
*call for appoint-
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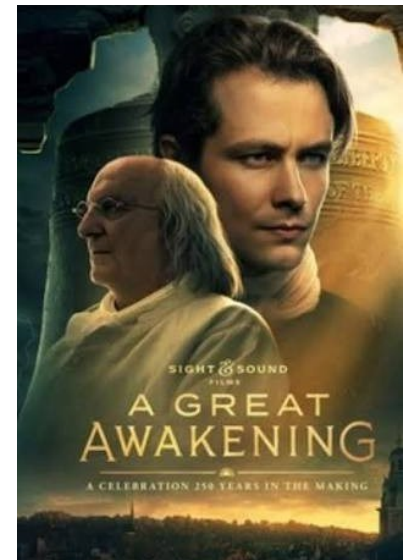
He wants to use those "various trials" to the point where they will nourish us with His strength. The Psalmist said in Psalm 23:5 that He would even "...prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Jesus redeems it all, if we will just "ask of God for wisdom" if we will pray and "open the door" to invite Him. Then we will indeed, eventually be able to "count it all joy" because we will cher-

ish the benefit we received from Him through those things He taught us through that trial. What a beautiful meal He prepares for us in the presence of those situations that we may not have ordered but in the end brought nourishment to our souls. We serve a good God who redeems it all.

Just open the door.

Bon Appetit!

~ Pastor Sheri



**You're invited to a movie
showing at FCA!**

A Great Awakening

See Calendar for details



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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ August 1, 2026

Welcome to August, the month when we most often ask the question, "Is it hot enough for ya?" So, if you are feeling overwhelmed by the heat, take a look at Solomon's exhortation in Proverbs 6:6-8, "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest." Just to be clear, I'm not calling anyone a sluggard. (Solomon is. LOL.)



After all, rest is a lovely thing.

Speaking of rest, please be sure to take a look at the August FCA Calendar in this issue. Some of our ministries will take a well-deserved break this month - Touch of Love and Men's Ministry will not meet in August, and will resume Thursday, September 17 at 1pm.

Also, please take note of our Bible Study schedule for this month:

Wednesday, August 5 @ 11am we will be viewing PART 1 of the movie *A Great Awakening*.

Wednesday, August 12 @ 11am we will be viewing PART 2 of *A Great Awakening*.

Wednesday, August 19 & 26 No Bible Study, but we will resume Wednesday, September 2 @ 11am.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday, August 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,

Pastors Sheri and Gary Leming