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Flamboyance of Flamingos *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

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Well, it is time once again to bid another summer adieu! Gary and I are getting ready to take a few days to enjoy the end of the season. So in that spirit, I write this article that I hope brings some warmth to your heart.

Do you remember when you were a kid counting down the days until the final day of school? Wasn't it exciting when you knew that summer had finally arrived? I think somewhere along the line, most of us do not feel that way about summer anymore. Instead we get busy with work and all our responsibilities. But somewhere deep inside of all of us I

am sure we remember that kid. Maybe it's time to enjoy that feeling again.

Lately, I have felt drawn to a certain word. It's not a new word, but it's a word that is newly important to me as of late. The word is whimsy. I love this word because it describes a lighthearted, playful, and charmingly eccentric "vibe." It embraces childlike wonder, and joyfulness as a way to escape serious, stressful everyday routines. It describes a cheerful mix of imagination and unpredictability that is not serious. Why do I like this word? Because we can't be serious, or stressful 24

hours a day. We were not created for this.

Now don't get me wrong. There are plenty of reasons and occasions for seriousness. And I'm not advocating for foolishness. But there are times in our lives when we need to allow ourselves to enjoy whimsy. God the Creator is Who made whimsy a part of this world. To see this all you must do is go to the zoo or to the aquarium and you will find whimsy that God in His wisdom wonderfully built into creation. Have you ever seen a Red-lipped Batfish? Please Google it!

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Earlene Leming

A Special Assignment *by Earlene Leming*

The Bible records how Jesus changed people's lives when He was here on earth. After His death and resurrection, He returned to His Father, leaving us with an assignment....DO WHAT JESUS DID. He gave us His Word and sent the Holy Spirit to live in us with power to create and change things. When we speak kind words, or a Scripture to people, we can bring hope, healing, and peace into their life.

Helen Mroska was a nun whose one assignment changed the lives of her students. In the midst of an angry class discussion, she told each child to list the names of every student on a piece of paper. Then she said to write ONE thing they liked about EACH name. Later, she gave each student a paper with their OWN NAME on it. She had copied ALL the nice things other students said about them. With amazing delight,

the students exclaimed "I never knew anyone felt that way."

Years later, Helen attended a funeral for one student and learned the value of her simple assignment. The young man had carried a fifteen-year-old ragged, yellow paper with him everywhere...even to death in rice fields halfway around the world. What made him do that? The answer is simply...appreciation.

~ Earlene

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It looks like this fish is wearing red lipstick! Let God's creation surprise you and fill you with wonder!

God has woven whimsy into this world He created. He made a world that reflects His creativity and I would dare say, His sense of humor. You can enjoy that whimsy by exploring God's wonders in nature on a regular basis. And you should! I

think we need to be encouraged to cultivate more whimsy. I'll tell you what I have done. There is something about flamingos that makes me think of whimsy. So, in the past few weeks I have bought some to put in our yard. Yes, they are plastic, but they came with solar and they light up at night. So, in the middle of the night when I look out into our

yard, I am reminded of what an incredible God we serve. By the way, do you know what a group of flamingos is called? A flamboyance of Flamingos! Isn't that awesome?

Our God is the Creator of joy! There are so many examples of joy and delight in Scripture, but I wonder, how often do we take note of it?

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September Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

September 6 — Communion Service

MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00am

September 2—Bible Study resumes after summer break



WEDNESDAYS cont

September 23 —All Church Prayer

September 30—Health Class with Jacqueline Atwood, RD

THURSDAYS

September 17—1:00pm Men's Ministry and

Touch of Love Women's Ministry meetings

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours
10:00am to 4:00pm*

*call for appointment



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Take a look at Isaiah 55:12, which speaks of mountains and hills singing...and trees of the field clapping. Isn't that wonderful?

"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12, NKJV

This is the same God who instructs us...

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." Proverbs 17:22, NKJV

"...Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10, NKJV

"All the days of the afflicted are evil, but the cheerful of heart has a continual feast." Proverbs 15:15, ESV

When earthly joys fail, the "joy of the Lord" remains...

"...your joy no one will take from you." John 16:22b, NKJV

But we cannot ever forget that this joy is what the Lord alone can give to us. So, ask Him! Ask the Holy Spirit to bless you with His joy. Wait on Him believing He will do this for you. Then when He does, allow that joy to flow out of your life to everyone around you. And buy some flamingos.

~ Pastor Sheri

It's Time to Pray!



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Wednesday September 23 at 11:00am will be All Church Prayer during our usual Bible Study time. Prayer is a vital part of our Christian walk. God can do anything, but He invites us to partnership with Him in what He's doing—He wants to bless us and for us to experience His power and goodness! Pastor Gary will be leading us in prayer for healing, finances and God's guidance in our lives. Do join us for this special time!

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

Welcome to the last part of summer. If you have been uncomfortable with the heat and humidity, here is an encouraging verse for you found in Revelation 7:16 "Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat." William Barclay said, "For the Christian, heaven is where Jesus is. We do not need to speculate on what heaven will be like. It is enough to know that we will be forever with Him."

Join us for Bible Study every Wednesday @ 11am. This month we are going through the Book of Joel. 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." Join us - and invite someone to come with you!

Grace International is having their Regional Conference this month September 28-29 in Orange, California. It will take place at Grace at the Circle church at 308 S. Glassell St. Orange, CA, 92866. Please pray for our pastors as they travel for a time of refreshing and fellowship.

We are having another health class Wednesday, September 30 @ 11am. It

will be taught by our delightful friend, Jacqueline Atwood, RD. Jacqueline always brings us so much information on how to enjoy good health and she does it in an interesting and fun way. Invite a friend to join you!

We invite you to join us this first Sunday, September 6, 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