



Faith Christian Assembly

October Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- * Notes from Pastor Sheri's recent series on God's Glory
- * Gary Leming addresses fear and what the Word says we can do about it
- * Intro to stories of miracles in the lives of those who serve the incarcerated
- * Check out what's happening at FCA

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Using Our Story for His Glory *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

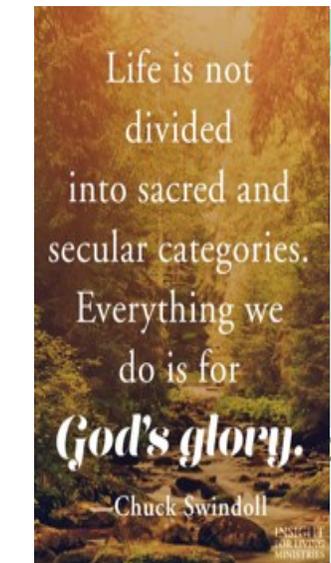
I recently shared a series about living our lives for the glory of God. In Isaiah 43:7 God says that we were created for His glory. And I Corinthians 10:31, Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. Well, that pretty much covers it, doesn't it? Is this a reality in our lives? Too often we compartmentalize our lives. We seem to understand the importance of living for the glory of God better when we are sitting in church on Sunday. We may have the greatest of intentions while we are listening to the sermon. But unfortunately these intentions can quickly fade from view by the time we reach the

church parking lot. Why is that? Maybe we think it's too difficult to figure out what living for the glory of God actually looks like. Or could it be that we think that the only time we are living for the glory of God is when we are doing the 'big things' for Him? And unless we're a missionary or risking our lives for Him, we aren't really living for His glory. But God has made it clear from the above Scripture, that He wants us to glorify Him in EVERYTHING - including things as seemingly insignificant, as eating, drinking, etc. We can glorify Him through those seemingly mundane things of life.

Whom Shall I Fear? *by Gary Leming*

On Sunday September 19, in our 5:30pm Celebration Service, I spoke from Deuteronomy, 31:8, The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be

afraid; do not be discouraged." It is absolutely one of God's commands to not be in fear. The only reason to fear is when you don't fear God [a reverent, holy fear]. Then you certainly should fear. In



"Everything we do is for God's Glory"

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today's upside-down world, how are we not to fear? Let's take a look at Paul in Acts 22:10, "What shall I do, Lord?" I asked.

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The Higher Call *by Earlene Leming*

For thirty-five years, God blessed my life on the "mission field" of the Women's Prisons and Jails of California. He taught me spiritual truths through some difficult experiences during that time. It was as if Jesus said, "You will walk-through what you teach." So I told the stories and taught the lessons to



Earlene Leming

hundreds of inmates. God answered the Word that He said to me: "if you go My way, you'll see miracles!"

With the help of Allison Bawn, a dear friend and spiritual daughter, we share a few miracle stories in our new book THE HIGHER CALL. Since I no longer go into Prisons, I will be sharing them here with YOU. Remember that others

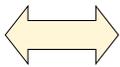
may see these as natural situations called "coincidences". But when YOU learn to recognize God's Hand in your own life, you will see Him working all things together for good...and you will SEE MIRACLES!

May God be glorified in our lives today!

John 17:4

~Earlene Leming

"Is Christ being glorified in you?"



"Do you desire His glory more than anything else?"

Using Our Story for His Glory *continued*

Is Christ being glorified in you?

We serve a God who is so near, that those who are jailed can have a worship service in the prison... Acts 16:25, About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

We serve a God so powerful, He

makes the land of our affliction become fruitful...Genesis 41:52, And the name of the second he called Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Psalm 34:2-5

I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify

the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

Do you desire His glory more than anything else?

- Pastor Sheri

Whom Shall I Fear? *continued*

" 'Get up,' the Lord said, 'and go into Damascus. There you will be told all that you have been assigned to do.'"

So how are we not to fear? By continually asking God for your assignment and putting your trust in Him who goes out ahead of you.

- Gary Leming

"The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else."

Oswald Chambers

October Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Times: 10:30am and 5:30pm

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

Oct 3 10:30 am Communion service

Oct 17 5:30 pm PRISON MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT SERVICE

MONDAYS

Church Office Closed

Oct 4 through Tuesday Oct 5 Grace Intl Regional Conference

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00 am
Grief Share 5:30 pm Garden Room

THURSDAYS

Oct 21 Men's Ministry 1:00 pm Main Sanctuary



HAPPY FALL!

Oct 21 Touch of Love Women's Ministry 1:00 pm Garden Room

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

Oct 2 Men's Golf Tournament Bixby Village Golf Course 8:00 am

Prison Ministry Spotlight Service

We're happy to announce the re-schedule of the Prison Ministry Spotlight Service that will take place during the 5:30 pm evening service on Sunday October 17.

Earlene Leming, who is a 35 year plus veteran of prison ministry, will be introducing our guests.

We will hear from Jenny Travis

who is on the Board of Aglow Prison Ministry. Jenny is bringing along two of her friends from Aglow - Suzy, who was wrongly incarcerated for 17 years. Also Viola, who oversees two Women's Homes in Merced County. These three women all have powerful testimonies that they will be sharing! If you're in the area, join us on

Sunday October 17 to hear from these inspiring women.

Check back here for a recap of the event in next month's newsletter!

Aglow Prison Ministry friends to share powerful testimonies at our Sunday October 17 evening service!

Faith Christian Assembly's Men's Golf Tournament



Faith Christian Assembly's Men's Ministry is back in action with the re-

turn of the Men's Ministry Golf Tournament on Saturday October 2 at 8:00 am. At the time of this publication, the men have not yet

gathered, but check back in our next newsletter for some highlights and results! The men will play "best ball" format as they compete for fun and prizes at Bixby Village Golf Course in Long Beach. "We hope to make this a regular event, as in the past it's proven to be a great connection for the men of Faith Christian

Assembly and their friends and family members" commented Gary Leming, who together with Ruben De La Rosa, lead the FCA Men's Ministry.



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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming

Fall Greetings to you! We trust you have noticed that we have a new format for our Faith Christian Assembly Newsletter. We enjoyed updating you on some of the things that are going on here at the church through the teaching, and the events that bring God's people together in such a lovely way! God continues to move among us, and He is faithful!

This month we invite you to join us for a Prison Ministry Spotlight service, on Sunday, October 17 in our 5:30pm service. We will be welcoming Earlene Leming and her prison ministry friends who will share miraculous stories of God's faithfulness!

Please take note of the other opportunities that we at FCA including Sunday services at 10:30am/5:30pm, *[including our pre-service prayer gathering at 5pm on Sunday]*, Wednesdays we have Bible Study at 11am, GriefShare at 5:30pm, and the third Thursday of each month we have Men's Ministry and Touch of Love at 1pm. We are looking forward to gathering together to lift up the Name of Jesus!

"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Looking forward to Sunday,

Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming



Gary and Sheri Leming,
FCA Lead Pastors