



# Faith Christian Assembly

## November Newsletter

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### Special points of interest:

- \* Faith Christian Assembly pays tribute to our Veterans and their families
- \* Meet FCA's Veterans and their families
- \* Recap of Prison Ministry Spotlight Service of October 17
- \* Touch of Love Women's Ministry highlights
- \* Staying healthy during cold and flu season

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### May We Live Worthy of Their Sacrifice *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

In this issue of our November Newsletter it is with deep honor that we have chosen to pay special tribute to some of our Veterans who currently or in the past have attended Faith Christian Assembly and to the Veterans of FCA families. We will also pay them special tribute in our Sunday Morning service on November 7 @ 10:30am.

John 15:13, NKJV

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Life is a precious gift from our Lord. But it seems like we are living in a day when too many do

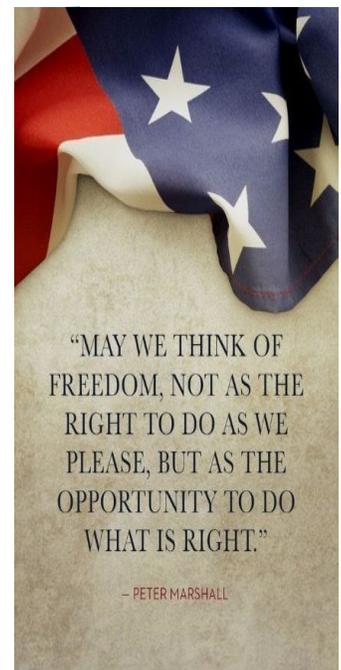
not value this gift. I've heard it said that we live in a throw-away society. Sadly that includes even the unborn. But tragically, it doesn't end there. I heard a news report that just days ago in Philadelphia a woman who was riding a subway endured an attack from a homeless man that lasted over 40 minutes. As I listened to the story I assumed no one else was in the subway car to help her. But sadly this was not the case. There were plenty of passengers who had an opportunity to intervene, but refused to help. There are reports that they did get out their phones, not to call 911, but to video the attack.

### Honoring our Veterans on Veterans Day

Faith Christian Assembly is proud to have in our congregation several veterans and family of veterans. It is with deep gratitude and high honor that we list some here, along with a short tribute.

#### WWII

**Elmer Bernard Clesie**, Army Private, served in occupied Japan just after the war. Late father to Donna  
**Herbert Johnson**, Navy. Served in



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Pearl Harbor HI on the USS Saratogo. Late father to Ginny Vaughn

**Alex Munoz**, Army Paratrooper, Purple Heart Recipient. "A very kind sensitive father." Late father to Emily Rodriguez. Continued p2

## Prison Ministry Spotlight Service Recap *by Earlene Leming*

We who came to FGA's Prison Ministry Service "saw and heard" God's miracles! Sitting at the piano was "yours truly", prison-piano player for 30 years. Women

from my book, *THE HIGHER CALL* came to share their stories. On the piano lid was a pair of tennis shoes belonging to one of the speakers, Suzy. Printed on bottom of each shoe was the word FREEDOM. Suzy had a sentence of Life Without



Parole and was wrongly incarcerated for 17 years. By faith, she wrote her destiny on each pair of shoes. Suzy and Viola were both in the Lifers Leadership Class that I taught at Valley State Prison. It was Viola's dream to provide

"Aftercare Homes" for women. That night we saw proof of her vision by a photo presentation from Jenny (Aglow Prison Ministry Board.) Jenny also told of God's protection! Her car was totaled by a "chain-reaction" freeway accident while driving here...and she is fine! That night we were inspired to believe God for our own miracles! Jeremiah 32:27: "Behold I am the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"

"We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us."

-Ronald Regan



## May We Live Worthy of Their Sacrifice *continued*

This life that God has blessed us with is one that is to be treasured and fiercely protected. And the men and women who are willing to lay down their lives for their country reveals a beautiful heart of sacrificial love. Veterans have followed the example that Jesus modeled for the world when He willingly gave His life not for

friends, but for a thoughtless and unbelieving world.

President Ronald Reagan put it so well when he said, "Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for

us."

So we say, "Thank you Veterans for your incredible service and sacrifice to this country!" We are forever grateful. May God continue to keep you in His care.

~ Pastor Sheri

## Honoring Our Veterans *continued*

**Peter Yurenko**, Army PFC, Participant at Normandy Invasion on D-Day. Highly decorated including receiving the flag that flew over the Capitol, presented by Congressman Ed Royce. Late husband to Pearl and father to Sherre

### Post-Korean War

**Henry Robert Hernandez**, Army Sergeant. Stationed in Germany, "he was a proud Veteran." Late husband to Linda

### Vietnam

**Daryl Chamberlain**, Navy Air Corp AW2, Sea Air Rescue, highly decorated. Husband to Cathy

**Tom Davis**, Navy Air Corp 3rd Class PD, Plane captain, worked on flight deck of the USS Hancock. Husband to Pat, father to Brad

**Louis Martucci**, Army PFC. "Because of a praying mother" didn't have to go

to Vietnam, his mission was called off. Late husband of Addie Penner

**Earl F. Opie**, Army Infantry, always gave glory to God for keeping him alive. Husband to Janis, brother to Linda Hernandez and Earlene Leming, Uncle to Gary and Pastor Sheri Leming

**Frank Wachter**, Navy BT3, Navy commendation and many medals. Late husband to Gloria, father to Dennis.

Thank you all for your sacrifice!

## November Calendar

### SUNDAYS

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

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

Nov 7 10:30 am Communion Service-  
and Tribute to Veterans

Nov 21 10:30 am Guest Speaker Pastor  
Curt Cornelius

### MONDAYS

Church Office Closed

### TUESDAYS

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



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**  
Thursday  
November 25

### WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00 am

Nov 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service @  
11:00 am

Grief Share 5:30 pm Garden Room -No  
Grief Share November 24

### THURSDAYS

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 18 Men's Ministry 1:00 pm Main  
Sanctuary

Nov 18 Touch of Love Women's Ministry  
1:00 pm Garden Room

### FRIDAYS

Nov 26 Church Office Closed

## Touch of Love Women's Ministry Part 1 *by Linda Hernandez*

It's a joy to share about Touch of Love "A Tender Ministry to Women." When I was approached 26 years ago to start a women's ministry for Faith Christian Assembly, it was a perfect fit, because I had already founded a women's group called "Touch of Love." Although it had slowed down for a season, it was alive and well and ready to go again! Touch of Love today is an active women's ministry where women

find acceptance and prayer. About 10 years ago, we expanded into outreach, starting with a small ceramic bank and a request for all to bring change. The Lord brought so much change, we were able to buy blankets - and combined with stuffed toys brought in by the ladies - we donated them to our local police to give as comfort to children in crisis. Precious Promises Projects was born. Where there is a

need, the women respond. We have supported Orange County Rescue Mission and Village of Hope. Also, hundreds of hand-made "comfort" scarves are given to others to share the love of Jesus. Together with the church, we have sponsored countless youth to attend the life-changing Grace OC Youth Camp. Touch of Love is a place of love and comfort with the love of Jesus.



**Daylight  
Saving Time  
ends Sunday  
November 7**

## Staying Healthy During Cold and Flu Season *by Sherre Yurenko, LVN*

A little bit of extra care can go a long way towards prevention during cold and flu season. Deter illness by washing hands frequently with soap, and keeping them away from your face! Use hand sanitizer in between washes and while out and about. Keep in mind that shopping carts, menus, gas pumps and money are some of the

things that harbor the most germs. Also it's not a bad idea to use sanitizer (discreetly) after shaking hands.

Proper rest, lower stress, and a good diet are important as well. You can add supplements to your diet that help the immune system such as Vitamin D, Zinc, Vitamin C and Airborne Immune Support.

If you have been around someone who is sick, or you feel like you are getting sick, you may get some relief of symptoms by rubbing Vicks on the bottom of your feet and putting on socks before you go to bed. This is because you have nerve endings on the bottom of your feet!

Stay healthy!



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## Also Notable....

### Men's Golf Tourney Recap by *Gary Leming*

The men of Faith Christian Assembly gathered together last month for a time of fellowship and fun at FCA's Men's Golf Tournament, taking place at Bixby Village Golf course on a beautiful fall morning. As Men's Ministry Leader, I am happy to say that the event was a big success! Thanks to generous co-sponsor Victory Center Ministries, great prizes were awarded for first place, a putting contest, and even door prizes! After the tournament, the men enjoyed lunch together at the club. Congratulations, FCA men, well played! "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." – Proverbs 27:17

### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday November 7 marks the end of Daylight Saving Time. Remember if you have clocks that don't automatically adjust to turn them BACK one hour before going to bed Saturday night. Hallelujah for getting back our hour of sleep!

## From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming

We pray this Newsletter finds you well. We send our greetings to you as we proclaim immense gratitude for all that God has done! We have many thrilling events going on this month, so we ask you to peruse and consider all of the November happenings here at the church through the teaching, and the events that bring God's people together for His glory!

We are so grateful to be able to announce that Pastor Curt Cornelius will be speaking for us Sunday, November 21 in our 10:30am service. Pastor Curt has much to

tell us about the faithfulness of God. He is a gifted teacher and you will be richly blessed by his ministry in the Word of God.

We will also be enjoying our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 24 at 11am. We always enjoy this rich heritage of gathering in the House of the Lord.

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all



your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Ps 103:1-4

Looking forward to Sunday,  
Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming