



Faith Christian Assembly

January Newsletter

January 1, 2022

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- * Pastor Sheri on growth in the New Year
- * Gary Leming addresses the importance of being in the Word each day
- * What can true forgiveness do for you ~ page 2
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Make it a Happy New Year *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

2 Peter 3:18...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Back in October my daily devotions were in the Book of 2 Peter chapter 3. And I felt the Lord shine a giant spotlight on the above verse, especially when it comes to Faith Christian Assembly as we head into 2022. I believe His direction for us in the New Year is that we do exactly as this commands us, "...to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

How much of a reality is this in our lives? Are we growing in grace? Are we growing in knowledge of Christ? Think of the men and women throughout history that you have greatly admired when it comes to their relationship with Jesus. Their lives in the faith were the result of cultivation. We have as much holiness as we want to have. As we take a close look at our culture, both in and out of the church we see the reason why so feeble attainments are made in living holy lives by a great many of those who call

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SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.
To him be glory
both now and forever! Amen.
2 Peter 3:18

themselves believers.
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Daily Nourishment *by Gary Leming*

As we usher out another year and enter into 2022, once again I would like to stress the importance of having a daily Bible Reading Plan. We offer these here at the church. It is important to follow such a plan

so we can strengthen our daily walk with the Lord. Just as we need physical nourishment for our bodies, we need spiritual nourishment daily. We get this by being in God's Word every single day. "Keep

this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8 NIV

Earlene's Corner *by Earlene Leming*

One of the first lessons God showed me to teach inside prison was the power of FORGIVENESS. As a "church lady" for 40 years, I did not value the tremendous power it has in our lives UNTIL God revealed it to me when I was in the hospital. When we ask for HIS forgiveness, He separates



Earlene Leming

us from our sin, the past, and everything that was tied to it. Then as we learn to forgive others, we protect our lives from satan. Forgiveness "cuts the strings" from offenses like anger, gossip, hurts, fear, sickness and pain. When we CHOOSE to forgive, the Blood of Jesus washes us clean and becomes a protective wall around us. Satan cannot break through! When

we "cling" to offenses through bitterness, lying, deception and emotional wounds, we give satan the legal right to enter our lives. Forgiveness violently stops the evil that tries to enter into our minds after we experience an offense. We must STOP thinking about it and replace the offense with loving, pleasant thoughts. True forgiveness is an ACT of our will. Philippians 4:8: "whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things."

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Make it a Happy New Year *continued*

Will we be different? We will only if we make a decision to accept nothing less than what Scripture commands of us. The same is true in nature. Think about those plants that we bring home from the nursery — they are either in the process of growing, or dying. The same

is true of our spiritual lives. Let's make up our minds at the beginning of 2022 that this year, we are going to do our utmost, "...to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." One practical way is to join us every Sunday at 10:30am and 5:30pm

for church, as well as in our Wednesday Bible Study at 11am. We truly do grow better together. Happy New Year!

- Pastor Sheri

A Faith Christian Assembly Tradition

A great time of celebration was had as Faith Christian Assembly's congregation came together Sunday December 12 in the Garden Room for our 2021 Happy Birthday Jesus party. The room was beautifully decorated in gold, a color fit for the King! Wonderful food and desserts were enjoyed by all, prepared by our own Sherre Yurenko.

The entertainment began with Christmas carols and a lovely spiritual hymn sung by The Spiritones, a women's barbershop quintet including baritone Susan Kellegan of FCA. Pastor Sheri spoke, sharing some heartfelt words of welcoming and appreciation. Pastor Paul Vaughn also delighted with a gorgeous Christ-

mas song that he sang and accompanied himself on the piano. Gary Leming led a joyful Christmas carol sing-along with Earlene Leming on piano. Just a little bit of competition came out as Christmas-themed games were played, one resulting in a tie where the suggested resolution was an arm wrestling match! ~Cont P.3

January Calendar

SUNDAYS

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

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

Jan 2 10:30 am Communion service

Jan 2 NO 5:30 pm service or pre-service prayer

MONDAYS

Church Office Closed

TUESDAYS

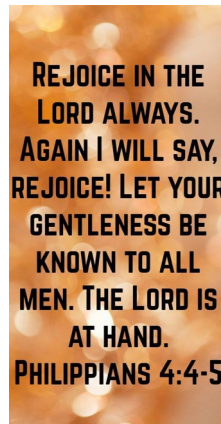
Church Office/
Library Hours 10:00
am to 4:00 pm Call
for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study 11:00
am

Jan 5 No Bible
Study

Grief Share 4:30
pm Garden Room



Blessings to You
in 2022!

THURSDAYS

NO January Men's Ministry

NO January Touch of Love
Women's Ministry

FRIDAYS

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

Our Tahitian Visitor *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

It is always such a cherished tradition in our family to see Pastor Paul Vaughn walk up the Tom Bradley ramp at LAX every December. This year was no exception.

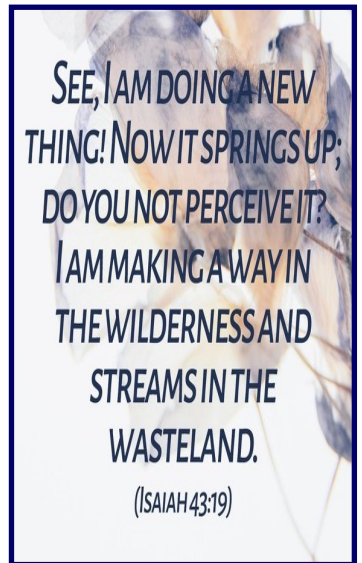
All month we enjoy hearing the stories of God's faithfulness, as well as time spent together

over good food all while enjoying his infectious laughter. Pastor Paul always conveys his heart-felt appreciation to FCA for all of your love, prayers, and financial support.

Thank you for your generosity!

Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim His praise in the islands.

Isaiah 42:12 NIV



A Faith Christian Assembly Tradition *continued from page 2*

Of course that didn't happen but it was fun to imagine! The generosity of the congregation was on full display as a special offering was brought, all of which is going directly to support so many needs, including Grace International Missions, and the poorest of the poor children and a school in India where

Grace Intl missionary Brother George C. ministers. Also, finances will cover a badly needed, large billboard sign right on the freeway directing drivers to La Bonne Nouvelle Church, Pastor Paul's church in Tahiti. Additionally, Samaritans Purse, and local organizations Orange County Rescue Mission and We

Care, will be supported, all in spreading the love of Jesus this Christmas. God bless you all for your generosity!



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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming



Happy New Year to you! What a blessed year it has been! We give thanks to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who has proven Himself faithful to us again and again. It is with that understanding that we look forward to all that He has for us in 2022. And we look forward to being on that journey with all of you! It was such an exciting December here at Faith Christian Assembly. We so enjoyed having Pastor Paul Vaughn return from Tahiti. He told us of God's faithfulness throughout the year to La Bonne Nouvelle. And through our

Birthday Party for Jesus, and your financial gifts we were able to help Pastor Paul's church purchase a church sign that will sit in a prime location right off of the freeway. We also donated to Good News for India and their Christ Centered education as well as hot meals for the poorest of poor families in the region. Also because of your generosity we gave extra Christmas money to FCA's Grace International Missionaries, as well as Samaritan's Purse and local organizations We Care and the Orange County Rescue Mission. Thank you for

giving to the Lord! We will be mailing out letters of receipt for your giving for this past year on January 21, 2022. Those of you who have been regular tithers throughout the year will receive a financial statement as well. We thank each of you for your generosity to Faith Christian Assembly throughout the year.

Looking forward to Sunday,

Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming