



Faith Christian Assembly

July Newsletter

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Celebrate by Praying for America *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

Psalm 57:5

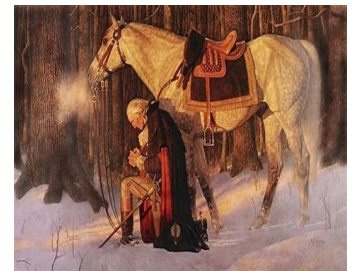
Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let Thy glory be above all the earth.

Do you love to celebrate? I do. I should clarify, I love to celebrate things that are indeed worth celebrating. For example, Gary and I are very excited about celebrating our 40th Anniversary this month! And every July of course, we as a country celebrate the birth of American Independence. Since childhood I have loved the patriotic

songs, the parades, and the fireworks. I recall learning one of my all time favorite patriotic hymns, "God of our Fathers" when I was in the 3rd grade. Not to date myself, but this blessed song was taught in public school. So I must admit, as an adult living amongst this culture, my heart is heavy over the changes that we see taking place in this country that we love so much.

The same John Adams, who proclaimed, "We recognize no Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!" also wisely warned,



"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

I realize that quote is bleak. But it also makes sense in light of all that we are seeing around us.

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The Dangers of Complacent Places *by Gary Leming*

2 Samuel 11:1, NIV: "In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army... But David remained in Jerusalem."

Last month I spoke about this verse, and I want to further exhort

us to not be out of the position that God demands. We all know what happened as a result of David remaining behind. As it says in...

1 Corinthians 10:11, NIV:

"These things happened to them as examples and were written down

as warnings for us."

This should really make us attentive to the fact that even in this man after God's own heart that none of us are above a fall.

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Book Reports and Golf *by Earlene Leming*

It was dark and dinner was over. My son would soon walk through our door, eager to share how FAR the golf balls went today! As a young mother, I had no clue that God was teaching me a valuable TRUTH to use the rest of my life. After reading THEY CALL



Earlene Leming

ME COACH, by John Wooden, Head UCLA Basketball Coach. Gary often shared this with me.

"In game play, patience will win out. If we break away from our style, and play their style, we're in trouble. Stick to your game! This does not mean we will always outscore our opponent, but it does ensure that

we will not beat ourselves."

I encourage us to observe and follow what God says to do in Proverbs 3:5-6, which means in other words: Do what's right and trust Me. Just do My will and leave the outcome to Me. I'll make sure that eventually you will be the winner.

Psalm 37:7 "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

~ Earlene

**"We recognize
no Sovereign but
God, and no King
but Jesus!"**

~ John Adams

**American
statesman
and Founding
Father who
served as the
2nd president of
the United States**

Celebrate by Praying for America *continued*

As a result, may we be driven to our knees as we cry out, "Lord, increase our faith." (Luke 17:5) We serve a mighty God who hears our cry, and who is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

"Every mighty move of the Spirit of God has had its source in the prayer chamber." - E. M. Bounds

Proverbs 15:29,

The LORD is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous.

"Prayer is our most formidable weapon, but the one in which we are the least skilled, the most averse to its use." - E. M. Bounds

James 5:16, "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Our prayer:

May Your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:9-10).

"Lord make us holy, and then do what Thou wilt with us." - Charles Spurgeon

~ Pastor Sheri

The Dangers of Complacent Places *continued*

1 Corinthians 10:12, NIV: "So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"

Some commentators tell us that remaining in Jerusalem left David in a complacent mood that led to idleness. So, arising from this place, he wandered

out onto the roof of the palace. And this is when we are most vulnerable to temptation.

How blessed are we if we at the end of our lives are able to say:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8, NIV

~ Gary

July Calendar

SUNDAYS

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

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

July 3-10:30 am Communion service

July 3-5:30 pm 4th of July Celebration

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

THURSDAYS

Weekly 5:30 pm Grief Share ~last class this session July 21

THURSDAYS continued

July 21-1:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting

July 21-1:00 pm Touch of Love Women's Ministry

FRIDAYS

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

American History ~ The Liberty Bell

The Liberty Bell, weighing over 2,000 pounds, was cast in England in August of 1752.

The Liberty Bell got its name from being rung JULY 8, 1776, to call the citizens of Philadelphia together to hear the Declaration of Independence read out loud for the first time.

A copy of the Declaration was rushed to General Washington in New York, who had it read out loud to his troops, July 9, 1776.

Washington then immediately appointed chaplains to each regiment, ordering that:

"Officers and soldiers ... attend carefully upon religious exercises.

The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary but especially so in times of public distress and danger -

The General hopes and trusts, that every officer and man, will endeavor so to live, and act, as becomes a Christian Soldier, defending the dearest Rights and Liberties of his country."

During the Revolution, as the British were invading Philadelphia in 1777, the Liberty Bell was rushed out of the city to prevent the British from melting it down to make musket balls.

Transported on a wagon covered under hay and manure to prevent the British from spotting it, the

Liberty Bell was brought to Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The church's floorboards were temporarily removed to lower it into the basement.

Finally, the British evacuated Philadelphia and the Liberty Bell was returned in June of 1778.

It was rung every anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

-From American Minute with Bill Federer
www.AmericanMinute.com



Inscribed on The Liberty Bell is:

**"PROCLAIM LIBERTY
THROUGHOUT ALL THE
LAND UNTO ALL THE
INHABITANTS
THEREOF."**



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Faith Christian Assembly is a member of the Grace International Churches and Ministries, Inc., which was originally organized as the California Evangelistic Association in 1934. Beginning with one church, Colonial Tabernacle, located in Long Beach, CA the organization has since grown to include more than 4400 churches in the United States as well as in many nations of the world. It is now headquartered in Houston, TX, and overseen by an Executive Team and a Board of Directors, including as President Pastor Steve Riggle. Pastor Sheri Leming serves on the Grace International Missions Board and on the Grace SoCal District Committee.

From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ July 1, 2022

Patriotic greetings to you from Faith Christian Assembly! We welcome July and its warm sunny days and its fireworks! May God Bless America with His presence as His truth marches on. As the Psalmist states, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. (Hebrews 10:23)

We invite you to join us in our celebration of the sacrifice of Jesus as we partake of Holy Communion Sunday, July 3 in our 10:30am service. We also want to invite you to our special Sunday Evening service on July 3 at 5:30pm as we celebrate America together and sing our favorite Patriotic songs together, and enjoy video scenes of America. And most importantly, we will have a special time of Prayer for our Nation. This will be a memorable day that you will not want to miss.

Wednesday Bible Study at 11am we are continuing our study in the Scriptural Doctrines that will change your every day life. Scripture reveals the things that God knows are vital for us to know and to understand. We encourage you to renew your commitment to the study of God's life changing Word. Romans 15:4 reminds us - For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. More than any other words, God's Holy Word will guide us in the right direction.

Please keep Youth Camp in your prayers this month. We are so grateful to God who through your generosity has provided the opportunity for several youth to be able to go to camp. Church camp is the place where many come to

know Jesus, many are filled with the Holy Spirit, and many are called into ministry. Thank you for being such a giving church!

We look forward to gathering for Sunday pre-service Prayer at 5pm. We appreciate you who are faithful to join us as we pray for our nation, as well as the nations of the world. Please join us!

The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be; the mightier the forces against evil everywhere. E.M. Bounds

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Tim 2:1-2

Can't Wait To See You Sunday,
Pastor Sheri (and Gary) Leming