



Faith Christian Assembly August Newsletter

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God-Given Dreams *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

I remember the first time my "Nonna" Vaughn heard me speak a sermon. She walked up to me directly following the service, and pointed her finger at me and said, "Sheri, don't ever refuse an invitation to

speak." She was pointedly serious so I heeded her exhortation. I have never turned down an invitation since her charge that day, unless there was an impossible schedule conflict. I'm so grateful for her words. That day I could never have imagined that I would be invited to speak in Trinidad, Tahiti, or South Africa!

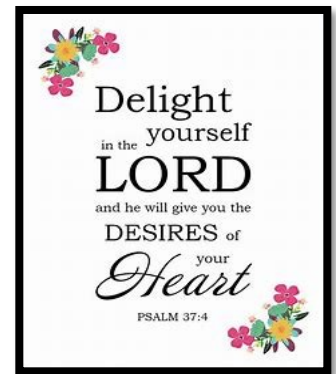
I've never been much of what you would consider a dreamer. I have lived long enough to ascertain that my own dreams probably aren't the best ones to pursue. But I also discern as I

Waiting for Hope *by Gary Leming*

Galatians 5:5, NIV

For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.

L.B. Cowman in Streams in the Desert talked about the above verse, "There are times when things look very dark to me--so dark that I have to wait even for hope."



read Scripture, that we serve a God who wants us to delight in Him. I believe that when we do so, He will plant in us His desires that He wants to fulfill.

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We have no choice, at this point, but to trust God's providence, and cling to His sovereign way.

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Give Me My Mountain *by Earlene Leming*

God is always speaking to His children. He wants us to trust His Word. It is His desire we experience VICTORY in our daily lives, regardless of our circumstances or age. His Voice often comes through songs and sermons.

Recently, Pastor Sheri has challenged us from the Book of Joshua to possess our promised land. We want to proclaim, "Give me my mountain!" But...are we ready to conquer GIANTS there?



Earlene Leming

Anything that intimidates us can be a giant in our life. They can suddenly appear, or can threaten us for years. We can either face them and grow stronger, or back away and not go forward. They can be spiritual, emotional, or even an attitude. We must be confident in God's ability to defeat them...NOT in man's power.

Past experiences can help defeat giants. Let us learn to rehearse past victories! What Promise did God say to you? What Scripture helped you? Learn to

resist the enemy with God's Word in the small things of life...and he will flee! James 4:7

The Word of God is always our best WEAPON because JESUS IS THE WORD! David chose 5 stones. Maybe he thought, "He is so big that I can't miss him." Maybe he intended to just keep "slinging stones" until the giant was defeated. Whatever his reason, he prepared to use the weapon that always worked before. Keep speaking God's Promises and DO NOT quit...until we SEE the giant defeated.

~ Earlene

"Abram built an altar and called on the name of the Lord. This was the way he lived. He sought direction from God."

God-Given Dreams *continued*

Then He is glorified as we trust Him to give us His dreams for our lives.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

A couple of weeks ago I spoke out of Genesis 13. There is quite a

contrast between Abram and Lot. Abram built an altar and called on the name of the Lord [vs. 4, 18]. This was the way he lived. He sought direction from his God. Lot, on the other hand, chose for himself [v. 11]. And we all know how that turned out for Lot and his family. Lot...pitched his tent toward Sodom [v. 12]

Psalm 31:14-15a

But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God.

My times are in your hands..."

~ Pastor Sheri

Waiting for Hope *continued*

By doing this, we will find that before we know it, that much needed hope, like the sunrise will begin to make an appearance.

I shall reach the climax of strength when I have learned to wait for hope.

--George Matheson

~ Gary Leming

August Calendar

SUNDAYS

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

Pre-service prayer 5:00 pm

August 7 -10:30 am Communion service

August 7 - guest speaker
Pastor Gwyn Vaughn both services

August 14 -guest speaker
Pastor Curt Cornelius both services



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

August 3—11:00 am Presentation by Council on Aging: *Helping Seniors Stay Healthy, Protected & Connected*

August 10 & 17—**Bible Study cancelled**

THURSDAYS

August 18 -1:00 pm Men's Ministry meeting

August 18-1:00 pm Touch of Love Women's Ministry

FRIDAYS

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

August Events and Other Noteables

As we prayerfully send Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming off on their travels to South Africa, where Pastor Sheri will be the keynote speaker at this year's Grace International Dream Big Women's Conference on Saturday August 6 at Faith Centre Ministries International in Malvern, Durban, (and will also be speaking at their Sunday services,) we want to let you know the wonderful things they have planned for us here at Faith Christian Assembly in their absence.

On Wednesday, August 3, @ 11:00 am, in lieu of Bible Study,

the Southern California Council on Aging will hold an informative presentation on "Helping Seniors Remaining Healthy, Connected and Protected." If you have questions on Medicare or caregiving, believe a loved one has been a victim of a scam, or are in need of any resource connected to the aging journey, you won't want to miss this. You'll probably be happily surprised at the amount of resources available and people willing to help navigate this sometimes confusing journey. If you are local, come take advantage of this valuable presentation given by Susan Papiri, the

Community Liaison for the Southern California Council on Aging, who will be available to answer questions afterward!

Then on August 7 we're excited to have Pastor Gwyn Vaughn speaking at our 10:30 am morning communion service as well as our 5:30 pm service. August 14 will be the return Pastor Curt Cornelius to the pulpit, also for both services. We look forward to hearing from these amazing men of God as they each bring a rich bible based word that promises to be a blessing!



Pray for Pastor Sheri and Gary as they travel to South Africa to minister ! For:

God's anointing, favor and strength, travelling mercies, good health!

That Jesus' name will be made high and lifted up everywhere!



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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 ~ August 1, 2022

Summertime greetings to you from Faith Christian Assembly! By the time you read this, Gary and I will have arrived, Lord willing, in South Africa! We are looking forward to ministry time with Pastors Stanley and Sandra Moodley! Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! Psalm 67:1-2, May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

While Gary and I are ministering in South Africa, we are thrilled to have two mighty men of God grace the pulpit of Faith Christian Assembly. Sunday, August 7, in our 10:30am and 5:30pm services, Pastor Gwyn Vaughn will be speaking. It will be great to have him back in the pulpit! We will also be partaking of Holy Communion that day as well. We also are excited to have Pastor Curt Cornelius with us

Sunday, August 14 in our 10:30am and 5:30pm services. These will be blessed services that you will not want to miss.

Wednesday, August 3 at 11am we are having a Council on Aging Presentation. This will be of huge benefit to any who are in need of information and resources connected with aging for a loved one. This presentation will help navigate these challenges and bring some peace of mind for all involved. This will be presented by Susan Papiri, who is the Community Liaison for the Council on Aging in Southern California.

Please take note of the following calendar item: We will cancel Bible Study for August 10 & 17. You are so faithful to attend our studies each week, so we decided to take a little break while we are away. But be sure to come back Wednesday, August 24 at 11am.

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.

As well could you expect a plant to grow without air and water as to expect your heart to grow without prayer and faith. Charles Spurgeon

Hebrews 4:16,

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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