



Faith Christian Assembly

July Newsletter

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God Bless America—With Repentance *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

I am so grateful to our godly forefathers who God in His sovereignty chose to have a hand in forming this nation. The Constitution is filled with Bible verses, Bible references, Bible phrases, and Bible terminology. David Barton tells us that two noted political scientists examined numerous political writings from the Founding Era. In fact the most cited authority in those writings is the Bible: 34% of the documented quotes came from the Bible.

So with that awesome foundation, what has happened? Sadly, we don't have to look far to see that America is a nation

that has lost her way. I saw a clip recently of an episode of Jeopardy. Not one of the contestants used their buzzer when the question was, "Matthew 6:9 says, 'Our Father, which art in heaven,' This 'be Thy name.'" All of them were stumped when they couldn't come up with the answer, "Hallowed". But are we surprised? When was the last time any of them actually witnessed our Lord's Name being "Hallowed"?

David asked what we ask, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

I was recently reading in Jeremiah and our nation came to mind as God was speaking to him about the evil committed by the children of Israel: "And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction... and..." cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination..." Jeremiah 32:33
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Singing a Spiritual Truth *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

The word SUMMER usually brings memories of vacations and long, warm days, but living in coastal California brings a different memory to my mind. I SEE a little girl running between rows of freshly washed, white sheets that hang neatly from a clothesline. I hear the soft sound of my Grandmother's voice: "Sing the clouds away; night will turn to day. If you sing and smile and pray... you'll drive the clouds away!" I really thought because she prayed those gloomy clouds away, the sun would shine and dry our clothes! As years went by, I discovered she was singing a spiritual truth that could help me through life. God has "Sunshine" for us in His Son, Jesus. He is the WORD! Clouds of disappointment and fear may cover our days and hide JOY and HOPE from our hearts. But we can learn to sing and pray God's Promises, and EXPECT Him to drive the clouds away! "Things that are impossible with men are possible with God." Luke 18:27

~Earlene

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This clearly did not enter the intention of God's heart in His plans for Israel and Judah. And yet, time and time again we see our long-suffering God bid this nation, "Return to Me!" He is the same God who is—

"...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." [2 Peter 3:9.]

So what are we to do?
PRAY!

Yes, Pray for our nation. But also pray for your fam-

ily! Pray for your friend's family! Pray for your neighbor. Pray corporately. Pray privately. PRAY!

Join us at Faith Christian Assembly every Sunday at 5pm as we have pre-service prayer. This month we will be specifically lifting up our families to the Lord, and praying that His Spirit draws them to surrender to Him. Will you join us?

Persistent prayer is a mighty move of the soul toward God. It is the ability

to hold on, press on, and wait. Every mighty move of the Spirit of God has had its source in the prayer chamber. ~E.M. Bounds

Luke 18:1, NKJV, "...men always ought to pray and not lose heart"

"Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"

~ Pastor Sheri

July Calendar

SUNDAYs

Service Times:

10:30am and
5:30pm

Pre-service
prayer 5:00 pm

July 2 - Com-
munion service
10:30 am

July 2—July 4th
tribute 5:30 pm

July 9 —Ministry
Emphasis Night-
featuring Grief-
Share 5:30 pm



Happy July 4th!

SUNDAYs cont

July 16- Testimony Night
5:30 pm

MONDAYs

Office Closed

TUESDAYs

Church Office/Library
Hours

10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study 11:00 am

THURSDAYs

July 6 —Pray, Share, &
Act Class 1:00 pm

THURSDAYs cont

July 20—Men's Ministry
meeting 1:00 pm

July 20—Touch of Love
Women's Ministry meet-
ing 1:00 pm

July 27- GriefShare
starts 6:00 pm Garden
Room

FRIDAYs

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

*For more information
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Ministry Emphasis Night on July 9 Featuring GriefShare

Faith Christian Assembly is excited to announce Ministry Emphasis Night on Sunday July 9 during the evening 5:30 pm service. The ministry we will spotlight is GriefShare, led by Rupert and Addie Penner. Rupert and Addie each have experienced their own individual losses, and now have a passion for this ministry that has helped them person-

ally so much. And this passion is not only grounded in what it has done for them, but also how they see God use it to help so many others. They are excited about an updated version of the curriculum that they will be introducing at their next group starting on Thursday July 27, and will be sharing about this and their experiences leading

the ministry during the event on July 9. And stay tuned for more on Ministry Emphasis Nights to come!



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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, 2023

July is here! To me - this means patriotic songs, fireworks, and hopefully - something that means more to me every year Sunshine! I'm so through with the Marine Layer! This month we celebrate the 4th of July - which is a time to be grateful to God for our freedoms! I love what John Adams said about this day, "July 4th ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion."

We invite you to join us as we sing some patriotic songs together, and celebrate our nation on Sunday, July 2 in our 5:30pm service. We will sing those familiar songs, and see some moving tributes to America, and a few surprises too! Don't forget to wear Red, White and Blue!

Have you ever heard someone say, "I wish there was a manual to get me through life!" The great news is...THERE IS! It's the Bible! We invite you to

come to Bible Study every Wednesday @ 11am. We will dive into God's Word which reveals His plan for the way we walk around this world and draw others to Him. We are spending the Summer on the Sermon on the Mount!

We are excited to have our Ministry Emphasis Night, Sunday, July 9 in our 5:30pm service. The spotlight will be on the ministry GriefShare, lead by Rupert and Addie Penner. We have heard many stories of God's comfort and of His grace in the lives of those who have lost a loved one. Please come and support this wonderful night!

We are also excited to invite you to come and hear our awesome Admin and friend to FCA, Rose Seeley! She will be sharing her testimony with us on Sunday, July 16 in our 5:30pm service. You will be blessed to hear of God's faithfulness in Rose's life!

Please be sure to join us this first Sunday of July for our

10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This is such a set apart time to partake together and in this way we obey Jesus command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Please join us for pre-service prayer this Sunday at 5pm, before our 5:30pm Sunday Evening Service.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 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.

"I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips." ~Franklin D. Roosevelt

Looking forward to Sunday,

Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming