



Faith Christian Assembly

April Newsletter

April 1, 2024

Be Kind *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

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Luke 6:35, NKJV says "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."

We have just celebrated the greatest event in all of history, the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray we continue throughout our lives to ponder all that He has done for us. It is good to begin each day by considering all that the sacrifice of Jesus means to us and how this should impact the way we walk around this world.

With this in mind, I was reading the above passage the other day. If we read

the whole verse, we see it is quite the tall order. This is the way Jesus walked the earth, and He is our example to follow.

Now as we read this verse, our thoughts may go to a time or two where we actually loved an enemy. But if we study this Scripture, we will see that the tense of the Greek verb implies a perpetual abiding rule of action. Which means, Jesus isn't telling us to occasionally love our enemies, or try to love our enemies. He is describing the way that His sons [and daughters] are to live each day of our lives.

This is going to require more than just attempting to 'do better'. We cannot do this in and of ourselves.

We must rely upon Him and follow His example. He is the example, and pleasing Him because of all He has done for us should motivate us to follow Him...

1 John 4:19, NKJV "We love Him because He first loved us."

I love the end of our text in Luke 6:35 - "For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."

I think we should ask ourselves when was the last time we contemplated the kindness of God? It's easy to be kind to those who are kind to us, but here we read that God is kind to the unthankful and evil. If we're honest, when we come across the unthankful or the evil, we probably feel anything but kind.

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Earlene Leming

What are You Depositing Today? *by Earlene Leming*

An elderly widow was moving to a nursing home because she was legally blind. On the elevator, as the nurse began to describe her room, she said, "I love it!" "But you haven't even seen it yet," said the nurse. "That doesn't matter," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide ahead of time. It does not depend on how the furni-

ture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind that is important. I have already decided to love it. I will focus on the blessings of each day, and the great memories I have stored away." What an attitude!

Life is like a bank account. You will ONLY get back what you deposit. If you deposit lots of good

stuff early on, you can withdraw it later when you really need it. What are you depositing today? II Corinthians 4:18: "While we look NOT at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things that are seen are TEMPORAL but the things which are NOT SEEN are ETERNAL."

~ Earlene

What's Happening?



Health Class Wednesday April 10 at 11:00 am

Join us for our next Health Class on Wednesday, April 10 at 11:00 am! FCA's own **Susan Kelleghan, RN**, who is a gifted teacher, will once again be bringing us wonderful information on how to

add a better quality of health to our everyday lives. For this class the subject will be BONES and is titled "Are Your Bones like 'Tubes of Bronze'?" (Job 40:18)

April Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

April 7—Guest Speaker
Pastor Curt Cornelius

April 14— Communion
service 10:30am

MONDAYS

Office Closed

TUESDAYS

Church Office/

Library Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment



April Blessings!

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study—11:00am

April 10—Health Class
with Susan Kelleghan RN
11:00am

THURSDAYS

Men's and Women's Min-
istry meetings Thursday
April 18 —1:00 pm

FRIDAYS

Church Office Hours

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

Be Kind *continued from page 1* by Pastor Sheri Leming

But Romans 2:4 tells us that "God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance."

So we read that kindness, like our shoes, is something we are to put on...

Colossians 3:12

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Galatians 5:22-23 lists kindness as a Fruit of the Spirit.

The Greek word for kindness is, Chrestos. It means a softening of something that was once harsh. It describes the kindness or sweetness of temper which puts others at ease, and shrinks from giving pain.

It's good for us to remember God's unmerited

favor that He lavishly bestowed upon us, especially in those times when we don't feel like passing along merciful kindness to people who we may feel don't deserve it. We must pray and ask the Holy Spirit to soften our hearts as we respond to those around us. Ask that His Spirit would cultivate Christ in us as we open our eyes to look for op-

portunities to be kind and fill us with the Fruit of kindness as He has generously and graciously given to us.

Ephesians 4:32, NKJV
"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

~Pastor Sheri

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted."

-Aesop



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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 ~April 1, 2024

Gary and I have just returned this past week from our ministry time in Mauritius. Thank you for your prayers and your support for this trip. This was a very unique opportunity for both of us and God indeed was with us. There were over 1000 in attendance at the conference and we were thrilled to see 80-90 come forward for salvation. God is good!

This month we are looking forward to heading to The Woodlands, Texas for the Grace International Conference, on April 8-11. Please keep the conference in prayer as well as all of the pastors and missionaries who will be traveling. This is a time of refreshing for us to gather together and celebrate God's goodness! Once again, we are thrilled

to have Pastor Curt Cornelius who will be speaking on Sunday, April 7 at 10:30am! Pastor Curt always blesses us from God's Word! You won't want to miss this!

We invite you to a very special Health Class taught by our own Susan Kelleghan on Wednesday, April 10 at 11am. Susan is such a blessing as she teaches us to be good stewards of the health that the Lord has blessed us with. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come with you to this class.

Please take note of a slight change in our Communion Sunday—we invite you to join us this second Sunday in April in our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion together. This

is the time to partake together and in this way we obey Jesus' command to, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

We encourage you to renew your commitment to God's Word by joining us for Bible Study every Wednesday @ 11am. God's Word shows us His plan for the way we should walk around this world as He draw others to Himself.

Romans 15:4,

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Looking forward to Sunday, Pastor Sheri and Gary