



Faith Christian Assembly

March Newsletter

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“He Humbled Himself..” *Philippians 2:8* by *Pastor Sheri Leming*

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Resurrection Sunday is coming early this year, Sunday, March 31. This is a time when it is beneficial for us to once again reflect with hearts of gratitude on all that our Savior has accomplished for us, through His life, His death and His resurrection for the remission of our sin.

Philippians 2:8 reminds us that Jesus, “...humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

“He humbled Himself.” Even to the point of death.

‘Humble’ is not the most popular word in our culture. Winston Churchill once said of his political enemy, “He is a humble man, but he has much to be humble about!” If we are honest, we all could

say that we have much to be humble about. This is especially true when we look to Christ. The thought of standing before Almighty God should bring us to our knees.

But being humbled is not something we run to. And even if we find ourselves on that humble road we will find that it doesn’t have a lot of traffic. All too frequently humbling is generally what happens to us, as opposed to something we volunteer for. But what does Scripture have to say about this?

James 4:7,10, NKJV “...submit to God... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

1 Peter 5:6, NKJV

“Therefore humble your-

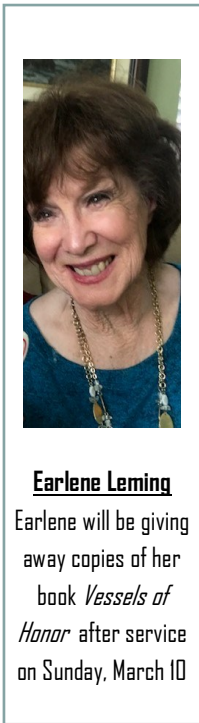
selves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time”

We are told to humble ourselves. This is what Jesus did in the way He lived His life and in the way He went to the cross. So, what about us?

The spirit of the world in which we are living tells us that we have the right to whatever it is our hearts or flesh desire...whatever we fancy, that is what we should do or have. And it doesn’t matter what Scripture has to say, or even what the morals or ethics of society have to say. It doesn’t matter what tradition has been. We are not living in a culture that is inquiring about the “ancient paths”.

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Earlene Leming
Earlene will be giving away copies of her book *Vessels of Honor* after service on Sunday, March 10

Jeremiah 6:16, NKJV “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.’ But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

This mentality has even captured some of our churches. Sadly, there are those who don’t want to read what the Word has to say about how to live holy lives, or what we can do to impact the Kingdom of God. Some sermons are focused instead on wants, needs, desires. This often is the way some go about reading God’s Word.

J.C. Ryle: “A humble and prayerful person will find a thousand things in the Bible, which the proud student will utterly fail to discern.”

E.M. Bounds: “It is only through God’s grace that we have been

saved. We must pray that God grant us a submissive spirit and a modest heart.”

We humble ourselves when we are willing to take the low place. The psalmist did this when he said, “my sin is always before me.” (Psalm 51:3) We can do this because we remember that God exalted Jesus “...to the highest place.” (Philippians 2:9) We “humble ourselves” first by submitting to God. When there is a discrepancy between what the world tells us is truth and what the Bible says is truth - we humble ourselves when we submit our understanding to the truth of God’s Word. When our desire wants to go contrary to God’s commands, we submit our will to God’s will. When we don’t understand the events that are happening around us, we trust God’s providence. “Submit yourselves to God.” This is the way

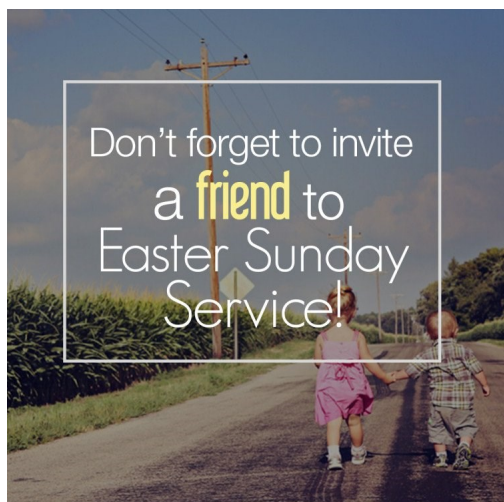
of the Tax Collector as opposed to the way of the Pharisee. (Luke 18:9-14, “...For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”)

Ultimately we must make it a matter of daily prayer as we remember the way Jesus walked before everyone He encountered. It is the way that He obediently continued that walk to the Cross, for us. He humbled Himself.

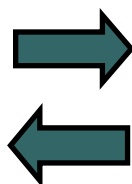
Dear Lord, I don’t want to pray worthless prayers of self-praise. I pray with the tax collector, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” Amen

But drops of tears can ne'er repay; the debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

~ Pastor Sheri



Don't forget to invite a friend to Easter Sunday Service!



HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

- A FRIEND INVITED ME - 86%**
- ORGANIZED VISITATION - 6%**
- PASTOR INVITE - 6%**
- ADVERTISING - 2%**

PEOPLE BRING PEOPLE!

March Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

March 3 - Communion service

March 10—Daylight Savings Time begins

March 10—Book give-away after service

March 17—Guest Speaker Pastor Gwyn Vaughn

March 24—Palm Sunday

March 31—Resurrection Sunday

MONDAYS

Office Closed



TUESDAYS

Church Office/

Library Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study—11:00am

March 13—Guest Speaker Pastor Curt Cornelius

March 27—No Bible Study due to Good Friday service

THURSDAYS

March 14—GriefShare

THURSDAYS cont

starts. Weekly @ 3:00 pm in the Garden Room

Men's and Women's Ministry meetings

Thursday March 21 @ 1:00 pm

FRIDAYS

March 29—Good Friday service @ 12:00 pm

SATURDAYS

March 23—All Church Prayer 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday March 10 ~ Don't forget to spring forward

~ All Church Prayer Saturday March 23 @ 11:00 am ~

Join us Saturday, March 23, from 11am-12 noon for a time of prayer.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." ~ 1 John 5:14





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From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~March 1, 2024

This year we are blessed to celebrate early when the Sun of Righteousness obediently went to the cross and endured the crucifixion to bring us salvation! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Cor. 9:15)

We invite you to join us as we celebrate our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection this month. We will once again have a Good Friday service, March 29 at 12 noon. And then we will celebrate Resurrection Sunday, March 31 at 10:30am.

Once again, we are thrilled to have Pastor Vaughn speaking on Sunday, March 17 at 10:30am! Pastor always blesses us from God's Word! You won't want to miss this!

We joined together last month for All Church Prayer. It was such a blessed time to gather for prayer together and so well attended! So we encourage you to come and join us Saturday, March 23 @ 11am for All Church Prayer. We read in Colossians 4:2 - Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. EM Bounds, "Around us is a world lost in sin, above us is a God willing and able to save; it is ours to build the bridge that links heaven and earth, and prayer is the mighty instrument that does the work."

We invite you to join us this first Sunday in March in our 10:30am service as we partake in Holy Communion to-

gether. 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. We are thrilled to have Pastor Curt Cornelius teaching on Wednesday, March 13. He always blesses us with his passion for God's Word.

Gary and I have been invited to travel to Mauritius this month (March 10-19). Thank you for keeping us in your prayers for God's anointing and traveling mercies. I will be speaking at a women's conference as well as other ministry opportunities.

Looking forward to Sunday, Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming

"Developing Women's Potential"
 For we are His workmanship... (Eph 2:10)

WOMEN'S Conference 2024

SUNDAY 17TH March 2024
 2pm to 5:30pm

Registration Fee: \$500
 Dress code: Multicultural
 Contact us: +230 5781 6633 (Ps Nadine)
 Last Date For Registration: 07 March 2024
 Location: House Of God

With Guest Speaker
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