



# Faith Christian Assembly

## September Newsletter

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## The God of Peace, Peace *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

You may think the above title is a typo, but it isn't. In Isaiah 26:3, we read this wonderful Scripture, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Have you ever thought about what "perfect peace" is? This is talking about peace with God, peace of conscience, peace at all times and under all events. Read that last sentence again. When I read, "peace at all times and under all events," it causes me to cry out to the God of all peace and ask Him to make this a reality in my life.

The Hebrew reads it in this way, "Thou shalt keep him in peace, peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

The repetition of this word represents undisturbed "perfect peace." It is doubled to indicate the certainty of it and the continuance of it.

This peace comes to the one that has such confidence in God, that they will not be agitated by trials. Does this sound too good to be true? But we must not let our minds pine away for something that may appear unreachable. Instead, let's take a look at the next part of the verse...

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Now, we see that this peace is dependent on a couple of things that fall under our

responsibility. This peace comes for those "whose mind is stayed..." on God. This is an inward peace and an outward peace, peace with God, peace of conscience.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

If we want this perfect peace to be real in our lives, we must place our trust in the Lord. If our mind is stayed on God, if we are in His Word, in prayer, in fellowship with Him, faithful to His house, these things cause our trust in Him to grow. So the question for us is, "who am I trusting?"

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## Slinging "Scripture-Stones" by Earlene Leming



Earlene Leming

God wants us to experience VICTORY in our daily lives. Like Caleb, we're able to possess our promised land by saying; "Give me my mountain!" But...are we ready to conquer GIANTS there?

Anything that intimidates us can be a giant. They can appear suddenly, or threaten us for years. We either face them and get stronger, or back away and NOT go forward. Giants can be

spiritual, emotional, or even be an attitude. We must trust in God's ability to defeat them...NOT ours!

When David faced the giant, he chose 5 smooth stones as his weapon. Maybe he thought, "He is so big that I can't miss him. I'll keep slinging stones until he is defeated!" Whatever his reason, David prepared to use the weapon that always worked before. The WORD of God is our best weapon.

As we speak His Promises... and DO NOT QUIT, we will see our giants defeated. Here's a few Scripture-Stones to hurl at the giants facing us today. Let's boldly declare: "Lord, give me my mountain!"

Luke 18:27: "Things that are impossible with man are possible with God."

Philippians: 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me."

All of Psalm 103!

## The God of Peace, Peace *continued from page 1*

Any answer to this question other than the Lord, means that our peace will only last for a moment. But when we place our trust in God, we will experience that peace that will strengthen us forever. The expression, "is stayed on You," in the Hebrew is simply, whose mind is stayed, supported; that is, supported by God. There is no other support but that, and the connection requires us to understand this of Him.

Jesus came to earth, as Luke 1:79 tells us, "To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." This figure is taken from travelers, who cannot see due to the darkness of night, and they don't know what to do, so they patiently wait for the morning light, so they can see where to go. Before Jesus, man wandered. He didn't know which way to go until

the Sun of righteousness arose, and then the light shone brightly on his way. And that way was the way of peace.

C.S. Lewis said, "God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you "peace, peace." ~ Pastor Sheri



## September Calendar

### SUNDAYS

Service Time:  
10:30am

September 1 – Com-  
munion Service

### MONDAYs

Office Closed

### TUESDAYs

Church Office and  
Library Hours

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



### WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study @ 11:00am  
September 25—No  
Bible Study

### THURSDAYs

September 21- 1:00pm  
Men’s Ministry meet-  
ing  
September 21- 1:00pm  
Touch of Love Wom-  
en’s Ministry meeting

### FRIDAYs

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

### SATURDAYs

September 14-  
11:00am All Church  
Prayer  
September 23-24  
Grace International  
Regional Confer-  
ence Oceanside, CA

## ~All Church Prayer—Saturday, September 14 @ 11:00am~

Join us Saturday, September 14 at 11:00am to 12:00pm for a time of prayer

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7





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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 ~September 1, 2024

This month we welcome Fall! For some of us, this is a favorite season where the weather cools a bit and we begin to enjoy that crisp, fresh air. And who doesn't love the beauty of the changing leaves that God has lavishly provided?

We were blessed to enjoy a variety of events last month at Faith Christian Assembly. Wednesdays in August we enjoyed concerts, a health class, a hymn sing, and one Wednesday we even enjoyed some ice cream! You never know what surprises may come around! We had a wonderful time of fellowship as we "screamed for ice cream!" There's something so special about gathering together with our church family that we love so much!

This month we are welcoming back Bible Study every

Wednesday at 11am. The Word of God strengthens, encourages, comforts and corrects as it teaches us. 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

We have been so blessed as we have scheduled times to join together for All Church Prayer. We have also been so encouraged to see so many of you join with us. If you haven't done so as yet, we encourage you to save the date as we are scheduling another prayer gathering for Saturday, September 14 @ 11am for All Church Prayer. We read these words of Jesus in Matthew 21:13, "And He said to them, 'It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer...'" J.C. Ryle, "If

afflictions drive us nearer to Christ, the Bible, and prayer, they are positive blessings."

Coming up September 23-24, Grace International will host our Fall Regional Conference in our Grace North County location at 1602 S. El Camino Real in Oceanside. These services are always a blessing to all who attend. (There will be no Bible Study September 25.)

We invite you to join us this first Sunday of the month on September 1 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."

Looking forward to Sunday,  
Pastor Sheri and Gary  
Leming