



Faith Christian Assembly

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Have We Found Our Solitary Place? *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

In Bible Study this past month we've been going through Jesus' teaching on prayer. I'm sure we can all relate to those times when we struggle with prayer...times when we find it difficult to pray. Not only to be disciplined in prayer, but also finding the right words.

I love this meme...



In Matthew 6:1-15, Jesus speaks at length about the importance of the

motivation of the heart both in praying and in doing good deeds. He is telling us that the motive of our hearts must be to do good to please God.

Matthew 6:5 NKJV

"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."

"...that they may be seen by men." What does Jesus mean? I'm

sure we've all seen people who do things simply to be seen. One example that always comes to my mind is that it seems that every Thanksgiving or Christmas we will see news stories about celebrities who give a portion of their day to volunteer at a soup kitchen. Have you ever wondered how the cameras always seem to show up to film these acts of charity? Do you think it's a coincidence?

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The Singing Battle Plan *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

II Chronicles 20:22...“And when they BEGAN to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.”

God provides “Victory Days” for us on Sunday mornings! As we BEGIN to sing and praise God, He clears the way through fear, oppression, worry and discouragement. Here

is God’s battle plan from the same chapter in II Chronicles: verse 15...“the battle is NOT yours, but God’s.” He told King Jehoshaphat to appoint singers to go before the army and praise the Lord. As they BEGAN to sing, the enemy was defeated. We also can begin to do something! We can begin to count blessings, name past victories, and sing songs of deliverance.

Psalm 22:3; “the Lord inhabits the praises of His people.” When God’s presence comes into the setting, the enemy is powerless against our praises. Let us learn to speak and sing our way through life’s battles, and we will always win the victory. It is God’s great spiritual weapon and a good battle-plan for us ANY time!

~ Earlene

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This is what Jesus was talking about, don’t do acts of charity to be seen by men...don’t blow a trumpet to get people’s attention when you give an offering...don’t pray in a loud and self-aggrandizing way.

Jesus said of those whose motivation is to be seen of men - they have their reward, and therefore, must expect none from God.

Matthew 6:6 NKJV

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”

We can safely assume that Jesus encountered all the time constraints that we can have, yet

He lived in the practice of secret prayer.

Mark 1:35 NKJV

“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.”

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October Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time:
10:30am

October 6 – Com-
munion Service

October 27—Guest
Speaker Pastor
Gwyn Vaughn

MONDAYS

Office Closed



TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study @
11:00am

THURSDAYS

October 17 – 1:00pm
Men's Ministry meet-
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THURSDAYS cont

October 17 - 1:00pm
Touch of Love Wom-
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FRIDAYS

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

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With Jesus — a grove, a mountain, a garden, furnished such a place, and, though a traveler, and among strangers, and without a house, He lived in the habit of secret prayer.

He did it to pray for us, who, if we are honest are at times too busy with our own

schedules or unconcerned about our walk of faith to practice the least self-denial in order to commune with God.

Romans 8:26 NKJV

"...For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes inter-

cession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered."

~ Pastor Sheri

Sweet Hour of Prayer

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!



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

Don't you just love Fall? This is a favorite season of mine! It's the season of all things pumpkin! God has truly blessed us with the wonderful scents and lavishly beautiful colors of this season. Gary and I have just returned from Grace International's Regional Conference in Oceanside. It was a rich time to gather together with other pastors and enjoy some wonderful fellowship as we worshiped together and enjoyed prayer and the Word.

We invite you to join us for Bible Study which

meets every Wednesday @ 11am. We dive into God's Word which reveals His plan for the way we should walk around this world as He draw others to Himself. Isaiah 40:8 tells us, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever."

Sunday, October 27 in our 10:30am service, we continue to enjoy the awesome preaching of Pastor Gwyn Vaughn. Pastor Vaughn always brings such richness and through his passion for God's Word lives are transformed. Please

join us as you will be blessed!

Please take a careful look at the calendar section of this newsletter. We don't want you to miss out on anything.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday October 6 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."

Pastor Sheri and Gary Leming