



Faith Christian Assembly

November Newsletter

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Voluntarily Thankful *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

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Are you counting your blessings? November is already here, and it is always a great time for us to ponder all that God has done for us and to pour out our thanks to Him. Scripture is full of exhortations that spur us on to thankfulness...

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NKJV



I want to spotlight one of the things I am grateful for in this November Newsletter. I am so thankful for Faith Christian Assembly's Volunteers. You are a blessing to the Body of Christ and you honor Him by your faithfulness. Your value cannot be overstated! Though volunteers often work behind the scenes, you can be sure that they are seen by our God, who is glorified through them!

I recently found this picture that I love of Julia Child filming her cooking show back in 1963.

There are 5 people - FIVE! - sitting on the floor of the set, crammed behind Julia's kitchen island, hid-

den from the camera's view. One of the five is holding a pie tin, which will undoubtedly be magically transported into her hand momentarily, seamlessly making things happen.

I couldn't help but see a correlation to those who faithfully serve the people of Faith Christian Assembly. They don't sound a loud trumpet, they just quietly, and consistently reach out to others.

There is such a rich tradition of volunteerism at FCA. In fact, when we honor our volunteers publicly each year, and bring them up front, there are very few who are left sitting in the congregation.

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Earlene Leming

Our Best Friend *by Earlene Leming*

This month, as we focus on "giving thanks" to God, my mind quickly returned to 1984 when Jesus led me on the path of an incredible journey! After teaching in Kindergarten A.M. at a Christian School, I often drove to help the Chaplain of Los Angeles Juvenile Hall who said: "Will you come pray with incarcerated girls?" He heard about my recent healing, and how I fell-in-love with Jesus. He

told me: "Just introduce your New Friend to these confused girls." As I daily read Scriptures alone at home, I discovered the Words gave me courage to survive difficult days. I began praying the SAME verses for each of them. They were amazed and asked, "How does JESUS know I feel like that?" It was simple to share HIS LOVE, and watch them receive HIS PROMISES. For many years,

I've grown more thankful for my BEST FRIEND. But I still appreciate that special kind of gratefulness when God gives a chance to introduce our Friend, JESUS to others!

"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you.'" Hebrews 13:5b

~ Earlene

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What a beautiful picture of people who consistently show up by assisting in our church services, or who reach out - through a phone call, or a note - to people who may be weary, or discouraged, sick, or burdened - to bring the comfort of Jesus by praying or assisting them in a tangible way. Thank you for your obedience to God's call! We all are intended to fill certain places. God has a place for all of us to serve Him by serving others. May we all train our-

selves to obey every prompting God sends, so that we don't fail the mission for which we were created. Hebrews 13 appeals to us in this way...

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. ~ Hebrews 13:16, NKJV

Why do you think we are told not to forget to do good? Notice Hebrews doesn't remind us to look after our own interests.

But there is a great danger in forgetting the duty we owe to God by doing good to others in service to Him. After all, He does good continually, and He is pleased with all who display the same spirit. The ruling spirit of Jesus' life was service. Serving is one way we follow His example. It is another offering we bring to Him out of our love and thankfulness to Him.

~ Pastor Sheri

November Calendar

SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

November 3 – Com-
munion Service

November 3—Daylight
Savings Time Ends

November 24—Guest
Speaker Pastor Gwyn
Vaughn

MONDAYS

Office Closed



*Daylight Savings Time
ends November 3*

TUESDAYs

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

WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study @ 11:00am

November 6—11:00 am
Holiday Nutrition Semi-
nar with Jacqueline At-
wood, R.D.

November 27— 11:00 am
Thanksgiving Eve Ser-
vice

THURSDAYs

November 21 – 1:00pm
Men's Ministry meeting
with Guest Speaker
Miguel Romero

November 21 - 1:00pm
Touch of Love Wom-
en's Ministry meeting~
Thankful Service

FRIDAYs

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

The Location of Prayer *by Gary Leming*

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12 NIV

If you are a man who attends Faith Christian Assembly, I have great

news for you. You are being prayed for! All of the men who met last month at Men's Ministry (the third Thursday of the month @1pm) were given the names of the men of FCA to pray over this month. During the meeting we focused on prayer, specifically Prayer Location, which means, having that spe-

cific place that you meet God daily to do battle in prayer. I encourage all of us to find that place to do just that.

In addition to committing to a Prayer Location, we also were exhorted to pray for others. What we mean by that is actually praying for others, as opposed to casually promising, "I'll pray for

ya..." It is a powerful moment when we stop and pray for one another.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." ~ Ephesians 6:18, NIV

~Gary Leming



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Count Your Blessings, Name them One by One!

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

Psalm 7:17, NKJV - "I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High." Notice the reason we are given in this verse to praise the Lord. It is according to His righteousness! Too often our praises can be conditional based on our mood, or the things that are or are not happening in our lives. This month especially, as the election takes place, let's vow to praise our Lord according to His righteousness! He deserves our praise! And whoever wins the election, God is on the throne!

We invite you to join us for Bible Study which meets every Wednesday @ 11am. We study God's Word which shows us His plan for the way

we should walk around this world as He draw others to Himself. Psalm 119:24 tells us, "Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors."

We also look forward to our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday, November 27, at 11am. This one-hour service is a special tradition at Faith Christian Assembly. We will have a time of Worship, Prayer and a Devotional. Please be sure to join us as it is always such a blessing to gather together.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, we have a special treat for you! We have invited Jacqueline Atwood, who is a Registered Dietician to speak for us Wednesday, November 6 at 11am on the topic: "Eating Healthy for the Holidays."

She has helpful insights to get us through this Pumpkin Pie season!

Sunday, November 24 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!

We invite you to join us this first Sunday November 3 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