



# Faith Christian Assembly December Newsletter

*CHRISTMAS Edition*

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## Good Tidings of Great Joy *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

Luke 2:10, NKJV:

“Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”

The word for glad tidings is also translated from the original language as “gospel”— i.e., good spell or good news.

When you think about it, when the church is true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ—it is still bringing the angelic message of Good Tidings of Great Joy!

Charles Spurgeon said, “If the Lord be your joy, your joy will never dry up...I do not think the church rejoices enough. We all grumble enough and groan enough: but very few of us rejoice enough.”

Does the word, “gladness” describe our relationship with our Lord?

In Psalm 100:2, we are called to “serve the Lord with gladness - come before His presence with singing!”

Is this the way we en-

ter into His courts? Is this ‘gladness’ a reality in our lives? St. Therese is quoted as saying, “May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the center of your lives”.

I want you to know that if this isn’t a reality in your life, it can be. Psalm 16:11, NKJV, You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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## Christmas *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

While we enjoy singing beautiful songs about the Birth of Jesus, may we be attentive to the words of CHRISTMAS CAROLS. God always has fresh truths to encourage us with heavenly music sung by angels. Luke 2:13 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This inner peace is

the ONE quality that can hold us together when everything about us is falling apart.

"Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee." Isaiah 26:3. In the original Hebrew text, the word "stayed" means "to lean upon." If we learn

to lean hard on JESUS during trouble, He promises to give us PEACE from the Holy Spirit within. We TRUST HIM for we know that He makes all things "work together" for good. Romans 8:28. LET US REJOICE AND SING !

~ Earlene

## Good Tidings of Great Joy *continued from page 1*

One of the things that I love to see at Faith Christian Assembly is when we take time in our service to greet one another. Sometimes I just watch others and the joy that I see is palpable. It is a time where I see people who are happy to see one another, who encourage one another, even give someone a hug. This is a beautiful time, a holy time, a time of great joy!

So we say —Merry Christmas Greetings to you! Or as they say in Tahiti, Joyeux Noel! We pray the Prince of Peace reigns over you with great joy this



Christmas and over your life as well! Once again, we decided to combine our Newsletter with a Christmas Card format with some pictures of joy.

This December Newsletter is dedicated to those joyful people of Faith Christian Assembly. One recent Sunday a few of us took the

pictures that you see in this Newsletter. These aren't intended to be polished pictures. Nothing is staged, or planned - just the joy of the Lord lived out in the lives of His people - in His church.

God Bless Us Everyone!

~ Pastor Sheri



# December Calendar

## SUNDAYS

Service Time: 10:30am

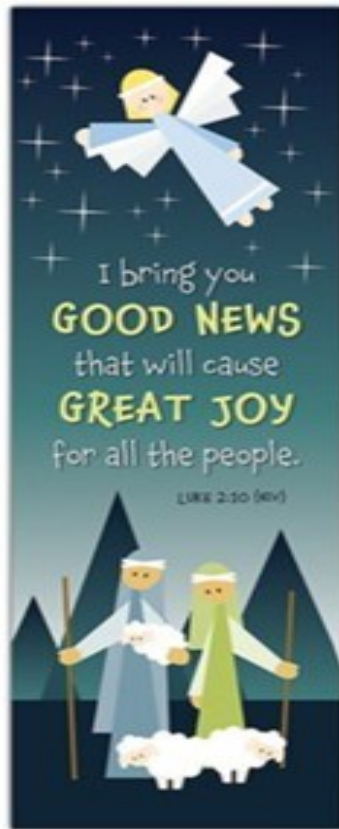
December 1 – Communion Service 10:30am

December 15- Pastor Paul Vaughn ministering at 10:30 am service, followed by Happy Birthday Jesus Lunch Party directly after service

December 29 –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 No Bible Study December 25 and Jan 1

## THURSDAYS

December 19—Men’s and Women’s Ministry Christmas gathering 1:00pm -2:00pm.

## FRIDAYS

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

## NOTE special holiday office schedule

December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 office closed

# FCA Family Pictures







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## More FCA Family Pictures!



## From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~December 1, 2024

Joyous Christmas Season Greetings to you! Can you believe we are once again, about to tear off the last month of 2024 from our calendars? I pray 1 Peter 1:8-8 is a reality in all our lives as we celebrate Jesus! "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

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." (Please note: No Bible Study December 25 or January 1)

A December tradition we enjoy here at Faith Christian Assembly is to welcome Paul Vaughn from Tahiti! He will be ministering in the Word and in song for us Sunday, December 15 in our 10:30am service. Come and hear all that God is doing in Tahiti!

This year our Happy Birthday Jesus Lunch Party will be Sunday, December 15 directly following the morning service. We will be enjoying lunch together as we bring our best financial gifts to Jesus - all of which go to support outreach, both locally and to bless our missionaries around the world.

Sunday, December 29 in our 10:30am service, we continue to enjoy the wonderful 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 December 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