



# Faith Christian Assembly

## January Newsletter

January 1, 2026

### In the Year of Our Lord, 2026 *by Pastor Sheri Leming*

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When was the last time you heard the phrase, "In the year of our Lord?" This expression was used in the not-too-distant past to signify the period of time after the birth of Jesus. I think it would be great to bring these words back into our everyday discourse.

Why? Because I believe it could set the tone for our New Year. It would soberly remind us of just Who the year belongs to. And when we acknowledge that the year belongs to God, instead of making resolutions or goals based on me, myself, and I, maybe

we would seek God's wisdom and prayerfully ask what He wants from us in 2026.

Going further, I believe that it would be beneficial for us to even narrow the year down to moments that have been given to us from the Lord. If we did this, we would likely want to do all we can to honor Him with our seconds, minutes, hours, weeks, months, and year. Unfortunately, it is too easy to flippantly declare, "This is Your year, God!" So if we break it down to our moments in 2026, we can make the decision to

look to His guidance in all of our moments and make each one a sanctuary that glorifies Him.

I love this quote from British Evangelist, Teacher and Author, G. Campbell Morgan: "Let the year be given to God in its every moment! The year is made up of minutes: let these be watched as having been dedicated to God! It is in the sanctification of the small that hallowing of the large is secure."

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## Write the Vision *by Earlene Leming*



Earlene Leming

In our Church Prayer Room is a bowl of tiny pieces of paper. Each one has someone's written name on it. At the Prayer Service, Pastor Gary lifted the bowl towards heaven while we prayed miracles for their lives...

Habakkuk 2:1-3 says to WRITE the VISION... so we can SEE it and RUN with it. What great instruction to begin a New Year!

I watch for the Second Coming of Jesus each year and quote a motto that I learned as a teenager. It really helps focus on the future!

As the song goes, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

YOU are valuable to God and created for a purpose. He has assignments for you until He returns.

Ask God to show you fresh ideas. Perhaps just "write names" to encourage by phone calls or cards? Try starting a plan you once thought was impossible. Why not finish something He already has shown you? Expect God to help you fulfill the desires HE puts in your heart. You will discover He uses your vision to bless others' lives.

~ Earlene

## In the Year of Our Lord *continued from page 1*

In Psalm 31:15, David says it best, "My times are in Your hands..." We can learn a lot from Psalm 31 that will help us navigate the New Year to the glory of God. It is believed that David was in great danger and being pursued by Saul when he penned this chapter. And yet we see a calm confidence in God. If you read all of this Psalm, you see that David refers to his former troubles and reminds himself of the deliverance God had miraculously provided

in those troubles.

This should encourage our faith as well! We got through 2025, which ought to give us trust and assurance that in the year of our Lord, 2026, He will continue to be faithful!

"Draw Me Nearer" by Fanny Crosby:

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,

By the pow'r of grace divine;

Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,

And my will be lost in Thine.

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,

To the cross where Thou hast died;

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,

To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Happy New Year, in the Year of our Lord, 2026

## January Calendar

### SUNDAYs

Service Time: 10:30am

January 4 – Communion Service

### MONDAYs

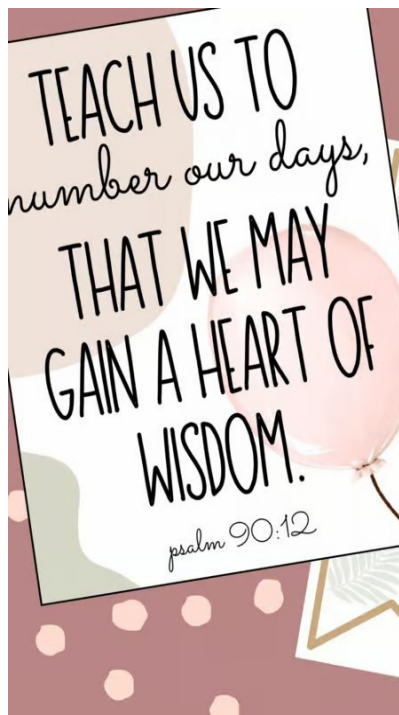
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### TUESDAYs

Church Office and Library Hours

10:00am to 4:00pm

Call for appointment



### WEDNESDAYs

Bible Study @ 11:00am

January 28 – Nutrition for Bone Health Class with Jacqueline Atwood, R.D.

### THURSDAYs

January 15 – 1:00 pm

Men's Ministry and Touch of Love Women's Ministry meetings

### FRIDAYs

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

## Here's a Great Way to Read Your Bible in 2026

Reading the Bible one Book at a time is a great way to read the Word of God.

Begin in the New Testament.

- Take a short Book (i.e. Philippians) and every day read that same Book for 30 days. (it will take approximately 15-20 minutes)

- Come back the next day and read it again...do this for 30 days.
- You will really get to know Philippians.
- The next month, go to another Book - and do the same thing.
- When you come to bigger Books like John...read 5 chapters every day for a month.

- The next month go to the next 5 chapters of John, until you have read it through.

Eventually, as the months go by, you will have embraced that whole Book.

It's much better to read whole Books than spotty or random reading.



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## From the Desk of Pastor Sheri Leming ~ January 1, 2026

Happy New Year to you! We are so grateful to God for His faithfulness and grace to Faith Christian Assembly in 2025! We know that His mercies will continue in 2026. He is worthy of our trust! Lamentations 3:22-23, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness." We are grateful for our church and all that we see God accomplishing as we seek Him. I pray that 2026 we resolve in our circle of influence to make Him known!

Once again, I pray that we renew our commitment this year to immerse ourselves into God's Word! We invite you to join us for Bible Study meeting every Wednesday @ 11am. God's Word shows us His plan for the way we should walk around this dark world as He draws people to Himself. He has in His grace provided the roadmap for us to follow... Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Your

Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

It was such a treat to have Pastor Paul Vaughn home from Tahiti. He shared stories of God's faithfulness throughout the year to La Bonne Nouvelle. We take joy in all that God is doing through Paul's ministry in Tahiti. We also had a blessed time at our Birthday Party for Jesus Lunch, and through your financial offering we were able to help raise extra support for our Grace International Missionaries. Also, because of your generosity we were able to give to Samaritan's Purse and local organizations, including Horizon Crisis Pregnancy Clinic, The Gideons, Aglow Women's Prison Ministry, We Care and the Orange County, Long Beach, and Los Angeles Rescue Missions. Thank you for giving to the Lord!

We will be mailing out letters of receipt for your giving for 2025 on January 16, 2026.

Those of you who have tithed regularly throughout the year will receive a financial statement as well. We thank each of you for your obedience to God's Word and your generosity to Faith Christian Assembly throughout the year.

We continue to enjoy the anointed ministry of Pastor Gwyn Vaughn, who will be speaking Sunday, January 25 in our 10:30am service. Pastor Vaughn always brings such richness and through his passion for God's Word lives are transformed.

We invite you to join us this first Sunday, January 4 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 & Gary Leming*

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"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7, NKJV