

# June 1, 2025 Faith Builders Issue #29

A Faith Chapel Newsletter

*Faith Chapel*

*Mission - "Culture Like Christ" + Vision - "Jesus."*

## Scripture of the Month

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward."

[Colossians 3:23-24](#)

## This Month

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - Sunday Service

June 1 - Prayer Night - 6:00pm

June 2 & 16 Food Distribution / Meet the Need

June 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Midweek Encounter

June 8 - Bay Day at Crowne Point

June 15 - Father's Day

June 20 - Legacy Builders Potluck - 6:00pm

June 24 - 27 - Vacation Bible School

June 25 - Guest Speaker - Ross Johnston

June 27 - Men's Core 6:00pm

June 29 - Generations Service

June 29 - Heart for the House - Meet Pastor Josiah

## Pastor's Perspective

"If you've never given your heart to Jesus and made Him both Lord and Savior of your life, or your heart has grown cold towards God, there is no time like right now. He loves you, far more than I could ever explain. When he went to the cross 2000 years ago, he was thinking of you. He couldn't stand to spend eternity in heaven without you. All you have to do, is give him everything. That's right, just everything you have and all that you are! I won't sugarcoat it for you, the gospel is simple, but it will cost you everything. Here's the best part, when you and I give him our messed up, broken, hurting, dysfunctional lives, he takes our broken pieces and builds a masterpiece. He calls us sons and daughters. He destroys our sins and remembers them no more. His blood, that he shed on the cross, completely wipes it away. He welcomes you and I into his Kingdom which is moving and active here on the earth and will be forever in heaven, the place all who make this decision go to when they die. It's a pretty sweet deal. It doesn't really matter what words you choose when you ask Jesus to come to be Lord of your life, but what really matters is that they come from your heart with complete sincerity. It's not the prayer that saves you; it's the faith attached to what you pray that makes all the difference. Tell him how you feel. Be honest. He's a big boy; He can handle your honesty. Ask him to be both Lord and savior. If he's just savior, you'll make it to heaven when you die but you'll never experience heaven on earth. If he's your Lord, your master, your guide, then you'll have heaven on earth as well as for the rest of eternity. He'll teach you how to live a life that pleases him. This prayer is not a get out of hell free card. It's an opportunity to begin a relationship with God. He's real and he's been waiting for you. Romancing you. Drawing you close to him because his love for you is relentless. He's been orchestrating some phenomenal things behind the scenes to get this message to you because he's that detailed and cares for you that much. He wants to heal you. Provide for you. Restore you. Strengthen you. Correct you. Applaud you. Save you. You are one honest prayer away from beginning this journey, it's a journey that will last a lifetime. Pray that prayer in your own words and allow me to help you fuel the new fire burning within you. You can do this."

Pastor Josiah Elias

(From the introduction of his book "Fuel the Fire")

## Father's Day - June 15, 2025

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. The first bill to make Father's Day a holiday was presented to Congress just a few years later in 1913, but didn't pass. Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of establishing a Father's Day and in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order dictating that the holiday would be celebrated on the third Sunday of June. In 1972, Congress approved an act to make it a national holiday, under Nixon. Father's Day is a holiday that celebrates and honors fathers and their influence in our lives. You don't solely have to honor your biological father on this holiday though—you can celebrate grandfathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and others you consider father figures.

While God's Word is silent about any day being set aside specifically to honor fathers, the Bible does recognize a special place of honor for men who were leaders or examples of excellence in certain skills, such as Jabal, who was "the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock" and his brother Jubal, who was "the father of all who play the harp and flute" ([Genesis 4:20-21](#)). Also, when Abram's name was changed to Abraham, God told him, "I have made you a father of many nations" ([Genesis 17:5](#)), clearly indicating fatherhood as a place of honor in His eyes. Thus, even though the Bible does not mention a Father's Day, we can clearly see that God does recognize the importance of fathers and even gave them special honor throughout history.

Furthermore, we can follow this theme of fatherhood in the very person of God Himself through countless scriptures ([Matthew 5:45](#); [6:9,32](#); [Romans 1:7](#); [15:6](#); [1 Corinthians 8:6](#)). There are many instances that speak of Jesus Christ, the Son, honoring His Father and honoring the will of His Father (e.g., [John 17:1](#) and [John 17:5](#)). The apostle Paul taught that to honor one's earthly father is not only a commandment but the first commandment that, when obeyed, has a promise of things going well and living long on the earth. "Honor your father and mother—which is the first commandment with a promise—that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth" ([Ephesians 6:2-3](#)). In light of these verses, and many others, it would seem to be perfectly God-honoring to celebrate a day in which fathers, the God-given spiritual head of the family, could and should be honored. Ultimately, whether or not to celebrate a specific day or holiday is a matter of personal preference. We have the freedom to celebrate and the freedom not to celebrate if we so choose.

A "spiritual father" understands that we are all on a journey and meets people where they are." "The patience of a spiritual father reflects God's patience for all His children." "By surrendering fully to God's will, a spiritual father finds freedom and rest." The phrase *spiritual father* however is not found in the Bible. There are passages that do imply a form of spiritual fatherhood between individuals and over churches. Peter called Mark "my son" ([1 Peter 5:13](#)). Paul refers to Timothy as "my true son in the faith," thus indicating his close relationship to Timothy ([1 Timothy 1:2](#)). Elsewhere in Paul's letters, he also refers to Onesimus as his son, indicating that he was a spiritual father to the former slave ([Philemon 1:10](#)).

The apostles also imply that they are "spiritual fathers" in relationship to various congregations. The apostle John referred to members of a church he was overseeing as his children ([1 John 2:1, 12-13](#)). Paul's relationship with the Corinthian church is likened to that of a father to his children ([2 Corinthians 12:14-15](#)). Elsewhere, Paul writes, "I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel" ([1 Corinthians 4:14-15](#)). In each case, it could be that these apostles had led their "spiritual children" to faith in Christ; even if they did not, the apostles loved, protected, and led those under their spiritual care as a father would his own children. We note that, although Paul calls Timothy his "son in the faith," nowhere are any of the apostles addressed as "father" by other believers.

The idea of a spiritual father is often used more generically of any Christian man who is discipling or mentoring a younger Christian in the faith. Jesus has commanded His followers to "make disciples," which involves creating spiritual relationships that in some ways resemble father/son and mother/daughter relationships ([Matthew 28:19](#)). In Paul's letter to Titus, he discusses how older women should teach younger Christian women in the faith ([Titus 2:4](#)).

**Happy Father's Day!!!**

## Pentecost Sunday – June 8th

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire ([Matthew 3:11](#)). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in [John 14:26](#). He showed Himself to these men after His death on the cross and His resurrection, giving convincing proofs that He was alive. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's gift of the Holy Spirit, from whom they would receive power to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth ([Acts 1:3-8](#)). After Jesus' ascension to heaven, the men returned to Jerusalem and joined together in prayer in an upper room. On the Day of Pentecost, just as promised, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power of communication, which Peter used to begin the ministry for which Jesus had prepared him. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples did not stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world. This was the beginning of the church as we know it.

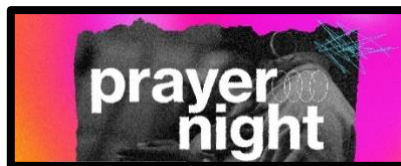
Today, in many Christian churches, Pentecost Sunday is celebrated to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit, realizing that God's very life, breath and energy live in believers. During this service, [John 20:19-23](#) may be the core of the message about our risen Savior supernaturally appearing to the fear-laden disciples. Their fear gave way to joy when the Lord showed them His hands and side. He assured them peace and repeated the command given in [Matthew 28:19-20](#), saying, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." Then He breathed on them, and they received the Holy Spirit ([John 20:21-23](#)).

The celebration of Pentecost Sunday reminds us of the reality that we all have the unifying Spirit that was poured out upon the first-century church in [Acts 2:1-4](#). It is a reminder that we are co-heirs with Christ, to suffer with Him that we may also be glorified with Him; that the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good ([1 Corinthians 12:7](#)); that we are all baptized by one Spirit into one body ([1 Corinthians 12:13](#)); and that the Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead lives inside believers ([Romans 8:9-11](#)). This gift of the Holy Spirit that was promised and given to all believers on the first Pentecost is promised for you and your children and for all who are far off whom the Lord our God will call ([Acts 2:39](#)).

### May Paramount Points

A reminder of the important takeaways from Pastor's Messages.

- ❖ May 4 - "God is always working behind the scenes."
- ❖ May 11 - "What God has done for you drips down into the same ground your stake is driven into."
- ❖ May 18. - "Compassionate love flows from God alone."
- ❖ May 25 - "Your knowledge of scripture is useless in a life that can't consistently display what is read."



Throughout the Bible, we see the power of God move when His people come together in prayer. In [Acts 2:42](#), the early church devoted themselves to prayer, and in [Acts 4:31](#), when believers prayed together, "The place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." There is something powerful and transformative that happens when we unite in prayer, chains break, hearts are refreshed, and God moves in ways we cannot imagine. **Sunday, June 1st at 6pm**, we gather as a church body to seek God's face, intercede, and align our hearts with His will. Come expectant. Come hungry for His presence. Let's lift our voices together and believe in breakthroughs! Let's fill the church together! We'll see you there!

## Small Groups Bible Study

Richard Dinnen  
"The Power of Generosity"  
Sundays - 8:30am - Room C215

Judy Lorenz  
Women's Bible Study  
"One Holy Passion" (Catherine Martin)  
Contact Judy at 619-987-0394 if Interested

Linda Wise  
Women's Bible Study  
Studying the book of Numbers in the Ruby room.  
Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Ruby Room

Rose Necoechea  
Studying 1 & 2 Corinthians  
Sundays 8:30 in the Hospitality Suite

Jon Cohen - Core Men  
Studying the book of Leviticus  
Wednesday Room 5:30 - 6:30 C-214

Erick Madril  
Studying the Book of Acts  
Sundays 8:30 in Room LL4

Foundations  
Establishing Kingdom Truths  
Sunday at 8:30am in room C-214

Marsha Strieker  
Studying the Book of Acts  
Sunday at 12:15pm in the Ruby room.

Walt Harrison  
Sermon Based Discussion  
Legacy Builders in the Choir Suite  
Tuesdays at 10:00am.

Jason Baltzey - Core Men  
Studying "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado  
Tuesday nights at 7:00pm on Zoom

Bobby Delozier in Home  
Studying the "I Am" Statements of Jesus  
Thursdays 6:30-8:00pm

George Elias in Home  
Studying Spirit-led topics.  
Thursday at 7:00pm

## Church Membership

*For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." - [Romans 12:4-5](#)*

Membership in the church is a very important part of belonging to Faith Chapel. Church membership is a way of identifying oneself with a local body of believers. Church membership is a statement of solidarity and like-mindedness ([Philippians 2:2](#)). If you would like to become a member, please fill out the membership form on the FC App.

### **Faith Chapel's Newest Members**

Michelle Murillo, Sheri Brown, Drake Martinez/Rubi, Danna Calderon,



FAITH ACADEMY

## Faith Academy High School

**Now Enrolling Class of 2028**

At Faith Academy, we are more than just a school—we are a Christ-centered community dedicated to empowering students with the knowledge, character, and faith to thrive in every aspect of life. Located in the heart of San Diego, California, our mission is simple yet profound: to "Culture Like Christ." This guiding principle informs everything we do, shaping our approach to education and the way we nurture the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and disciples.

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- ✓ Students at Faith Academy are encouraged to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ through daily habits such as prayer, scripture study, and worship. These practices help them develop a strong foundation of faith, empowering them to navigate life's challenges with confidence and purpose.

Have questions or want to learn more? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Faith Academy at the Faith Chapel Website to explore how our Christ-centered approach to education can benefit your family. Together, we can prepare students to excel academically, grow spiritually, and make a lasting impact for Christ.

## Jesus Calling

A devotion from the book "Jesus Calling, Enjoying Peace in His Presence" by Sarah Young. This devotion is meant to be read slowly, preferably in a quiet place-with your Bible open. Remember that Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. May you enjoy His Presence and His Peace in ever-increasing measures.as you read this as if he was speaking directly to you.

"I want to be central in your entire being. When your focus is firmly on Me, my peace displaces fears and worries. They will encircle you, seeking entrance, so you must stay alert. Let trust and thankfulness stand guard, turning back fear before it can gain a foothold. There is no fear in my love, which shines on you continually. Sit quietly in My love light while I bless you with radiant peace. Turn your whole being to trusting and loving me."

[2 Thessalonians 3:16](#)   [John 4:18](#)   [Numbers 6:25-26](#)

## Jesus Talks

Be sure to embrace whatever stage or season of your life you are in. Remember: God wastes nothing.

When you are at your lowest most broken point, God is able to do the greatest work in you.  
Hold on. Joy comes in the morning.

Once you experience God for yourself, no one will be able to change your mind about Him.

God didn't say it would be easy. But He did say He'd be with you.

## Flash Back

"In His Presence"

"Scripture tells us that the Lord inhabits the praises of his people. This phrase can be expressed in many ways to our creator, Lord and friend, and music is a very important one. The choir and orchestra will be praising the Lord in music on Saturday, June 7th at 7:00 PM. and on Sunday, June 8th, at 6:00 PM. and invite everyone to come join them. An exciting and inspiring new musical, *In His Presence* is premiering in San Diego at Faith Chapel. Written by Phil Barfoot, it is directed by our own gifted director, Roy Anthony. Ron Cornett will be narrator, as well as be a soloist with other featured songs by Carolyn Marks, Ron Randon, John Woodward, and Glenn Zurcher. The special trio will include Pam Ashman, Diane Beebe, and Jerry McClellan. *In His Presence* is a celebration ... a celebration of our Lord's presence with us ... a joyful participation in his life ... a celebration of being in his presence throughout eternity. *In His Presence* is an experience ... in worship ... in praise ... in opportunity for a body of believers to unite in lifting up the name of Jesus. *In His Presence* is an expression. An expression of thanks to our Lord for the cleansing and healing he has performed in our lives. A joyful anticipation of what he will do in and through our lives as we share the joy of his presence with one another."

By Pam Ashman

Reprinted from the June 1980 "Faith Builder."



## Events



Our annual "Bay Day" will be on Pentecost Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>! We will be at Crowne Point where we have been for many years prior on a special day where the national event "Baptize America" is already taking place. Thousands upon thousands of individuals are going to be getting baptized nationwide at this time and we will be participating. So, if you would like to be water baptized at the bay on this significant day, fill out the form available on the Faith Chapel APP. There will be food, games, worship, and so much more to do as a family. Mark your calendars and let's watch what God will do.



VBS is a four-day theme-based program focused on teaching biblical stories and values. It's fun and interactive with a strong emphasis on spiritual education. It is for kids going into kindergarten through kids going into 6th grade. This is different from summer camp also offered at Faith Chapel. Sign up today on the Faith Chapel APP. We have Jesus-our True North! Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, they're unmovable, unshakeable friend forever! If you have any questions, you can reach out to Pastor Mitchell at the following email address [mespinosa@faithchapelsd.com](mailto:mespinosa@faithchapelsd.com).



Ross is a revivalist, evangelist and co-founder of California Will Be Saved (2021-2024). His heart burns for Revival, preaching the gospel and loving Jesus with all of his soul. He is passionate about seeing a move of God's spirit on the earth in this generation and is on the frontlines for advancing the kingdom of God.

## We Will Miss You



Jeff MacArthur and Marlene Hobdy are moving to Williamsburg, Virginia and Murietta, California respectively to be closer to their families. Both have been faithful servants to Faith Chapel for many years and will truly be missed. May the Lord richly bless them in this new chapter of their lives.

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to serve and use your Spiritual Gifts here at Faith Chapel. Sunday nursery and children's ministry, ushering, greeting, worship, production and media, special projects and hospitality are some of the ways you can get plugged in and use your talents and gifts to serve the body of Christ. If you would like to volunteer for any of these areas, contact the church office for more information.

## Young Adults, Youth & Kids



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## Words to Live By and Consider – From the Writings of Matthew

- Those who are wise, seek and worship Jesus, not for what they can get but for who he is.
- We must acknowledge Jesus as the rightful king of our lives.
- The essence of true worship is honoring God for who he is and being willing to give him what is valuable to you. Worship God because he is the perfect, just, and almighty creator of the universe, worthy of the best you have to give.
- Finding Jesus may mean that your life may have to take a different direction, one that is responsive and obedient to God's word.
- God works to save his people.
- No one can thwart God's plans.
- Christ wants to give us real freedom, peace, and joy. Don't fear Christ-give him the throne of your life.
- Jesus is the true Messiah announced by God through the prophets.

## God's Creations



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