

# July 1, 2025 Faith Builders Issue #30

A Faith Chapel Newsletter

*Faith Chapel*

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

## Scripture of the Month

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Psalm 33:1

## This Month

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Midweek Encounter

July 4 - Independence Day

July 5-8 - Youth Summer Camp

July 6, 13, 20, 27 - Sunday Service

July 6 Prayer Night - 6:00pm

July 7 & 21 Food Distribution / Meet the Need

July 12 - FC Kid's Movie Night

July 18 -Midnight Hour 8:00pm-12:00am

July 18 - Legacy Builders Potluck - 6:00pm

One-Way-Inn - Speaker - Lamar Key

July 25 - Men of God Movement

July 29 - Heart for the House - Meet Pastor Josiah

July 31 - August 1 - Pastors and Leaders Conference

## Pastor's Perspective

### A Church on Fire

Dear Faith Chapel Family,

I'm still undone by what God is doing in our house. The spirit of the living God is not only stirring-he's transforming. We are in a move of God that is not business as usual. This is not hype, it's an authentic move of God! Just this past week, during our midweek encounter, hundreds gathered in hunger and expectation. And wow... God met us. From the beginning opening worship to the final moment at the altar, his presence was weighty, real, and refreshing. The alter call lasted hours beyond the end of service- hours! People lingered, wept, worshipped, and were ministered to deeply by the spirit of God. And now, dozens have already shared testimonies of freedom, healing, God encounters, and the overwhelming love of Jesus that marked them in our sanctuary. And it didn't stop there... This all happened right smack in the middle of an incredible week. Our kids ministry has been having their own powerful encounter all week-long period true north VS launched on Tuesday and went through Friday and completely lift up our campus with joy, laughter, and God's goodness in tangible ways! Kids learned about God in a creative and impactful environment, built real relationships, had an unforgettable time, and- best of all- dozens gave their lives to Jesus! This year we moved VS from the main sanctuary to our nearly completed and beautifully renovated activity center! It's been amazing to see that space transformed. Not just structurally, but spiritually as it becomes a new hub ministry for the next generation and beyond. It looks stellar, and what's happening inside is even more glorious than the fresh paint and polished floors. This is why we give. This is why we build. Because the fruit is real and the harvest is now. As if there wasn't anything else to highlight, I'll mention one more milestone. Now let's be real, Father's Day is usually one of the least attended Sundays of the year across the nation. It's been an indictment against men who would rather stay home, BBQ, or hit the golf course then be in the presence of God on Father's Day. But faith Chapel is not your typical church. We broke records that day! Setting a personal all-time high for Father's Day Sunday. And here's the wild part: it even surpassed our attendance on Mother's Day, which usually is the second most highly attended Sunday of the year only to Easter! God is doing something in the culture of the church that is transcending cultural

spiritual barriers because this is a far sovereign work of his spirit. His breathing on our hunger he's breathing on our hunger. He's responding to our prayer. He's rewarding our faithfulness. And he's building something that goes beyond human strength. It's a Kingdom legacy smothered in revival. So, my encouragement is simple and direct keep going. Keep pressing in. Keep showing up. Keep inviting others. Keep worshipping. Keep sewing. Keep believing. God is moving and this is just the beginning. Count this as a great privilege of my life to serve the king here. Pastor Josiah Elias

### June Paramount Points

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

- ❖ June 1 - "Many God moments tend to have a hitch attached."
- ❖ June 8 - "He is all consuming."
- ❖ June 15 - "Build your altar." ... Trust your God. Get back up. Heed gentle whispers. Engage your ministry. Be a father. Stake your claim.
- ❖ June 22 - "The honest offering will always please Him."

### Prayer Night

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, July 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Words to Live by and Consider – From the Writings of Luke

- God has two requirements for coming to him:
  - You must recognize your own sinfulness.
  - You must realize you can't save yourself.
- We must leave our past behind and commit our future to him.
- We should take time to withdraw to a quiet and deserted place to pray.
- Strength comes from God and we can only be strengthened by spending time with him.
- Look for opportunities to bring friends to the living Christ.
- Keep your heart pliable so you can accept Jesus' lifesaving message

### Jesus Talks

Don't stop praying because you've been through pain.

Sometimes the greatest faith grows from the absence of answers.

Whatever you are walking into, God has already stepped into it and prepared a way for you.

What God sends you will arrive in clarity, not confusion.

Sometimes miracles are just good people with kind hearts that God has sent to you.

### 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. If you would like to become a member, please fill out the membership form on the FC app.

Faith Chapel's Newest Members – Lelia Punelli, Miles & Jazzie Childs

## Small Groups Bible Study

Judy Lorenz  
Women's Bible Study  
"One Holy Passion" (Catherine Martin)  
Starts July 10<sup>th</sup> - New Members Invited  
Contact Judy at 619-987-0394 If Interested

Linda Wise  
Women's Bible Study  
Studying the Book of Numbers  
Tuesday's at 9:30am in the Ruby Room

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

Bill Lorenz  
Studying the book of Romans  
Wednesdays at 6:00pm in Room C-211

Jon Cohen  
Studying the book of Leviticus  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Room C-214

Erick Madril  
Studying the book of Acts  
Sundays at 8:30am in Room LL3

Foundations  
Establishing Kingdom Truths  
Sundays 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.  
Thursdays at 7:00pm

## Jesus Calling

They 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 Emmanuel, God with us. Enjoy his presence and his peace in every increasing measures, as you read this as if he was speaking directly to you.

### **I am Light and Life in Abundance**

As you spend life "soaking" in my presence, you are energized and enlightened. Through commuting with me, you transfer your heavy burdens to my strong shoulders. By gazing at me, you gain my perspective on your life. This time alone with me is essential for unscrambling your thoughts and smoothing out the day before you. Be willing to fight for this precious time with me. Opposition comes in many forms: your own desire to linger in bed; the evil one's determination to distract you from me; the pressure of family, friends, and your own inner critic to spend your time more productively. As you grow in your desire to please me above all else, you gain strength to resist these opponents. Delight yourself in me, for I am the deepest desire of your heart.

**Psalm 48:9    Deuteronomy 33:12    Psalm 37:4**

## Vacation Bible School

VBS 2025 was a great success with 121 school age kids attending four days of learning to trust Jesus. "True North - Learning to Trust Jesus in a Wild World" was this year's theme and filled the youth with spiritual truths and understanding of God's love for them. The week was full of learning bible verses, worship, making new friends, games and stretching their imaginations. \$1,002.00 was raised by donation during VBS and will be used to augment Faith Chapels Annual Glow Night. And because the goal of collecting \$1,000.00 was reached Pastor Michel agreed to have his beard shaved off and he also sat in a tub of ice water and had buckets of ice water poured over him. And the crowd went wild!!! You're a good man Pastor Michel!

## Flash Back

“Be You Not as a Horse”

Excerpt from an article by Alice Sutorous in the May 1977 Faith Builder

“A horse is a willful critter. With each command from the rider, he chooses either to obey the guiding hand on the reins, or, as often happened to me, to take the rider where he was determined to go. Don't we do this to our Lord when we refuse to follow his guiding touch? “

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which you should go:

I will guide thee with my eyes.

Be not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:

whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

**Psalm 32:8-10**

The bit in the horse's mouth controls the direction he goes. This information is included for city-dwellers who have never had to wrestle with a 2000-pound horse to determine who was commanding the situation.) ... As I pray: Lord let me be as yielded to your commands as the most obedient horse. I recall the Lipizzaner horses from Austria. The most famous performing horses, Lipizzaners are known for their obedience to imperceptible commands of their masters. The horses respond to knee pressure, slight shifts in body movement by the rider, and many other subtle signals. Watching them perform, one sees horse and rider in perfect oneness, the horse flowing in response to the rider's slightest direction. My prayer is now that Jesus develops in me a perfect oneness with him, so that I will respond with great sensitivity to his direction.”

## Declaration of Independence

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the 13 colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2nd, when the second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by the committee of five, which asked Thomas Jefferson to author its first draft. While Jefferson consulted extensively with the other board members of the committee of five, he largely wrote the Declaration of Independence in isolation over 17 days between June 11, 1776, and June 28, 1776, from the 2nd floor he was renting in a three story private home at 700 Market St. in Philadelphia, now known as the Declaration House, and within walking distance of Independence Hall. Congress debated and revised the wording of the declaration, removing Jefferson's vigorous denunciation of King George the Third for importing the slave trade, finally approving it two days later on July 4th. A day earlier, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail: “The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. ***It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God almighty.*** It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forevermore.” Adam's prediction was off by two days from the outset Americans celebrated independence on July 4th, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2nd, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress. Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2nd, 1776, and not on July 4th as is commonly believed. By remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as president of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4th, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the declaration. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another founding father who was elected president, also died on July 4th, 1831, making him the third president who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4th, 1872.



## Young Adults, Youth & Kids



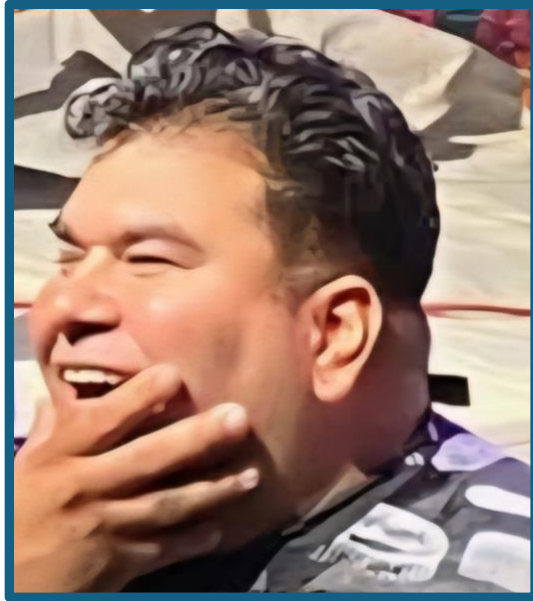
## Events and Happenings



Faith Chapel is hosting Jesus Image this year for two days that will encourage and equip you to lead churches and ministries that honor the presence of God and his Word during the Pastors and Leaders conference. This conference is perfect if you're a pastor, ministry leader, on a church team (administration, worship, nextgen, small group leader, volunteer, chaplain, missionary, and more) or if you serve in any capacity at Faith Chapel. Reserve your spot on the FC App or FC website.



Who is this beardless man?



God's Creations



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