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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

Faith Chapel

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

Scripture of the Month

"Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you."

[Colossians 4:17](#)

This Month

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Synergy Groups

June 1, 15 - Food Distribution & Meet the Need

June 2 - Faith Academy Golf Tournament

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Young Adults 7:00pm

June 3, 10, 17, 24 - Midweek Encounter 6:30pm

June 3, 10, 17, 24 - Youth 6:30pm Student Center

June 7, 14, 21, 28 - Sunday Service

June 7 - Prayer Night 6:00pm in Activity Center

June 18 - Legacy Builders County Fair Trip

June 19 - Legacy Builders 6:00pm Activity Center

June 23-26 - FC Kids: Vacation Bible School

June 26 - Faith Chapel Summer Camp

June 27 - Men & Women's Movement 6:00pm

June 28 - Baptisms & Communion

June 28 - Heart for the House - Meet Pastor Elias

Pastor's Perspective

Hey Family,

What God is doing in this house is truly extraordinary. Week after week, we are witnessing lives transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. People are being saved. Marriages are being restored, literally! Hearts are being healed. People continue to fill the baptism tank with public and pronounced declarations of their faith in Jesus. The presence of God is moving powerfully among us, and church, I want to remind you of something important: This takes all of us. What the Lord is building here at Faith Chapel is not carried by leadership alone. This mission belongs to every single person who calls this house home. We all share the load. We all share the responsibility. We all share the joy of seeing the Kingdom advance. The Apostle Paul said in Ephesians 4:16 that the whole body is "joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Every joint supplies. Every member matters. Every person has a role to play in what God is doing here. Some preach. Some serve quietly yet faithfully behind the scenes. Some pray continually. Some disciple. Some lead ministries. Some encourage. Some give generously. But together, we become one healthy, thriving body carrying the presence and mission of Jesus into the world. Faith Chapel, what we're experiencing right now is not accidental. It's happening in response to the collective hunger of a people pursuing God together. We've made room for His presence. We've stayed hungry. We've stayed expectant. And heaven has responded. Psalm 133:1 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" And just a few verses later, Scripture says that it is there, the place of unity, that the Lord commands His blessing. The enemy would love to divide, isolate, discourage, or distract. But we are not going to allow division to creep into what God is building. This is the hour to come closer together, not farther apart. Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." Church, let's keep stirring each other up toward deeper faith, deeper love, and deeper commitment to Christ. This is missional family and ministry, together! I believe with all my heart that the best is still ahead. Let's change the world—together.

Josiah Elias, Lead Pastor

May Paramount Points

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

- ❖ May 3 - "God has honored us with power to choose. So, honor God "by choosing life."
- ❖ May 10 - "Deception isn't simply believing wrong information. It's trusting any other voice more than God's."
- ❖ May 17 - "Religion must wither away if devoted people are truly going to see Christ."
- ❖ May 24 - "Our rags his righteousness"

Words to Live By, Consider and Ponder - From Job 1:1

The book of Job demonstrates God's sovereignty and the true meaning of faith. It addresses the question, "Why do the righteous suffer?" Job is a theological treatise about suffering and divine sovereignty, and a picture of faith that endures.

- Experience life one day at a time and without complete answers to all of life's questions.
- Trust God no matter what.
- Don't give in to temptation and say that God doesn't really care.
- Remember that we live in a fallen world where good behavior is not always rewarded and bad behavior is not always punished.
- Faith in God is justified even when our situations look hopeless.
- Faith based on rewards or prosperity is hollow.
- To be unshakeable, faith must be built on the confidence that God's ultimate purpose will come to pass.

The Twelve Disciples

Each month we will investigate the life of one of the disciples. Information about their names, occupation, outstanding characteristics, major events in their life, what Jesus said about them, and a key lesson from their life is presented.

Simon the Zealot

Simon the Zealot is mentioned four times in the New Testament, in places where the names of the disciples are listed. But beyond this, no information about him is given and his occupation is unknown (Matthew 10:4; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13). It is usually assumed that he is called "Simon the Zealot" because, when Jesus called him, he was a member of the Zealots' political movement. If so, the continued use of the designation does not address whether or not he continued to be zealous for Jewish independence while he was a disciple. In any case, we can assume that his priorities changed as he submitted to Jesus' teaching, which included "giving to Caesar what belongs to Caesar" (Matthew 22:21), and an emphasis on the kingdom of God, which was not of this world and was not established by use of violence and the force of arms (John 18:36). Simon would also have been informed by Jesus' revealing that the temple would be destroyed and Jerusalem would be completely overrun by the Gentiles (Luke 21:5-6, 20-24). Keeping the "nickname" of "the Zealot" may simply have been a way to distinguish him from the other Simon (who later came to be known as Peter) in Jesus' group. Perhaps, in later years, he was known to be zealous for the gospel. Tradition says that Simon the Zealot preached the gospel in Persia and was ultimately killed for refusing to sacrifice to the sun god. **A key lesson from his life: If we are willing to give up our plans for the future, we can participate in Jesus plans.** (Excerpt from Got Questions)

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

Susana (Susie) Hernandez

Small Groups Bible Study

Bible study groups are not merely an intellectual exercise.
They are a profound enterprise in building the community of our church.

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

Bill Lorenz
Wednesday Nights 6:00pm Room C211
Releasing God's Kingdom Through You

Jon Cohen
Wednesday Nights 5:30pm Room C214
The Book of Numbers

Linda Wise - Women's Bible Study
"As Silver Refined"
Tuesday's 9:30am in the Ruby Room

Jason Baltzley - Revelation
Tuesday - 7:00pm
Zoom

Eric Madril
Sundays - 8:30am Room LL4
"Paul's Prison Epistles"

Rose Necoechea
The Book of Acts
Sundays 9:00am in the Hospitality Suite

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

Bobby Delozier - In Home
"A Life Beyond Amazing" Dr. David Jeremiah
Thursday Nights

Judy Lorenz - Women's Bible Study
Studying Romans
Thursdays 9:30am - Lorenz Home

Jesus Calling

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 measure, as you read this as if he was speaking directly to you.

"I am involved in each moment of your life. I have carefully mapped out every inch of your journey through this day, even though much of it may feel haphazard. Because the world is in a fallen condition, things always seem to be unraveling around the edges. Expect to find trouble in this day. At the same time, trust that My way is perfect, even in the midst of such messy imperfection. Stay conscious of me as you go through this day, remembering that I never leave your side. Let the Holy Spirit guide you step by step, protecting you from unnecessary trials and equipping you to get through whatever must be endured. As you trudge through the sludge of this fallen world, keep your mind in heavenly places with Me. Thus, the light of My presence shines on you, giving you peace and joy that circumstances cannot touch."

[Psalm 18:30](#) [Isaiah 41:13](#) [Psalm 36:9](#)

May Baptisms

Baptism is the rite that publicly identifies one as a follower of Christ—a Christian. It is included in Jesus' final instruction to His disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Water baptism symbolizes the believer's total trust in and total reliance on the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a commitment to live obediently to Him. It also expresses unity with all the saints (Ephesians 2:19), that is, with every person in every nation on earth who is a member of the Body of Christ (Galatians 3:27-28). Water baptism conveys this and more, but it is not what saves us. Instead, we are saved by grace through faith, apart from works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Christians should be baptized out of obedience to and love for our Lord Jesus (John 14:15). Water baptism by immersion is the biblical method of baptism because of its symbolic representation of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

FC's Latest Baptised

Azaz McCreary, Michelle Garcia, Daxia Castro, Vivi Garcia, Amanda Garcia
Emilio Andrade, Johnathan Thompson, Makayla Gilbert, Rachel Bryant

Legacy Builders

Legacy Builders will be heading to the San Diego County Fair on June 18th. The cost is \$20.00 and lunch is not included. Leaving at 10:00am from Faith Chapel you will return at 3:00pm. A sign-up sheet is available at the information booth on Sunday mornings.

Legacy Builders will meet in the Activity Center on June 19th at 6:00pm. All those 55 years (plus or minus) are invited to enjoy a pot-luck dinner. As always there will be great food and fellowship. Guest Speaker is Cynthia Baroni.

Foundations 2 Classes – Wednesday June 11th 5:30pm

The foundation's two classes are designed for anyone who wants to grow stronger in their walk with the Lord and build a strong spiritual base for everyday life. It will provide you with a deeper walk in discipleship. It's perfect for those who have taken Foundations 1; however, that is not a requirement. Whether you are new in your faith or seeking a fresh start, this class provides encouragement, clarity, and tools to help you live confidently and purposely for God. The class is taught by George Elias. You can join using the FC APP. Cost is \$20 for the book.

Faith Academy High School Golf Tournament, It's Not Too Late to Participate



Inaugural Faith Academy Annual Golf Tournament

June 2, 2026, 1–7pm

Steele Canon Golf Club

3199 Stonefield Dr. Jamul, CA 91935

Join us for the First Annual Faith Academy Golf Tournament on June 2, 2026, at 1:00 PM (tee time) at Steele Canyon Golf Course. This event is more than a day on the greens; it's an opportunity to invest directly in the next generation through Faith Academy. Our heart is to build Culture and Kingdom, equipping students through excellence in education while grounding them in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Everything we do is centered on raising up leaders who know who they are in Christ and are prepared to make a lasting impact in their world.

Event Details:

Date: June 2, 2026 **Time:** 1:00 PM Shotgun Tee Time **Cost:** Individual: \$150, Foursome: \$500

Reception: Delicious Meal provided following the tournament.

Prizes: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Putting Contest, Opportunity Drawings & More

Awards: Trophy presentation for the winning team.

Sponsorships and Donations

Additional ways to support the tournament are through sponsorships, opportunity drawing donations, or monetary gifts. Visit our giving website and select 'Faith Academy Golf Tournament' or call (619) 461-7451 to coordinate drop off at our office located at 9400 Campo Road, Spring Valley, Ca 91977. Whether you join us as a player, sponsor, or advocate, your involvement helps us invest in students spiritually, academically, and practically. Together, we are shaping lives, strengthening families, and advancing the Kingdom through Christ-centered education.

Vacation Bible School – June 23rd to 26th

5:30 – 8:30pm



Exploring foundational truths about the nature of God.

Get ready kids to embark on a wild, creature-filled adventure at Rainforest Falls where kids learn that God is Creator, All-knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever. Kids, join in and be guided on a tree-mendous adventure where you are rooted in a relationship with God, a safe place in life's storms. 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 for kids going into kindergarten through kids currently in 6th grade. If you have any questions reach out to Pastor Mitchell. Cost is \$20.00 Scan the QR Code above to register.

Faith Chapel Summer Day Camp



June 26 – July 31, 2026

Calling all Kindergartners through 6th graders!!! Join us for a fun filled Summer in a safe and nurturing environment. Faith Chapel Summer Day Camp is committed to developing the whole child for the glory of God. Campers will come away from their experiences with greater friendships, teamwork skills, increased confidence and a deeper understanding of God's love. Upon completion of registration, please make sure to print and sign the Policy/Procedure Form and Sunscreen Form, which will be emailed to you and bring it on the first day of camp. *To fully prepare and staff our camp, we ask that all payments are paid the Monday prior to the week of camp that your child attends. There will be an increase of \$20 if paid after Monday.

Pricing:

Registration: \$80 (See the Faith Chapel Website)

Weekly Rate: \$200 - 10% Discount for Faith Chapel Members, Military and Siblings

Ages: Kindergartners-6th Grade



FC Sanctuary Crosses - the Cross of Jesus

In March of 2022, the Faith Chapel pews were removed as part of a sanctuary remodel in a campaign known as “Renew.” The original pews were witness to the spiritual history of those who attended the church from its establishment on Campo Road. People worshiped, prayed, sought forgiveness and healing, communed, heard God’s word, found salvation, were led to ministry, and shed tears of joy and sadness as they laid their hands upon and found support from the pew railing in front of them. When it came time to replace the pews it was desirable to hold on to that history. What better way to accomplish this than by the construction of two new crosses built from the wood where so many people placed their hands as they offered themselves to the Lord. But just to build the crosses was not enough. It was important that their design, construction and meaning told the story of what the cross represents and the history of Faith Chapel that surrounds it. It was important that every aspect of the crosses hold significance to Faith Chapel, its people and to the Savior who freely went to the cross.

You will notice the distinct colors of the many pieces. Faith Chapel has always offered the invitation that to “Whoever will, may come.” Regardless of race, color, ethnic background, or circumstance, all are welcome. The colors you see represent those who have visited or found a home at Faith Chapel.

Each horizontal section is comprised of two 3-foot-long pieces measured from the centerline of the cross. The number 3 is used 467 times in the Bible. It pictures completeness, though to a lesser degree than 7. The meaning of this number derives from the fact that it is the first of four spiritually perfect numerals (the others being 7, 10 and 12). Next to seven, 3 is the most found or referenced number in Revelation. God is described, in the very beginning of the book of Revelation, as a Being "which is, and which was, and which is to come" (Revelation 1:4).

From the bottom most point of each cross to the centerline of the horizontal cross sections, where Jesus’ hands were nailed, is nine feet. Used 49 times in Scripture, the number 9 symbolizes divine completeness or conveys the meaning of finality. Christ died at hour nine of the day, or 3 p.m., to make the way of salvation open to everyone. The number 9 also represents the fruits of God's Holy Spirit, which are Faithfulness, Gentleness, Goodness, Joy, Kindness, Patience, Love, Peace, and Self-control (Galatians 5:22 - 23).

The width of the body of each cross measures eight inches. The number 8 in the Bible represents a new beginning, meaning a new order or creation, and man's true 'born again' event when he is resurrected from the dead into eternal life.

The vertical center portion of each cross is one piece of wood. The number 1 is only divisible by itself. It symbolizes in the Bible the unity and primacy, and the oneness of the Godhead. This piece is left the natural color of the wood signifying purity and the glory, holiness, and honor of God. There is but one way to the father. Jesus stated this in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the father but by me.” There is one true God.

Each cross is laid out with pieces of wood that have seven different depths. The depth of each piece represents the depth of our Christian journey from the new believer to the most mature in their walk. In Scripture, seven often symbolizes completion or perfection. The number seven denotes completion at the Crucifixion, when Jesus spoke seven statements from the Cross at the completion of His earthly duties. The number seven is also linked to exoneration and healing. Number seven frequently accompanies the fulfillment of promises or oaths.

The lengths of the pieces represent the generations of the church with two specific lengths referring to the oldest and the youngest of our congregation. The one-inch piece speaks to the newborn while the ninety-six-inch piece to the oldest at the time of construction.

Each cross consists of 142 pieces. Adding the numbers 1 & 4 & 2 together the sum equals seven which is the number of completion. Verse 7 of Psalm 142 reads "Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name." Jesus set us free from the prison of sin.

The wood used to construct the crosses hold several imperfections. There are even a few imperfections in the construction of the crosses. These imperfections were allowed to remain; they remind us of our imperfections. It is our imperfections that led Jesus to the cross for us.

As each cross hangs in the church, it is fashioned with lights and sets out from the wall. Jesus is the light of the world and the glow around each cross is His glory. Each cross sets out from the wall, setting Jesus apart from sin and death.

The crosses on the walls of Faith Chapel, are a reminder to put Jesus at the center of our life. Making Jesus the center of our life means acknowledging Jesus as the ultimate authority in your life and voluntarily yielding the control of your life to Him.

The crosses were designed and constructed by FC member Ed Jarrell

Alpha & Omega - The Beginning and the End

The first phrase in the Bible is "In the beginning..." The phrase "In the beginning" in Hebrew is בְּרֵאשִׁית and is one-word *bereshit*. It is pronounced **be-re-SHEET**

בְּרֵאשִׁית – Bereshit

The last word in the Bible is "**Amen.**" It is pronounced *ah-MEN* in most Jewish contexts. The Hebrew word for "Amen" is אָמֵן. In Hebrew, אָמֵן is an adverb meaning "so be it," "truly," or "I affirm." It is used as a liturgical affirmation to: Confirm the truth of a statement, oath, or covenant or to express agreement or strong affirmation in both religious and everyday contexts.

אָמֵן – Amen

If you take the first Hebrew letter of Amen א and the last letter of bereshit - בּ it spells "Son."

Revelation 22:13 reads: "**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End**" This declaration is made by Jesus in the final vision of the Book of Revelation, affirming His eternal nature and sovereign authority over all creation.

Literal Meaning

- **Alpha and Omega** are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In biblical context, they symbolize the totality of something – from its beginning to its conclusion.
- By calling Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," Jesus is stating that He existed before all things began and will continue to exist after all things end.

God's Creations



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Open Gym || All Ages
5:00-6:00pm
FAITH CHAPEL GYM - ACTIVITY CENTER



VOLLEYBALL
MONDAYS
Open Gym || 9th & 10th
6:00pm
FAITH CHAPEL GYM - ACTIVITY CENTER



KARATE
TUESDAYS UPPER - C CLASSROOMS
THURSDAYS ACTIVITY CENTER
First class: 6:00-6:45pm
OPEN TO ALL AGES, BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED BELTS
Second class: 7:00-7:45
OPEN TO ALL ADULTS AND YOUTH GOLD BELT OR ABOVE
Third class: 7:50-8:30
OPEN TO SENIOR RANKS BROWN, RED, AND BLACK.

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