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A Faith Chapel Newsletter - **Special Easter Edition**

Faith Chapel

Mission – “Culture Like Christ” + Vision – “Jesus.”

Scripture of the Month

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

[Ephesians 2:10](#)

This Month

April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Midweek Encounter

April 6, 13, 20, & 27 – Sunday Service

April 6 – Prayer Night – 6:00pm

April 7 & 14 – Food Distribution / Meet the Need

April 11 – Legacy Builders Potluck – 6:00pm

April 8 – Legacy Builders – Old town

Mission San Diego de Acala Tour

April 13 – Palm Sunday

April 18 – Good Friday/Midnight Hour

Communion & Baptism

April 20 – Easter “He Has Risen Indeed”

April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 25 – Men’s Core 6:00pm

April 27 – Heart for the House

Pastor’s Perspective

Dear Faith Chapel Family,

We are living in a move of God! This house is not just a gathering place—it’s an atmosphere saturated with the Spirit of the Living God. Week after week, we see lives radically changed, hearts set free, and people stepping into the fullness of their calling. We are not just creating a space where God is present—we are building a culture where His Spirit dominates. When the Spirit of God moves, He doesn’t just push back darkness—He transforms it. This is the kind of atmosphere God is cultivating in our midst—one of complete transformation! In 1 Samuel 19, King Saul set out to capture David, sending men to take him down. But something incredible happened. Every time his men approached, the Spirit of God overwhelmed them, and they began to prophesy. Again and again, it happened. Finally, Saul himself came to stop David, but the Spirit of God apprehended him: “Then the Spirit of God came even upon Saul, and he too began to prophesy... He tore off his clothes and lay naked on the ground all day and all night, prophesying in the presence of Samuel. The people who were watching exclaimed, ‘What? Is

even Saul a prophet?” (1 Samuel 19:23-24) What was meant for harm was turned into an encounter with God. That’s what happens in a Spirit-dominated culture—people are not just repelled by His presence; they are transformed by it! Faith Chapel, this is what God is doing here! We are not here just to defend against darkness, we are here to see lives transformed by the glory of His presence! When people step into this house, whether they come broken, skeptical, or even opposed to the things of God, our prayer is that they would be overwhelmed by His Spirit and leave forever changed. This is already happening. Praise God! So, what does this mean for us? It means we worship with full surrender because the Spirit of God moves in an atmosphere of hunger. It means we pray without ceasing because transformation happens in the presence of God. It means we love without hesitation, believing that no one is beyond His reach. We are not here to play church—we are here to cultivate a Kingdom culture where the Spirit reigns, where even those opposed to a move of God can become family through a newfound humility and surrender. Where Saul becomes a prophet, and where transformation is inevitable! We’re culturing like Christ, let’s not settle

for anything less than a move of God that changes everything. This is our moment. This is our calling. This is our mandate—a culture of transformation that looks just like Jesus.

Pastor Josiah Elias

Good Friday

If Good Friday is such a solemn occasion, then why do we refer to it as "good"? Although there was technically nothing good about the day Jesus suffered and died for us, the outcome certainly is! It was the day Jesus became the perfect, sacrificial Lamb who shed His blood for the remission of our sins (Romans 5:8; 6:23; 1 Peter 3:18). This was the greatest act of love known to man—God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place. And because of Jesus' Sunday morning resurrection, those who place their trust in Him believe in a living Savior who will one day return to claim His own (John 14:1-3).

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is held the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Vernal Equinox, which puts it between March 22 and April 25. The original method of observing Easter Sunday is unknown. In its purest form, Easter is celebrated in the spring—near the time of the Passover, which is near the time of Christ's crucifixion. It is held on a Sunday, which is the day of the week on which Jesus rose (Matthew 28:1). And it is a time for all of corporate Christianity to celebrate Christ's resurrection and our freedom from sin. None of this is demanded or even suggested in the Bible, but it is not wrong for the church to choose one day a year to intentionally acknowledge Jesus' triumph over death.

“When Jesus Died”

His ministry was full of truth
He proclaimed the path to God
His message was for everyone
His words forever laud

He proved the prophecies of old
He healed the sick and lame
He is the way, the truth and life
Jesus is His name

He calmed the seas
And found the stray
He showed His love
And how to pray

But by his friend He was betrayed
He stood before a trial
Sentenced to be crucified
He stayed silent all the while

Before the court and on His own
Innocent and yet condemned
False testimony of His works
Were meant to bring His end

On His head a crown of thorns
Scourged and gravely beaten
Forced to carry His own cross
Fear and hate the only reason

As He hung upon the cross
By His Father was forsaken
Turned away and left alone
By Him our sins were taken

Killing Him would prove Him wrong
That's what they thought they knew
He answered please forgive them all
For they know not what they do

As He breathed His very last
He said that it was done
His spirit then was given up
Life for us has now begun

Then darkness fell
And thunder roared
Rocks were split
The curtain tore

Above His head there was a sign
King of the Jews it read
Truly He was God's own Son
The kneeling soldier said

When He was dead, they pierced His side
And gambled for his robe
Finally, they took Him down
How little did they know

They laid Him in a borrowed tomb
Closed by a rolling stone
Two soldiers there to watch and guard
Disciples left alone

But He rose on the third day
Just as He said He would
The Messiah they were looking for
Yet so misunderstood

Disciples lost
Locked in a room
He came to them
From the open tomb

He showed his hands
He showed his side
He proved to them
He was alive

He spoke with them
And gave them power
He baptized them
With tongues of fire

To His Father He arose
Through white and billowed clouds
Saying He would come again
A promise that He vowed

Jesus is the Father's Son
He is the great I am
He came to earth and gave His life
The sacrificial lamb

When Jesus died
He paid for our salvation
When Jesus died
His sacrifice gave freedom
When Jesus died
His blood was our redemption

Because of Him we now can live
Eternal by His side
Although He died upon a cross
He... truly...is...alive
He... truly...is...alive

E. C. Jarrell

Lessons from the lives of the disciples as they followed Jesus

- Simon Peter – Christians falter at times, but when they return to Jesus, he forgives them and strengthens their faith.
- James – Christians must be willing to die for Jesus.
- John – The transforming power of the love of Christ is available to all.
- Andrew – Christians are to tell other people about Jesus.
- Phillip – God uses our questions to teach us.
- Bartholomew – Jesus respects honesty in people-even if they challenge him because of it.
- Matthew – Christianity is not for people who think they are already good; it is for people who know they've failed and want help.
- Thomas – Even when Christians experience serious doubts, Jesus reaches out to them to restore their faith.
- James – Lessons from his James' are uncertain or unknown.
- Thaddaeus – Christians follow Jesus because they believe in him; they do not always

understand the details of God's plan.

- Simon the Zealot – If we are willing to give up our plans for the future, we can participate in Jesus' plans.
- Judas Iscariot – It is not enough to be familiar with Jesus' teachings. Jesus' true followers love and obey him.

March Paramount Points

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

- Mar. 2 – “God can use anything we give him for his glory.”
- Mar. 9 – Next Gen service.
- Mar. 16. - “To follow Christ is to see beyond the temporary and embrace the eternal-if we don't then we're no follower of Christ.”

How to Move Forward in Your Faith

Lessons from Greg Hendricks Message – March 23rd

- **Read God's word Consistently.** “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.” Romans [10:17](#)
- **Be real about yourself with God daily.** “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.” [Proverbs 11:13](#)
- **Practice small steps of obedience regularly.** “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.” [Isaiah 1:19](#)
- **Remember God's goodness in your life frequently.** “I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.” [Psalm 77:11](#)
- **Serve others with no agenda genuinely.** “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.” [Matthew 20:28](#)

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, April 6th, at 6pm, we are gathering 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
“The Daniel Prayer” (Anne Graham Lotz)
Thursdays at 9:30am in her home.
Contact Judy at 619-987-0394 if Interested

Linda Wise
Women’s Bible Study
Studying the book of Exodus 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

Bill Lorenz– Core Men
Studying The Book of Romans
Starting Wednesday April 2nd

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

George Elias in Home
Studying Spirit-led topics. Thursday at 7:00pm
6:00pm in Room C-211

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.

Women’s Ministry

Guest Speaker

Brick by Brick Activity Center Renovation

Renovating the Activity Center is about preparing a place for ministry to flourish. Our Activity Center has been a hub of connection, discipleship, and outreach. Throughout Scripture, we see God’s people building altars, tabernacles, and temples not just as structures, but as places where His presence could dwell, and His people could gather. We have laid a foundation for the Kingdom work that will happen within these walls. Brick by brick, heart by heart, we have built something that will impact generations to come. The renovation has begun with new paint, a new floor, and storage room. There is more to come with a new sound system, video screen, floor protection and stage. The work will soon be complete where lives will be changed, where worship will rise, where people will encounter Jesus and forever have their lives transformed.

Faith Academy High School

As we continue to pursue God’s calling to impact our community for his glory Faith Chapel is preparing to launch the Faith Academy High School. This endeavor represents months of diligent research prayer and planning and a culmination of our commitment to seeing our mission and vision come to life in the realm of Christian education. Starting a Christian School is a decision deeply rooted in our desire to cultivate the next generation for Christ. Faith Academy High School is not just an ambitious vision but a well-researched plan to educate students academically, spiritually, and emotionally in a way that glorifies God. Launching this high school will strengthen Faith Chapel’s presence in the community providing families with a Christ centered academically rigorous option for education. This initiative aligns with our broader

ministry goals, equipping students to excel academically and spiritually while glorifying God. The school is expected to open in the fall of this year. Please offer up prayer for the successful opening of the school.

Flash Back

Who am I in Christ Jesus my Lord?

I AM: Born again. [John 3:1](#)

I AM: Loved. God loves me. [John 3:16](#), [1 John 4:7-21](#)

I HAVE: Eternal life. [John 17:3](#)

I AM: A child of God. [1 John 3:1-3](#)

I AM: Being purified. [1 John 1:5-10](#)

I HAVE: Fellowship with God. [1 John 1:6](#), Fellowship with one another. [1 John 1:7](#)

I AM: Cleansed from ALL sin. [1 John 1:7](#)

I AM: Purchased. [1 Peter 1:14-19](#)

I AM: I am a sister, brother of Christ. I am determined to walk with Christ. Matt. [12:46-50](#)

I HAVE: A new heart. [Ez. 18:31](#), [Heb. 10:16](#), [Rom. 8:9](#)

I AM: Alive. A new creation in Christ. [2 Cor. 5:14-20](#)

I AM: An ambassador. [2 Cor. 5:20](#)

Taken from an article by Claire Graham – Faith Builder April - 1979

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.

“In Me you have everything. In Me you are complete. Your capacity to experience Me is increasing through My removal of debris and clutter from your heart. As your yearning for Me increases, other desires are gradually lessening. Since I am infinite and abundantly accessible to you, desiring Me above all else is the best way to live.

It is impossible for you to have a need that I cannot meet. After all, I created you and everything that is. The world is still at My beck and call, though it often appears otherwise. Do not be fooled by appearances. Things that are visible are brief and letting, while things that are invisible are everlasting.

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

Words to Live By and Consider

- A situation that seems impossible is simply an opportunity for God.
- We have the ability to reflect his character in our love, patience, forgiveness, and faithfulness.
- Remember that God made you for a good reason.

God's Creation

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