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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

Faith Chapel

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

Scripture of the Month

"The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

1 John 4:4

This Month

Oct 1 - Matthew West Concert

Oct. 1 - Redesign Your Finances 6:00pm Room 214

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Sunday Service

Oct 4 - Heart for the House - Meet Pastor Elias

Oct 4 - Prayer Night 6:00pm Activity Center

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Synergy Small Groups

Oct. 5, 19 - Food Distribution & Meet the Need

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 - Young Adults - 7:00pm

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Midweek Encounter 6:30pm

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 - FC Youth - 6:30pm

Oct. 9-10 - Faith Culture Conference

Oct. 10 - Baptisms - Faith Culture Conference

Oct. 11 - FC Marriage Ministry 5:00pm Rm C215

Oct. 16 - Legacy Builder's Potluck

Oct. 20 - Salt & Light Council 8:30am Rm C209

Oct. 23 - Legacy Builders Outing to Julian

Oct. 23 - Megan Woods Concert

Oct. 25 - Baptisms During Service

Oct. 30 - Men & Women of God Movement

Pastor's Perspective

Hey Faith Chapel Family,

I've been thinking of something beautiful that happens on the journey of our relationship with God maturing. When we first come to the Lord, we learn His commands. We discover what He has asked of us, and we learn to obey. And let me be clear: obedience is good. When God speaks, we respond. When He gives us direction, we follow. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love me, obey my commandments." But what if there is something even deeper that God wants to develop in us? What if, over time, we don't simply learn what God commands, but begin to discover what God loves? There is a big difference between obeying someone's instructions and knowing someone's heart. Take a look at marriage for example. When two people first begin blending their lives together, there can be a lot of adjustment. A husband may need to learn to put his clothes in the hamper, put the cap back on the toothpaste, or remember to put the toilet seat down. His wife is learning her own adjustments too. At first, some of these things may require reminders. But something beautiful happens as the relationship matures. Eventually, he doesn't need to be told. Why? Because he knows her. He has learned what matters to her, what blesses her, what frustrates her, what makes her feel loved. He begins anticipating what would please her—not because she issued a command, but because love has taught him her heart. And she does the same for him. That's maturity in relationship. I believe God wants to bring us into that kind of intimacy with Him. Yes, when the Lord speaks, obey Him. Absolutely. But let's not stop there. Always obey when God speaks. But let's graduate the relational foundation. It needs an upgrade. Let's become so acquainted with His heart that we begin anticipating what pleases Him. Let's learn His character so deeply that our desires begin to align with His desires. Let's become disciples who don't merely ask, "What am I allowed to do?" but begin asking, "Lord, what would honor You?" Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." I believe one of the beautiful mysteries of that promise is that as we delight ourselves in Him, the desires of our heart begin to become His desires for us. He doesn't simply give us everything we want; He transforms what we want through

discipleship, gaining us His heart! That's intimacy. And this principle doesn't only work in our relationship with God. It works in marriage, family, friendships, employment, leadership, teams—really, anywhere people are learning to do life together. The longer we genuinely know someone, the more naturally we understand how to love them well. Jesus said in John 15:15, “I no longer call you slaves... Instead, I call you friends.” What an invitation! He wants relationship, not merely compliance. That means at some point they were slavers who merely obeyed what the Master commanded, but then things changed. I believe things are changing for us too. There is a depth of intimacy with God waiting for us that we have not yet experienced. A depth of relationship where we gain His heart in ways we've never experienced before. Let's go deeper.

Lead Pastor Josiah Elias

September Paramount Points

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

- ❖ Sept. 6 - “What's in my hands right now?”
- ❖ Sept. 13 - Sorry, it was not recorded.
- ❖ Sept. 20 - “For a lot of disciples, betraying Jesus doesn't happen in public. It happens in private.”

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, Oct. 4th at 6pm**, in the Activity Center 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!

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.

Our Newest Members

Lorenzo (Geno) and Amy Tovar

Faith Culture Conference



Step into a weekend that ignites your spirit and awakens your calling.

October 9-10, 2026 – Register on the Faith Chapel APP or Website. Registration is free!

This is more than a conference—it's a gathering of the hungry, the passionate, and the desperate for more of God. A place where hearts burn, faith rises, and lives are marked by His presence. Come pursue the Lord with intensity alongside a community set on encountering Him deeply and carrying that encounter into the world. We are

raising up a generation of *revivalists*—men and women who are not only on fire, but grounded, healthy, and equipped to lead. People who live the Gospel boldly and shape the culture around them into Christlikeness. This is your invitation to be filled, transformed, and sent.

Legacy Builder's Outing

On Friday October 23rd the Legacy Builders will be traveling to Julian. The van leaves Faith Chapel at 9:00am and there is a cost of \$10.00 to cover the cost of the transportation. Lunch is on your own in Julian. At 2:00pm the van heads for Dudley's and then leaves to return to the church at 3:15pm. For more information, see Walt Harrison or call him at 619-517-9185 or come to the small group meeting on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the choir suite. A sign-up sheet is available at the information booth in the lobby of the church.

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”
10:00am Choir Suite

Jason Baltzley
“Revelation”
Tuesdays – 7:00pm Zoom

Jon Coen
“The Book of Numbers”
Wednesday Nights 5:30pm Room C214

Bobby Delozier – In Home
“Christ Above All”
Thursday Nights

Bill Lorenz
Wednesdays 6:00pm Room C211
“Spiritual Warfare”

Linda Wise – Women's Bible Study
“Jesus the One and Only”
Tuesdays 9:30 in the Ruby Room

Rose Necochea
“Paul's Prison Letters”
Sundays 9:00am in the Hospitality Suite

George Elias – In Home
“Studying Spirit Led Topics”
Thursdays – 7:00pm

Jesus Calling

Devotion from the book Jesus calling, enjoying peace in his presence by Sarah Young. 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.

Be willing to follow wherever I lead. Follow me wholeheartedly, with glad anticipation, quickening your pace. Though you don't know what lies ahead, I know; and that is enough! Some of my richest blessings are just around the bend: out of sight, but nonetheless very real. To receive these gifts, you must walk by faith—not by sight. This doesn't mean closing your eyes to what is all around you. It means subordinating the visible world to the invisible shepherd of your soul. Sometimes I lead you up a high mountain with only my hand to support you. The higher you climb, the more spectacular the view becomes; also, the more keenly you sense your separation from the world with all its problems. This frees you to experience exuberantly the joyous reality of my presence. Give yourself fully to these glory-moments, awash in dazzling light. I will eventually lead you down the mountain, back into community with others. Let my light continues to shine within you as you walk among people again.

[2 Corinthians 5:7](#) [Psalm 96:6](#) [Psalm 36:9](#) [John 8:12](#)

Faith Chapel Facilities Team

Much of what happens on our campus takes place in front of the scenes, but there is a dedicated team working behind the scenes to make it all possible. Our Facilities Team works tirelessly to keep our campus clean, safe, functional, and ready for every ministry, service, event, rental, and activity taking place across our facility. Our Activity Center has required an especially impressive amount of flexibility. Our team has consistently had to flip the Activity Center, from sports ready to ministry ready, sometimes on a very short turnaround. The Activity Center has been used for sports during the week while still needing to be prepared for Tuesday and Wednesday

services, along with other ministry activities. And the work doesn't stop during the week. The facilities team works hard to accommodate weekend rentals, preparing spaces for outside groups while simultaneously making sure the campus is ready for Sunday services. This often means working late into the night after an event or rental has finished. There have been many nights when the team stayed well past midnight to complete the necessary setup and cleaning. On some occasions, our Facilities Team worked until 2:00 or even 3:00 in the morning to finish flipping the facility so that everything would be ready for Sunday morning. What makes this even more remarkable is that our team has accomplished all of this while being short team members. Despite the added workload, they have continued to show up, work hard, adjust schedules, stay late, and do whatever is necessary to make sure Faith Chapel's ministries can continue without interruption.

They truly demonstrate a heart for Faith Chapel. They don't simply maintain buildings; they serve people by creating spaces where ministry can happen. Every clean room, every setup, every teardown, every late night, and every last-minute change helps create an environment where our church family, children, youth, guests, and ministry leaders can experience Faith Chapel at its best.

A Special Thank You to Our Team

We want to recognize Joe Dewey, who has been an important part of our Facilities Team. Joe recently suffered a stroke and is currently recovering and attending physical therapy. We are thankful for Joe and all he has contributed to our team, and we continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers as he works toward recovery. We are also excited to welcome two new members to the Facilities Team: Demari Lee and Ivan Leal. We are grateful to have them join the team and look forward to seeing the ways they will contribute in serving Faith Chapel. Genesis Martinez serves as our Facilities Support On-Call. Genesis provides valuable support when additional help is needed and has been an important resource for the team during this especially busy season. Another integral part of our Facilities Team is our Maintenance Technician, David Eberle. David plays an important role in keeping our facility running and is instrumental in handling facility repairs and maintenance needs throughout the campus. He also works closely with our vendors and contractors, helping coordinate and support projects and repairs to make sure things continue moving forward. Whether it is helping with repairs, working with contractors, supporting the rest of the team, or stepping in wherever he is needed, David is always willing to help and plays an important role in the success of our Facilities Team.

To our entire Facilities Team: thank you!!!

Thank you for the early mornings, the long days, the late nights, the weekends, the flexibility, and the willingness to step up when the workload gets heavy. Thank you for continuing to serve even when the team has been short-handed. Thank you for taking pride in our campus and understanding that the work you do directly supports the Ministry of Faith Chapel. Much of what you do may happen when most people aren't watching, but it matters. From Summer Camp to sports, Tuesday and Wednesday services, weekend rentals, and Sunday mornings, you have continued to make room for ministry to happen. We are grateful for our Facilities Team and the important role they play in serving Faith Chapel. **Submitted by Izzy Segura – Facilities Director**



Left to Right – Justin Lacuesta, David Eberle, Izzy Segura, Ivan Leal
Demari Lee, Joshua Hyman, Junior Razo, (Not Pictured) Joe Dewey



Genesis Martinez

Marriage Ministry

October 11, 2026 – 5:00pm – 7:00pm - Room C215

Faith Chapel Marriage Ministry, led by Sam and Rosa Karp, exists to strengthen marriages through Christ-centered community. Ecclesiastes 4 reminds us that “a cord of three strands is not easily broken,” and we believe every marriage becomes stronger when Christ is at the center and couples walk alongside one another. We are a ministry built on the truth that God is relational. His love for us — shown through the sacrifice of His Son — becomes the model for how husbands and wives love, serve, and honor one another. Marriage is one of God’s greatest reflections of His covenant love, and when nurtured intentionally, it becomes a lighthouse to families, communities, and future generations. Our mission is to bring biblical truth together with practical wisdom, creating a space where couples can learn from God’s Word, from each other’s experiences, and from authentic support within a Christ-centered community. Through teaching, conversation, and connection, we help couples cultivate intimacy, unity, and a deeper love that reflects the marriage God intended. Meetings are held once a month from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in room C215. There is a \$20.00 registration fee to cover the cost of materials. You can register on the Faith Chapel APP or Website.



Sam and Rosa Karp

Ministry Culture Academy

Coming in January 2027 – Register Now on the FC APP or Website

Ministry Culture Academy is a 16-week discipleship and spiritual formation experience created for believers who are hungry to know God more deeply, grow in His Word, walk closely with the Holy Spirit, and confidently live out their faith. This is more than a class. It is an intentional season of transformation through biblical teaching, authentic community, mentorship, spiritual disciplines, and practical ministry. Throughout this 16-week journey, you will be challenged, encouraged, equipped, and given space to allow the Holy Spirit to shape how you think, love, serve, and live. The goal is not simply to know more about Jesus. The goal is to become more like Him. Jesus did not simply give His disciples information. He invited them into a way of life. They walked with Him, listened to Him, observed how He lived, practiced what He taught, and processed what God was doing together. Ministry Culture Academy follows that same model of discipleship. Sound biblical teaching provides the foundation, but the experience does not end in the classroom. You will be invited to engage with God daily, develop authentic relationships, receive practical guidance, and actively live out what you are learning.

Daytime and evening tracks are available. Open to students ages 16 and older.

Sessions Include:

- Building a deeper understanding of Scripture and learn how to apply God’s Word to your everyday life.
- Developing consistent rhythms of worship, prayer, reflection, and listening to the Holy Spirit.
- Growing alongside believers who will encourage you, pray with you, and challenge you toward faithful obedience.
- Moving beyond discussing ministry and gaining meaningful opportunities to serve, practice, and grow.



Dan and Shoshana Jordan

Daniel and Shoshana Jordan are excited to step into this new season as Directors of Ministry Culture Academy at Faith Chapel. Daniel and Shoshana met in 2019 and soon began serving together, starting and leading the middle school ministry at Heart Church Escondido before marrying in 2020. In 2021, God led them to Texas, where they spent the next five years serving in children's ministry, weekly hospitality and events, and helping launch and lead Restore, a weekly ministry walking alongside people experiencing grief, addiction, depression, and orphaned mindsets and helping them discover healing and restoration through their identity in Christ. They share a deep heart for missions and for helping every believer recognize that they have a part to play in reaching people with the love of Jesus—through prayer, welcoming new neighbors, giving of their time and resources, and experiencing the mission field both in their own community and around the world. After an extended season of prayer about what they wanted the latter half of their lives to look like, God answered in a way they never could have orchestrated themselves, leading them on a faith-filled journey back home to San Diego and making it abundantly clear that an exciting new chapter was waiting for them at Faith Chapel. They are grateful to be back near family and are expectant for all God will do in this next season. When they aren't serving or traveling, you'll likely find them gathered around a table playing games with friends, exploring new neighborhoods through food, or hiking the mountains of Southern California and beyond—although Daniel would probably tell you that last one is mostly Shoshana! Check out their ministry page and follow along their journey! <https://sowingseed.org/>

Words to Live By, Consider and Ponder – From the Writings in Leviticus 5

Leviticus 5 speaks to promises and giving your word.

- God's people are called to keep their word, even if they make promises that are tough to keep.
- We are warned against swearing (in the sense of making vows or oaths). May your yes be yes and your no mean no, anything beyond this comes from the evil one. Our word should be enough.
- The only promises we ought not to keep are promises that lead to sin.
- A wise and self-controlled person avoids making rash promises.
- It is vital to confess sin, because genuine confession shows realization of sin, awareness of God's holiness, humility before God and willingness to turn from sin.
- Jesus' death will be of little value to us if we do not repent and follow him.
- We need to make things right with those we hurt.

People of the Bible

Caleb

Caleb was not so much a man of great faith as a man of faith in a great God! The story of Caleb, a faithful man of God, begins in the book of Numbers. After being delivered from bondage in Egypt, the Israelites were led by God to the border of the [land of Canaan](#), a land “flowing with milk and honey” that God had promised they would inherit ([Exodus 3:8, 17](#)). Moses had chosen twelve men, one from each tribe, to scout the land before entering. Among them was Caleb, representing the tribe of Judah. The twelve men spied out the land for forty days and then came back to Moses. They reported that the land was indeed fruitful but its inhabitants were the mighty descendants of Anak. Terrified by the size and strength of the Canaanites, ten of the spies warned Moses not to

enter Canaan ([Numbers 13:23-33](#)). Caleb silenced the murmuring, fearful men by saying, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it” ([Numbers 13:30](#)). Caleb took his stand because he followed the Lord wholeheartedly ([Joshua 14:8-9](#)). Caleb knew of the promises of God to the Israelites, and, despite the evidence of his own eyes regarding the obstacles, he had faith that God would give them victory over the Canaanites. Unfortunately, the people of Israel ignored Caleb and listened to the report of the other spies. They were so frightened that they wept all night and even wished they had died at the hands of their slave masters in Egypt ([Numbers 14:1-4](#)). They turned on Caleb and Joshua (the spy from Ephraim) and wanted to stone them on the spot ([Numbers 14:6-10](#)). But God said that “my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly” and gave him the promise that he would own all the land he had seen as a spy ([Numbers 14:11-24](#)). From the accounts of the life of Caleb, we see a faithful man who trusted God to fulfill His promises when others allowed their fears to override their small faith. Even into his later years, Caleb remained steadfast in his faith. God blessed Caleb for his faithfulness and patience, an encouragement to us to believe God. Like Caleb, we should be prepared to follow God in every circumstance, patiently waiting for Him to fulfill His promises and ready to take action when the time is right.

Bay Day



[1 Peter 3:21](#) – “Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

The annual “Bay Day” gathering was held on September 13th at Crowne Point. It was a day of music, worship and community. Thirty-three baptisms were conducted in the waters of the bay with a large crowd encouraging, cheering and praying for those who were baptized.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Faith Chapel’s “Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon” was held in the Activity Center after service on August 30th. It was a time to recognize all those who help make Faith Chapel what it is and accomplish the many facets of what it takes to serve God’s kingdom. Over 250 people were present at the event. Ginney Gilbreth, Cruz Ramos, Todd Jones, Isabella Horne, and Jazzie Childs received special recognition for their willingness to serve in special ways. We believe that serving in the local church is a vital part of personal spiritual growth and it is an act of worship unto the Lord. If you would like to join a serve team and make an impact on the lives of the FC community, please fill out the form available in the FC APP and start on your path to serving.



In Concert October 1st



In Concert October 23rd

You can purchase tickets on the FC APP or Website. To volunteer to help contact Jenny Segura.

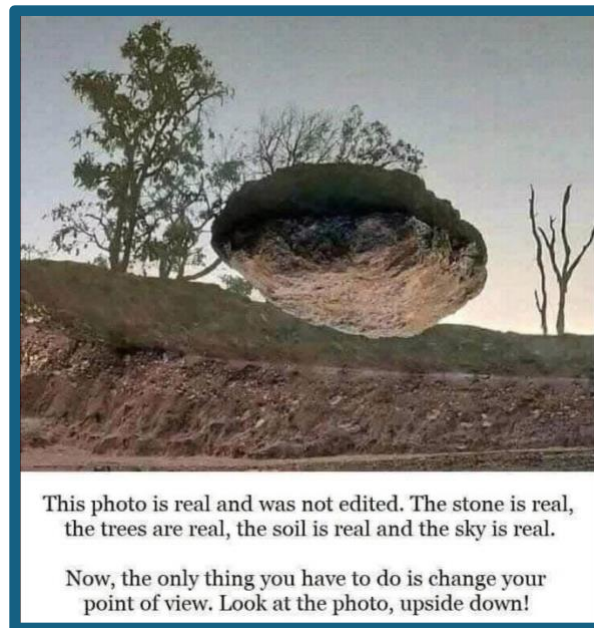
Faith Chapel – 40 Years at 9400 Campo Road

September 28th marks the 40-year anniversary of Faith Chapel residing at 9400 Campo Road. FC was established in 1956 by Pastor Tony Blair in a store front on El Cajon Blvd. in La Mesa. As FC grew it moved to Echo Drive in La Mesa and then in 1986 found its current home here in Spring Valley.

God's Creations



How Can This Be?



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