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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

Faith Chapel

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

Scripture of the Month

“He who did not spare His own son, but gave Him up for us all-how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:32

This Month

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Sunday Service
Nov. 2 – Altar Ministry Training Part 2
Nov. 2 - Prayer Night – 6:00pm in Activity Center
Nov. 3, 17 – Food Distribution & Meet the Need
Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26 – Midweek Encounter
Nov. 8 - Women’s Ministry Friendsgiving Potluck Nov. 11 – FCYA Friendsgiving Potluck
Nov. 13-15 – Supernatural Living Conference
Nov. 23 – Guest Speaker Jason David
Nov. 24 - Legacy Builders Potluck 12pm – 1pm
Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 30 – Heart for the House – Meet Pastor Elias

Pastor’s Perspective

Dear Faith Chapel Family,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for all that God is doing in and through this incredible house! These past few weeks have been nothing short of supernatural. The Lord is moving in powerful, tangible ways and lives are genuinely being changed, hearts are being healed, and the name of Jesus is being exalted across the globe. We recently returned from a life-changing 16-day missions trip to Uganda and Kenya, where a team of 17 mighty men and women of God from Faith Chapel and other churches we’re in relationship with carried the Gospel with boldness and love. We gave of ourselves daily pouring into pastors, leaders, and local ministries, equipping them to shepherd their regions with greater faith and strength. The days were filled with training and impartation for those who will continue to lead in the churches and other ministries in the region long after we’d left. Then the evenings...the evenings were glorious! Under the open African sky, we held nightly crusades, and the power of God fell mightily. Many were saved, healed, and delivered as the Gospel went forth with power and authority. You could feel heaven rejoicing as people encountered Jesus for the very first time. The sick were healed, demons fled, and hope was restored to countless hearts. It was truly a move of God we’ll never forget, and it has personally marked my life in a unique way. I’ll never be the same. We now stand beneath a banner of a missions mindset here at the church that reads: “Across the Street or Across the World — Live on Mission!”

And Faith Chapel, I can confidently say, this is happening. From our missions' teams to our Synergy Small Groups, from the children in Kids Ministry to the most seasoned saints among us, this church is on mission. We are fulfilling the very heart of God, to Culture Like Christ wherever He leads us. Friends and family, it's happening! Take a look around and see what the Lord is doing. Ask somebody you've never met before (because new people are everywhere) their story and you'll see firsthand what the Lord is doing here. This fire isn't just for the nations; it's burning right here at home. Just recently, we gathered for another Midnight Hour, and the presence of God filled the room in such a weighty way. Hundreds came together to worship, pray, and seek the face of the Lord deep into the night. Several gave their lives to Jesus, others were physically healed, and the Spirit of God ministered uniquely to every person present. The tangible presence of the Lord was absolutely wonderful, thick, holy, and full of peace.

Faith Chapel, we're in a move of God. And I believe with everything in me that we're not at the end of it, we're just at the beginning. So, as we head into the holiday season, I want to encourage you: stay ready. Stay hungry. Stay committed. Don't ease up or lose focus. God is up to something huge! He's expanding our reach, deepening our roots, and preparing us for an even greater harvest ahead.

This is who we are.

This is what we do.

Across the street or across the world — we live on mission!

With great love and deep expectation,

Josiah Elias

Lead Pastor

October Paramount Points

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

- October 5 - "Agreement pulls tomorrow's miracle into today."
- October 12 - "Whether across the street or across the world, live on mission.!"
- October 19 - "He makes all things right by grace."
- October 26 - "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you Everything you need."

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, Nov. 7th 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!

Words to Live By, Consider and Ponder – From the Writings of Romans

- **Romans 6 – Dead to sin, alive in Christ. Slaves to righteousness.**
- Jesus paid with his life so we could be forgiven. The availability of God's mercy must not become an excuse for careless living and moral laxness.

- We can enjoy our new life in Christ because we are united with him in his death and resurrection.
- Now you know, united by faith with him in his resurrection life, we have unbroken fellowship with God and freedom from sin's hold on us.
- The power and penalty of sin died with Christ on the cross. Through faith in Christ, we stand acquitted not guilty before God.
- Because of Christ's death and resurrection, his followers need never fear death.
- When you know that you don't have to fear death, you will experience a new vigor in life.
- The Holy Spirit will help us become, in our daily life, what Christ has declared us to be.
- How can we not let sin reign over us, do not give in to its desires.
- Identify our personal weaknesses.
- Recognize the things that tempt us.
- Stay away from sources of temptation.
- Practice self-restraint.
- Consciously invest our time in good habits and service.
- Lean on God's strength and grace.
- Give yourself completely to God, asking him to put you to good use for his glory.
- Now that we are bound in Christ, he is our master, and he gives us power to do good rather than evil.
- Thanks to Jesus we can now choose God as our master.
- To obey wholeheartedly means to give yourself fully to God to love him with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
- God wants to give you the power to obey him with all your heart.
- A Christian is not someone who cannot sin but someone who is no longer a slave to sin. He or she belongs to God.
- Eternal life, new life with God, begins on earth and continues forever with God. Eternal life is a free gift from God. If it is a gift, then it's not something that we earn nor something that must be paid back
- Our salvation is a gift of God, not something of our own doing. He saved us because of his Mercy.

The Twelve Disciples

Andrew

Andrew, the brother of Peter, was a fisherman. He was the first apostle Jesus called and the first apostle to claim Jesus was the Messiah. Despite his seemingly important role as an early follower of Christ, Andrew is only mentioned 12 times in the entire New Testament—and four of those times are simply lists of the 12 apostles. He comes onto the scene early in the gospels but only plays a minor role. However, his prominence in the lists of disciples and the few glimpses we get of him seem to suggest he was one of the main apostles—even if he wasn't

one of the “pillars of the church” (Peter, James, and John). He was eager to bring people to Jesus even after Jesus’ death. He never seemed to care about putting his own life at risk. It is believed that he was martyred by crucifixion in the city of Patras which was on the northern coast of Peloponnese which was in Greece. Jesus told Andrew that he would be a fisher of men. **A key lesson from his life is that he said that Christians are to tell other people about Jesus.**

Our God Given Gifts

- God gives us gifts so we can build up his church. To use them effectively we must:
 - Realize that all gifts and abilities come from God.
 - Understand that not everyone has the same gifts.
 - Know who we are and what we do best.
 - Dedicate our gifts to God’s service and not our personal success.
 - Be willing to use our gifts wholeheartedly, not holding back anything from God’s service.
 - Our role is to be faithful and to seek ways to serve others with what Christ has given us.
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- When you identify your own gifts, that's how you can use them to build up God's family. At the same time, realize that your gifts can't do the work of the church alone. Be thankful for people whose gifts are completely different from yours. Let your strengths balance their weaknesses and be grateful that their abilities make up for your deficiencies. Together you can build Christ’s church.

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 Member

Barbie Belman

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.

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

Jason Baltzey – Core Men
Studying “Unshakable Hope” by Max Lucado
Tuesday nights at 7:00pm on Zoom

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

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

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

Jon Cohen
The Book of Numbers Room C211
Wednesdays 6:00pm

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

Bill Lorenz
Ephesians Room C211
Wednesdays 6:00pm

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

Jesus Calling

Do not be discouraged by the difficulty of keeping your focus on me. I know that your heart’s desire is to be aware of my presence continually. This is a lofty goal; You aim toward it but never fully achieve it in this life. Don't let feelings of failure wear you down. Instead, try to see yourself as I see you. First of all, I am delighted by your deep desire to walk closely with me through your life. I am pleased each time you initiate communication with me. In addition, I noticed the progress you have made since you first resolved to live in my presence. When you realize that your mind has wandered away from me, don't be alarmed or surprised. You live in a world that has been rigged to distract you. Each time you plow your way through the massive distractions to communicate with me, you achieve a victory. Rejoice in these tiny triumphs, and they will increasingly light up your days.

[Romans 8:33-34](#) [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

FC Kids Ministry - News

Kids ministry is always a blast, and the kids are growing in their relationship with God. All while learning about their Savior, making friends, and having a good time. In October we went to Oma’s Pumpkin Patch. It was a fun time to spend with families and for the kids to enjoy all the aspects of the farm. Coming up, Jason David, who is someone that the kids love, is going to be with us. On November 30th, which is going to be our Next Gen. service, Jason will bring the message during service. Lots of amazing things happen each Sunday at FC bringing our kids closer to the Lord. God is moving mightily in the kid’s ministry.

FC Youth Ministry - News

Youth Ministry Update: God Is Moving!

Church family! God is doing *something special* in our youth ministry!

Every week, we're seeing hearts transformed, friendships strengthened, and students discovering what it means to walk closely with Jesus. Here are some of the things that God is doing in Youth:

Students Taking Their Next Step

It was beautiful to watch as a couple of our students have recently been **baptized**, boldly declaring their faith in Christ. Their stories of transformation are a powerful reminder that God is still changing lives, one student at a time.

Friendship & Community

We've watched new friendships form and old ones grow stronger. Students are connecting not just at youth nights, but throughout the week. The youth community is growing numerically and in depth as they continue encouraging one another to follow Jesus and live with purpose.

Students Leading Worship

Our students are stepping up and using their gifts! From leading worship to serving behind the scenes, they are realizing that ministry isn't just for adults: it's for *them* too.

Hungry to Serve

There's a hunger stirring among our youth. They're eager to serve, pray, and grow deeper in their relationship with God. You can feel it in the room. God is stirring up a fire in the youth! Jesus is doing amazing things!

Powerful Nights & Bible Studies

One of our leaders recently had a meeting with some of our student leaders. They were encouraged to walk in the *character of Christ*. *It was powerful!* Students opened up and were encouraged to live with integrity. Also, one of the other leaders has started a separate Bible Study for her core group of girls. Discipleship is a powerful tool for transformation, and we take this seriously here at Faith Chapel.

Open Hearts in Crews

During our small discussion groups called, "Crews," students are beginning to open up like never before. They are sharing their struggles, victories, and questions about faith. God is creating real community and authentic healing in these moments.

Attendance Rising

Each week, more students are joining us! The excitement is contagious as students are starting to invite friends.

Thank you, church family, for your prayers, support, and love for our youth. Every baptism, every breakthrough, and every "aha" moment is the fruit of your investment into the next generation.

Let's keep praying for God to continue this work, because this is just the beginning.

We believe revival starts with the young, and it's already happening.

Blessings, Pastor Franklin Ayets

The role of youth in the church is **integral to its health and growth**. Through biblical instruction, mentorship, and active participation, young people are equipped to be faithful disciples and leaders, contributing to the church's mission and the advancement of God's kingdom.

We praise God for His continued faithfulness in FC Young Adults! Throughout October, we've witnessed the Holy Spirit moving powerfully in our Tuesday night services as we've journeyed through the book of Titus together. Taking time to break down each chapter and extract every spiritual truth has proven deeply impactful, and our young adults are being strengthened in their faith. This month, our young adult leaders truly stepped-up during Harvest Fest, taking full ownership of our ministry booth from setup to teardown. Their servant hearts and leadership were on full display, and we couldn't be prouder. We're thrilled to share an exciting praise report: a young adult who first visited our ministry earlier this year and responded to an altar call has been faithfully attending and growing ever since. She was water baptized in October, and we're rejoicing as she continues to deepen her walk with the Lord! Looking ahead to the new year, we're seeing God raise up new leaders within our ministry. We're excited to announce plans to launch both a discipleship small group and a young women's small group. God is truly moving among this generation, and we're expectant for all He has in store!

Pastor Tim & Maria

Men of God Movement

Nov. 28th at 6:00pm

"Men of God we're gathering again—and I want to personally invite every man to lean in. These aren't just events... they're encounters. A moment where we as men are called to tune out the noise of the world and refocus our hearts on Jesus for an evening gathering with food, fellowship, and the Word of God. Scripture says: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:2). We will gather in His word and journey to focus forward, because when men fix their eyes on Jesus, they become aligned, refreshed, equipped and empowered. I invite you to join us as we—go deeper, grow stronger and fuel fire—in the only One who never changes, Jesus."

In Faith,

Pastor Greg Hendricks

Faith Chapel – Men of God Movement

Faith Chapel Worship Team

There are a lot of questions people have about the worship team at Faith Chapel. Who are they? How did they get up there? What if I want to be a part of the team? The worship team is comprised of musicians, singers, technicians and creative people who just love JESUS. New members receive an interview and audition to show their abilities and where they fit in with the team. From time to time, you may notice a new face on stage or a new instrument! There is a live cello now that wasn't there just a short time ago! And wow those flags are beautiful. God has been brining talented people who have abundantly added to the team! The team is led by the young couple Eric and Allisa Aguilar. One chat with either of them will convince you that our worship team is sold out to serve the King of Kings. As a team we want to encourage everyone to engage the team before or after service. Say hello and make friends. And of course, when worship is going on, come down to the altars and join with us up close and personal to glorify Him together! Once a month the team meets for food, fellowship, and fun! We call it Fat Saturday! Fat Saturday is something where the team can get a feeling for each other. It's a time for us to grow together as a family. The worship team rehearses tirelessly each week and totally enjoys bringing music and praise to our Lord for the congregation to share and raise up praise to our God.

Faith Chapel Elders

Have you ever wondered who the Faith Chapel Elders are, how they become Elders, what they do and what their role and responsibilities are? Elders must be active members of the church, in good standing, and consist of such people as are appointed to serve. An Elder must have served a term on the Board of Directors and shall

have been an active member of the church for no less than seven years. Elders are selected and appointed by the Board of Elders for a continuous term and must be ratified by the members of the church each year at the annual congregational meeting in February. The lead pastor (Pastor Josiah Elias) is also considered an elder and part of the elder board.

The role of Elder for Faith Chapel is outlined in the FC bylaws. Their main roles and duties consist of acting in all matters pertaining to the spiritual life of the church and in the ministry of its ordinances, acting as the principal forum for the oversight of church membership and the administration of discipline among the membership of the church.

Additionally, Elders make home and hospital visitations, distribute benevolence funds to those in need, answer member questions and can be found at the information desk most Sundays before service.

Meet the FC Elders

Richard Dinnen

Bill Lorenz

Ed Jarrell

Rose Necoechea

Flash Back

Our Street Ministry – A Community Outreach

Faith Builder – January 1978

By Wayne Herbert

“The ministry beginning at Faith Chapel, labeled as the “Street Ministry,” is actually more than a ministry in the street. It is an outreach to all San Diego County, and in particular to the East County- La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and El Cajon. This new ministry was started by the leading of the Lord upon Wayne Herbert and ex-Agape members, Jim Patton and Jim Berrier. Herbert, Patton and Berrier met with Chuck Gilbreth and Larry Jackson to discuss ideas and plans. These three had a burden to minister in the streets in San Diego County. Patton and Berrier have spent the past four years ministering in the streets of Houston, Texas, among other areas. After that first meeting, the ministry had begun. Plans were put together to meet in the parks and beach areas of the community, as well as other ideas which will develop as the Lord matures the ministry. The main emphasis is to share the gospel as we live it and to go out and minister Jesus by being a friend to the people we encounter. Street meetings will consist of two hours of contemporary Christian music, skits, and preaching. All individuals involved will operate as a team, working together. Some very exciting ministering techniques will be used that Patton and Berrier have experienced with the Agape Force. Dave Martin will head the drama crew which shall be called the

‘Renaissance Street Players.’ This group will present comedy skits shorts in between musical performances, emphasizing Christian truths. Artists and writers will put together the Christian message in hand out materials called impact sheets, a paper expressing gospel truth with eye-catching drawings and silver-tongued wit and wisdom written tracks. We need many individuals to pray with us and for us.”

Saturday Ministry

Faith Chapel has always been about reaching others with the benefits of the gospel message. Years ago, we had a team that went out and ministered to families in their homes. We were able to not only share our faith but show how much our church cares by praying for them. We worked very closely with Meet the Need, a ministry of Faith Chapel, to also meet any need they had. We found out that by going to their homes we saw firsthand

what their families were going through. We also saw that by showing up at their doorstep it showed them how much we truly cared for them. Many were saved, healed and helped through this ministry. Covid in 2020 shut most of this down. In the last few years we have begun again to raise a team of saints from our church to meet at the church at 11 a.m. on Saturdays for a short training and prayer and go out once again. We have been going on the streets of La Mesa, Grossmont Center, and Casa de Oro to minister to others. Sometimes we extend out to Balboa Park or the beach. We try to be Spirit-Led. We also have been meeting to visit homes to pray and to minister to families as we did in the past. Anyone who has a desire to join us contact, George Elias or simply show up. I know that Saturdays are not the best day being that it's a family day, but if you can commit to joining us once or twice a month that would be great. My desire is for Faith Chapel to have a team trained up and confident in ministering to others on a daily basis. It becomes a lifestyle. Thank You

George Elias
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Great Escapes in the Bible

In Exodus 12:28-42 the Israelites escaped Egypt after 430 years, most of that time in slavery. The escape accomplished God confirming the choice of Abraham's descendants. **Application: God will not forget his promises.**

An annual thanksgiving holiday tradition in North American colonies was documented for the first time in 1619, in what is now called the Commonwealth of Virginia. Thirty-eight English settlers aboard the ship *Margaret* arrived by way of the James River at Berkeley Hundred in Charles City County, Virginia on December 4, 1619. The landing was immediately followed by a religious celebration, specifically dictated by the group's charter from the London Company. The charter declared, "that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantation in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as **a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God.**" The more familiar but historically inaccurate explanation of the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday involves the Pilgrims and Puritans who emigrated from England in the 1620s and 1630s. They brought their previous tradition of days of humiliation and thanksgiving (both of which involved fasting) with them to New England. A multi-day festival in 1621 in Plymouth Colony was prompted by a good harvest, though it was not at the time described as a thanksgiving. Abraham Lincoln set national Thanksgiving by proclamation for the final Thursday in November in celebration of the bounties that had continued to fall on the Union and for the military successes in the war, also calling on the American people, "with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience ... **fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation...** On October 31, 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a presidential proclamation changing the holiday to the next to last Thursday in November in an effort to boost the economy.

Have a Happy and Joyous Thanksgiving. **Time Change and Smoke Detectors**

If you are reading this now and you didn't turn your clocks back, you were most likely an hour early for church. Time change occurred at 2:00am this morning, November 2nd.

This is also the time of year to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries if your detector is the kind that has replaceable batteries. Smoke detectors serve as a critical first line of defense against fires. They are designed to detect smoke and alert occupants, providing precious time to evacuate safely. According to statistics, nearly **60% of home fire deaths occur in properties without functioning smoke alarms.** This highlights the importance of having working smoke detectors installed in every home. If you don't have working smoke detectors in your home or apartment, get them. Apartment owners are required to provide them. To maximize their effectiveness, smoke detectors should be installed in key areas:

- On every level of the home, including basements.
- Inside and outside sleeping areas.
- In hallways and common areas.
Regular maintenance, such as testing alarms monthly and replacing batteries at least once a year, is crucial for ensuring that smoke detectors function properly when needed.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favorite recipe, also a short antidote for it.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Ushers will eat latecomers.
- Visitors are asked to sing their names at the church entrance.
- Ushers will swat the latecomers.
- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

God's Creations

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