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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

Faith Chapel

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

Scripture of the Month

"Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord your God."

[1 Chronicles 22:19](#)

This Month

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 28 - Sunday Service

May 4, 18 - Food Distribution & Meet the Need

May 4, 11, 18, 25 - Synergy Groups

May 5, 12, 19, 26 - Young Adults 7:00pm Activity Center

May 6, 7 - 24 Hour Burn - National Day of Prayer

May 6, 13, 20, 27 - Midweek Encounter Activity Center

May 6, 13, 20, 27 - Youth 6:30pm Student Center

May 9 - Women's Ministry Morning Hike

May 15 - Legacy Builders 6:00pm Activity Center

May 17 - Salt & Light Council 8:30am Rm. C209

May 22 - Glow Party 6pm - K-6th Grade

May 29 - Men & Women's Movement 6:00pm

May 31 - Baptisms & Communion

May 31 - Heart for the House - Meet Pastor Elias

Pastor's Perspective

Hey Family,

Wow...what a month! We had quite an incredible Easter together. My heart is so full as I reflect on all that God did—not just in our gathering, but throughout the city. There is a clear sense that the Lord is drawing people, stirring hearts, and calling many into something deeper that only He can deliver on. On Resurrection Sunday, we had the privilege of proclaiming the gospel in its fullness — the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The entire day was remarkable for a variety of reasons, but what I cannot shake from my memory is the moment of invitation given at the end of the service. I felt strongly that we needed to slow down and ask an honest question: "Why are you really here? Are you here because it's Easter... or because you're truly hungry to encounter God?" I wanted people to understand something clearly. Responding to an altar call once a year, or raising a hand in a moment, doesn't automatically mean we've committed to following Jesus. And that's not said to discourage, but to clarify. Because what Jesus calls us into is not a moment, it's a lifestyle. A life of following His example in all things. He calls us to believe, yes—but also to follow Him in all things. Luke 9:23 says, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." That's the invitation. That's the cost. That's our great privilege, to boisterously declare "YES" to the invitation. And I watched as many truly weighed that decision. There was sincerity in the room. A depth. And when people responded, it wasn't casual, it was meaningful. It was intentional. And we give God all the glory for every life that said "YES" to Jesus in a real and lasting way. And as if that wasn't enough, we stepped right out into the streets of our city. Partnering with United Revival, we took part in a powerful Jesus March through downtown San Diego. What a day it was! We preached the gospel to thousands. We worshipped boldly and unashamedly in the streets. The name of Jesus was lifted high over our city. We saw 20 people baptized, publicly declaring their faith and new life in Christ. They didn't have their bathing suits on ready to go. Nope, they were moved by the Spirit of God in that moment and decided to follow the directive of the Lord to repent and be baptized and they did so in their street clothes right there on 5th and E. We marched through downtown carrying a message the world desperately needs. Not condemnation, but the love of God. Not religion, but relationship. Not shame... freedom. Faith Chapel, this is who we are. We're not just gathering, we're going! We're putting action behind our beliefs, proving our faith by

our works. We're not just casually talking about Him, we're actively pursuing Him the best way we know how, **AND IT'S WORKING!** From the sanctuary to the city, we are committed to lifting up Jesus. And as Scripture promises in John 12:32, "If I am lifted up... I will draw all people to Myself." May the Lord continue to draw the hungry right here in our church, and all across our city. Let's change the world.

Josiah Elias, Lead Pastor

April Paramount Points

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

- ❖ April 5 - "For Jesus, the joy of the cross was the narrow road built on the other side of agony."
- ❖ April 12 - "You don't win because you fight harder, you win because you walk closer."
- ❖ April 19 - "Jesus cleansing the Temple looked a lot like making a mess."
- ❖ April 26 - "Dying to live."

Words to Live By, Consider and Ponder - From the Writings of Mark

The book of Mark presents the person, work, and teachings of Jesus.

- **Mark 7 - Jesus teaches about inner purity.**
 - Jesus wants us to go out into the world and make contact. Jesus didn't intend for us to withdraw, purify ourselves and never reach out.
 - Helping those in need is one of the most important ways to honor God.
 - Jesus pointed out that sin begins in the attitudes and intentions of the inner person.
 - Think about what is true, right, noble, pure, lovely and admirable.
 - We must share the good news of Jesus with other people, but only God makes it grow in our lives.
 - Jesus cares about our physical as well as spiritual needs.
 - We must not be so concerned about what Jesus can do for us that we forget to listen to his message.

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.

Thomas

Thomas, also known as Didymus or "Doubting Thomas," was one of the Twelve Apostles famous for his initial doubt of the Resurrection and later missionary work in India. Thomas, whose name means "twin" in Aramaic and Greek (Didymus), was one of Jesus' closest followers and is listed among the Twelve Apostles in all four Gospels. He is most famously remembered for his skepticism regarding Jesus' resurrection. When the other disciples told him that Jesus had risen, Thomas declared he would not believe unless he saw and touched Jesus' wounds. A week later, Jesus appeared to him and invited him to touch the wounds, prompting Thomas to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!". This episode earned him the nickname "Doubting Thomas". Thomas also demonstrated loyalty and courage during Jesus' ministry. In John 11:16, he urged the disciples to accompany Jesus to Judea despite the danger, saying, "Let us also go, that we may die with him". He asked questions seeking understanding, such as in John 14:5, prompting Jesus' famous reply, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life". According to Christian tradition, Thomas traveled extensively as a missionary after Jesus' ascension. He is believed to have reached India, where he established Christian communities, particularly the Church of the Syrian Malabar Christians, and evangelized in regions including Edessa and Upper Mesopotamia. Thomas' ministry in India ultimately led to his martyrdom, traditionally believed to have occurred around 72 AD in Chennai, where he was pierced with a spear. Thomas' life exemplifies the journey from doubt to faith, highlighting both human skepticism and the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ. His legacy continues to inspire Christians worldwide, particularly in India, where the Saint Thomas Christian community traces its origins to his missionary work. **A key lesson from his life: Even when Christians experience serious doubts, Jesus reaches out to them to restore their faith.** (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

Stephanie Riego De Dios

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
Topic to be decided.

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.

“Come to me for all that you need. Come into my presence with Thanksgiving, for thankfulness opens the door to my treasures. When you were thankful, you affirmed the central truth that I am good. I am light, in whom there is no darkness at all. The assurance that I am entirely good meets your basic need for security. Your life is not subject to the whims of sin-stained deity. Relaxing the knowledge that the one who controls your life is totally trustworthy. Come to me with confident expectation. There is nothing you need that I cannot provide.”

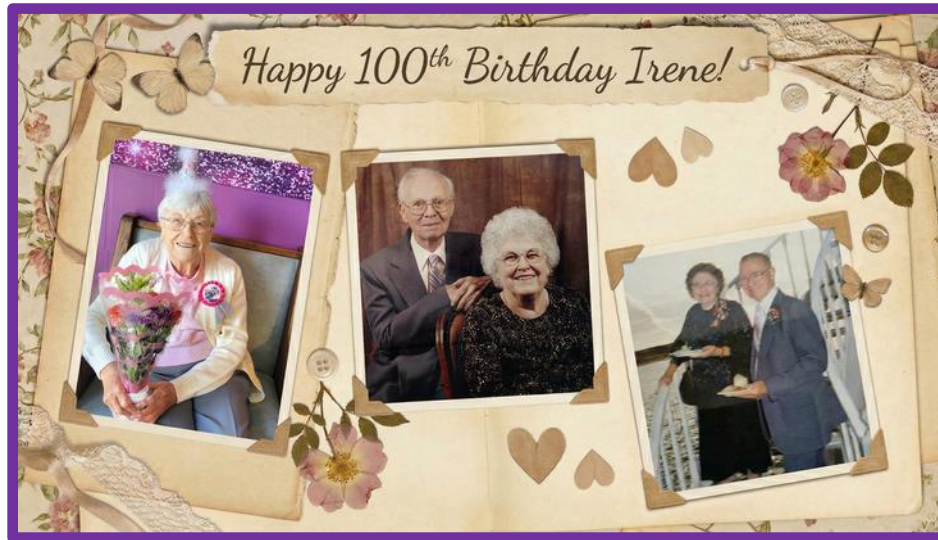
[Psalm 95:2](#) [Psalm 19:7](#) [John 12:5](#) [Hebrews 4:16](#)

FC Women's Ministry

Women of God,

You're invited to join us for a refreshing and empowering Women of God sunrise hike on Saturday, May 9th at 5:30 AM. Location is Highway 67/Ramona side (often called the “short route”). It is a moderate 3-mile round trip hike—it's consistently steep, but so worth it! Push yourself and come ready to be challenged, encouraged, and filled as we spend time together in fellowship around His creation. What to bring: -Water, Comfortable Shoes, A Light Jacket, A heart ready to connect and be uplifted. There's something powerful about starting the day with purpose, community, and the Lord. Let's rise early and pursue Him together. We can't wait to see you there!

Happy Birthday



Irene Elliott celebrated her 100th birthday on April 29th!!!!

April Baby Dedication

Baby dedication is a wonderful moment in which parents make a public statement of faith to raise their child under God's grace and wisdom. Dedicating your child to God shows that you recognize your child as a gift from God and you are dedicating yourself to being a Godly example to your child. Baby dedication does not secure salvation, rather it is a symbolic moment of entrusting the child's life to God's will.

“Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.”

[Psalm 119:3](#)



Dedicated by parents, Myles and Jazzie Childs

April 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](#)).

Sal Garcia, Brianne Garcia, Arianne Adcock, Kadnyss Florez, Valasi, Alailma,
Santiago Peinado, Rosalia Zamora, Mateo Salazar, America Gonzalez, Kristofer Leon

Additional baptisms FC directly participated in with Revival Jesus – 21.

Legacy Builders

Legacy Builders will meet in the Activity Center on May 15 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. We will have worship and a celebrate Patti Garfields life.



FC Youth Glow Party Friday May 22 - 6-8pm in the Activity Center

A bright, fun night for kindergarten-6th grade! An exciting glow-in-the-dark evening of worship, food, and games designed just for kids K-6th grade. There will be lively worship songs, neon-lit games, tasty snacks, and learning about God's love in a fun, safe environment. Come dressed in white or neon to shine under the blacklights.



Faith Chapel Summer Day Camp 2026 May 26 - July 31, 2026

[9400 Campo Rd. Spring Valley, CA 91977](https://www.faithchapel.org/9400-Campo-Rd.-Spring-Valley,-CA-91977)

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



The activity center will be open from Midweek Encounter Service on May 6th beginning at 6:30pm all the way through the following day. We will be joining Foothills Church for a time of prayer together on what is **National Day of Prayer**, May 7th, in the evening this will conclude a time set apart, seeking the Lord for 24 hours.

Faith Academy High School Golf Tournament



Inaugural Faith Academy Annual Golf Tournament
June 2, 2026, 1-7pm
Steele Canon Golf Course
3199 Stonefield Dr Jamul, CA 91935

Join us for the First Annual Faith Academy Golf Tournament on June 2, 2026, at a 1:00 PM tee time at Steel Canyon Golf Course. This event is more than a day on the greens; it's an opportunity to invest directly into 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, Raffles & More
Awards: Trophy presentation for the winning team.

Sponsorships and Donations

Additional ways to support the tournament are through sponsorships, raffle donations, or monetary gifts.

Kingdom-inspired sponsorship tier opportunities for those who would like to partner with us at a deeper level are listed below.

Hole Sponsor \$750 - This package includes your logo on the tournament website, special signage on the course hole you select and at the meal.

Seed Level \$1,000 - This package includes your logo on the tournament website and event t-shirt, special signage on the course hole you select and at the meal, and a twosome admitted in the tournament.

Harvest Level \$2,500 – This package includes mention on all promotional materials, your logo on the tournament website and event t-shirt, special signage on the course hole you select and at the meal, a dedicated hole with product promotional opportunity* (Must be approved), special recognition at the meal, and one foursome in the tournament.

Cornerstone Level \$5,000 – This package includes mention on all promotional materials, your logo on the tournament website and event t-shirt, special signage on the course hole you select and at the meal, a dedicated hole with logo signage and a product promotional opportunity* (Must be approved), special mention at the lunch, one foursome in the tournament, twenty-five (25) raffle tickets, and two (2) mulligans.

Legacy Level \$7,500 – This package includes top billing on all promotional materials, special social-media coverage; your logo prominently displayed on the tournament website and event t-shirt; special signage on the course hole you select and at the meal, a dedicated hole with logo signage and product promotional opportunity* (Must be approved), special recognition at the lunch; forty (40) raffle tickets and four (4) mulligans; two foursomes in the tournament; and two reserved parking spaces at the tournament.

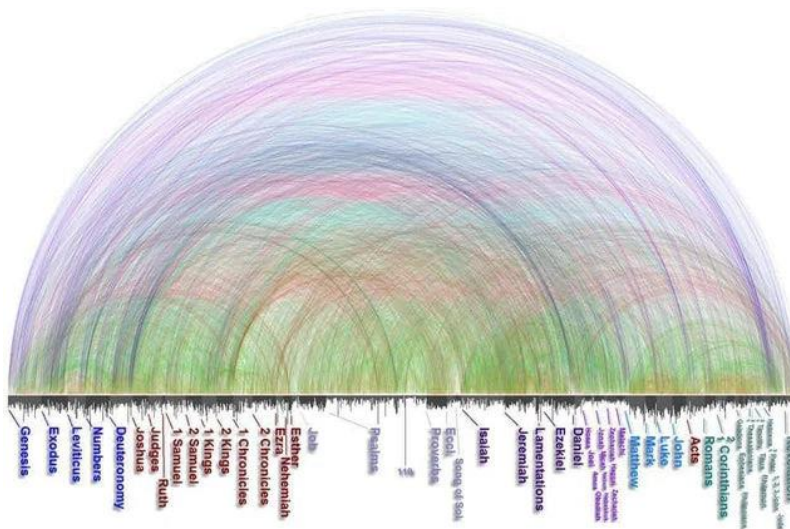
Donation – Cash, Gift Card, Gift-in-Kind

Cash, gift card, or gift-in-kind donations are greatly appreciated and go toward providing amazing raffle and auction items for the tournament.

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.

Bible Cross References



The Bible is not just a book—it is a living, divinely inspired collection of writings that spans thousands of years yet speaks with one voice. One of the most powerful evidences of its divine authorship is the astonishing number of **cross references** woven throughout its pages. Cross references are links between verses that share similar phrases, themes, prophecies, or teachings. These are not added by human editors but are discovered through study and used to show how **Scripture interprets Scripture**. While the number may vary depending on the Bible edition and software used, scholars and digital analysts estimate that there are **over 63,000 cross references** in the Bible. That means there are more internal connections in the Bible than there are verses (approximately 31,102 verses total).

This is remarkable considering that:

The Bible was written over 1,500 years

By 40+ authors In 3 languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek) On 3 continents (Asia, Africa, Europe)

And yet it reads as one unified message—the redemptive story of Jesus Christ.

God's Creations



Red fox kits are born **blind** and **deaf** in the safety of an underground den. For about two weeks, their mother stays curled around them while the father brings food and keeps watch outside. Before they know the forest, they know **protection**.



No one fully understands how starling murmurations work. Thousands move **without a leader**, with each bird likely following a few nearby neighbors through **simple rules** of distance, spacing, and direction. The sky fills with order built from **attention**.

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