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# Faith Builders

Issue #1

A Faith Chapel Newsletter

## Scripture of the Month

“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it and He will.”  
Psalm 37:5

### Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural printing of Faith Chapel’s monthly newsletter. As far back as 1977 Faith Chapel was blessed with a monthly newsletter named “Faith Builders.” The purpose of the newsletter was to bring the congregation a variety of information about the church, its people and the happenings associated with the church. Communication is a vital part of the ministry of the church, and it is our desire to reaffirm the unity of the church through an information highway that keeps you informed and up to date. Each month the newsletter will provide and present a variety of topics and information to help bring us together in the family of God. “Faith Builders” will be posted on a variety of mediums as well as available in printed form at the information desk in the church lobby. Each month the “Faith Builders” will provide new and interesting information. So, sit back, relax and enjoy what is happening at Faith Chapel.

### One Service

Beginning today, January 1<sup>st</sup>, we will go from a two service Sunday format to a one service Sunday format at 10:00am. This change brings us together as a family under one roof at the same time to assist us in the unity we feel is so important. Having one service will help solve issues that are present every week. Staffing for media coverage, the worship team having to prepare two different sets of worship, kids ministry requiring a whole staff for first service and a whole staff for second service takes many

volunteers and much time. By having one service, volunteers would not need to serve every week but perhaps every other week and therefore be free to enjoy the Sunday service experience. And it would assure that enough volunteers are available to meet all the needs of providing Sunday morning service. Unity, support, and strength occur when a group of people meet together as one body in Christ.

### Daniel Fast

Each year in January the church is encouraged to take part in a time of fasting. This year’s fast will begin January 8<sup>th</sup> and end January 15<sup>th</sup>. Fasting is a natural discipline that can bring supernatural results. What is a fast? Fasting is abstaining from something like food, drink or entertainment for a period of time to create some type of benefit in body, mind or spirit. The Daniel Fast or Daniel Diet is based upon the prophet Daniel’s dietary and spiritual experiences as recorded in the Book of Daniel in the Bible. It’s a type of partial fast that focuses very heavily on vegetables and other healthy whole foods but leaves out any animal sources of protein. Information about the Daniel Fast, foods and menus can be found on the internet. So, if you are able, please join us in this time of fasting and spiritual awareness.

### Did You Know?

Faith Chapel was established in the 1960’s by Pastor Troy Blair in a store front on El Cajon Blvd. in La Mesa. Later the church moved to Echo Dr. in La Mesa, where George Greg was the pastor. Then in 1986, Faith Chapel moved to

its present location on Campo Rd. in Spring Valley.

## New Employees

We are happy to introduce two new employees and one returning employee to our Faith Chapel family.

**Hauhna Hicks** became our new Administrative Director in September and brings a wealth of experience in administration, business, human resources, and computer skills. Her vibrant personality, concern for Faith Chapel and caring of others brings joy and blessings to our church family. Hauhna also has a heart for women's ministry and is hoping to have involvement in this area as well.



**Ismael Covarrubias Lopez** (aka. Chino) joined the Faith Chapel team in November and has been assigned the duties of Technical Director. He is excited to help and serve Faith Chapel. He had the opportunity to work for FC during the pandemic, editing livestream on a weekly basis, taking photos/video and managing social media to promote the congregation. He also ensures the church is maintained and presentable for Sundays, as well as monitoring equipment that falls under his expertise.



**Tammie Carmickle** previously worked here at Faith Chapel for 9 years as part of the property maintenance team. She has once again joined the team in the same capacity and is pleased to be back serving in our church following the Lord's guidance for her life.



## Church Membership

Membership in the church is a very important part of belonging to Faith Chapel. Although there is no scriptural mandate for official church membership, there is certainly nothing to prohibit it. Church membership is a way of identifying oneself with a local body of believers and of making oneself accountable to proper spiritual leadership. Church membership is a statement of solidarity and like-mindedness (see Philippians 2:2). Church membership is also valuable for organizational purposes. It's a good way of determining who is allowed to vote on important church decisions and who is eligible for official church positions. Church membership is not required of Christians. It is simply a way of saying, "I am a Christian, and I believe this church is a good church." If you would like to become a member, please contact one of the church elders or inquire at the church administrative office.

## New Members

Faith Chapel's Newest Members

Linda Wise, Vick West, Mikala Guzman, Susie Crawford, Typhanie Baker, Priscilla Castellano, Nate Turpin and Nathan & Nancy Saucedo

## Connect Classes

Beginning January 8, 2023, Faith Chapel will begin Connect Classes for the church. The purpose of a connect class is to provide a variety of scripture-based lessons to enhance the spiritual journey of those who attend. Classes will begin each Sunday at 8:30am and end at 9:30am. Before service begins at 10:00am there will be time for fellowship, prayer and catching up with friends. Below are the scheduled classes for the beginning of 2023.

- “Expedition” - A 10 week journey through the Bible offers a panoramic view of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Presented by Dr. Timothy Dresselhaus in the Hospitality Suite.
- “The Epistles of Peter, John and Jude” - Growing and maturing in Christ as a community of believers. Presented by Eric Madril in LL4.
- “The Holy Spirit in Our Lives” - Who is the Holy Spirit, what does He do, and how does He enhance our lives? Presented by Ed Jarrell in room C215.
- “A Blessed Life” - A six-week series based on Pastor Robert Morris’ bestselling book, “The Blessed Life: Unlocking the Rewards of Generous Living” Presented by Richard Dinnen in room C214
- “Connect to Worship” - This is a time for everyone who loves worship to get together and grow in the gifts given to our church. Presented by LaMar and Yvette Key in the choir room.

## FCLA

Faith Chapel Learning Academy  
Preschool & Daycare

**Amber Deluca** has stepped in as the Interim Director for FCLA and has been in the childcare industry for over 10 years. She is excited to see Faith Chapel and Faith Chapel Learning Academy becoming one family. In the coming months we will be hiring new staff to grow our

classrooms, expand our infant toddler program and adding more family-oriented events to our yearly calendar. Amber is striving to make FCLA a place where families feel comfortable while entrusting us to keep their children safe and to provide a healthy environment and teaching their children the Lord's way.



## FC Sunday Nights

Every Sunday night from 6:00 to 7:00pm is a time for the Faith Chapel family to come together in fellowship and inspiration. The first Sunday of each month is set aside as “Prayer Night.” It is an opportunity to come before the Lord in corporate and individual prayer for our church, for people and for the world around us. The remaining Sunday nights are dedicated to the viewing of the series “The Chosen.” “The Chosen” is an American religious historical drama created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series revolves around Jesus and the different people who met and followed him. Jenkins's intention was to focus more deeply on the people who encountered Jesus and to show Jesus “through the eyes of those who met him”, in a way that is more “personal, intimate, and immediate.” So, join us as we grow closer with each other and with the Savior that is our Lord.

## 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.

### FC Kids

Through the Interim leadership of Shari Dresselhaus, Michel Espinosa, and amazing volunteers, FC Kids is committed to creating a fun and safe environment to encounter Jesus in powerful ways. Through biblical teaching, and fun activities, we are impacting the next generation with the love of Jesus! Some recent activities have included creating a monthly ticket store, starting live worship, a family "Happy Birthday Jesus" party kit with devotions, and New Years fun with Pajamas and Poptarts. Our new series "Just Do It", teaches some of the most important commands Jesus gave. It's not enough to just KNOW His commands we must live them out. Easy or hard, if Jesus said it...Just DO IT and learning to follow Him is one of the best things anyone can learn. God is doing great things in and through FC Kids and we know that He has many more wonderful things in store.

### FC Youth

Eric and Alyssa Aguilar are serving as interim FC Youth leaders with meetings every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. FC Youth is a community of young people coming together to make a difference in their world. FC Youth is for all 7th-12th grade students. We want to see students connect to Jesus, grow together in faith and friendship, & serve the church and our local community.

### Young Adults

Josh Munoz has stepped in as the interim leader for Faith Chapel's young adults. Young adults

meet every other Tuesday and recently completed a course called "Renew" where the participants studied the truth of God's word. Coming into the new year their focus will be on Hebrews 6:1-2 "Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so."

### Fun and Trivia

James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results?

Answer: See James 5:13-18

What make of car did the Apostles drive?  
Honda...because the apostles were all in one Accord.

### Next Month

Next month's newsletter will highlight the Legacy Builders, Deaf Ministry, Meet the Need, the Homeless Ministry, Food Distribution and more. February has also been designated as Missions Month with a variety of speakers and information about Faith Chapel's missionaries and mission work.

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