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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

*Faith Chapel*

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

**Special Easter Edition**

**Sunday Mornings at Faith Chapel**

**Connect Classes 8:30am**

**Service 10:00am**

**Scripture of the Month**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

**This Month**

- March 3 - No Sunday Night Prayer
- March 4 - Food Distribution
- March 6, 13, 20, 27 - Midweek Encounter
- March 9 - God Loves You Tour
- March 10 - BGMC Sunday
- March 18 - Food Distribution
- March 22 - Legacy Builders Potluck
- March 24 - Palm Sunday - Communion  
Family Service
- March 29 - Men's Core Gathering  
Good Friday - Midnight Hour Prayer
- March 31 - Easter - **"He has risen!"** - Baptisms

**Pastor's Perspective**

Have you ever been so tired you could just fall asleep anywhere? I've known people that have this gift. They can pass out in the middle of a party, at the table during a dinner or a variety of other not so comfortable locations which apparently doesn't seem to stop them from catching some Z's. I don't have this gift. I wonder if Jesus had this gift. Either He did, or perhaps He knew something about faith and rest that we have yet to figure out. One of my favorite stories and great Biblical lessons is found in Mark chapter 4:35 NLT. It reads: As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." He told them where they were going. Perhaps it'd be helpful for

us to actually believe that Jesus can get us to where He said He would take us. Mark 4:36-37 NLT "So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water." Keep in mind that some of these men are experienced fishermen. They're used to being on the water and used to wild storms. Mark 4:38-41 "Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, 'Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown.' When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Silence! Be still!' Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?' The disciples were absolutely terrified. 'Who is this man?' they asked each other. 'Even the wind and waves obey him!'" It's such an exciting moment in Scripture and in the treasure trove of lessons Jesus has for all of us. When everybody else was freaking out, and some would say rightfully so, Jesus is taking a nap. If the disciples had their eyes on Him instead of on the storm, perhaps they would learn to follow His lead and rest when Jesus is resting no matter what is happening in the world around them. What you focus on really matters. Of course, Jesus cared about them. So much so that He not only

wouldn't let them down, but He would show them what true authority looks like. Faith and authority to such a degree that it had the ability to quiet even the most raging storms. This is crucial because He would later give them this same authority! He wanted them to see it in action. Storms are going to come. Some are natural storms, some are demonically induced storms, some are financial, others relational, some physical, etcetera. Regardless of the types of storms that are coming, learn to look at Jesus and see what He's doing in that moment. Is He freaking out? Does He appear out of control or worried? Did He fall off His throne and bump His head? Or is He as much in control as He ever has been. Is He perhaps resting on a pillow in the bow of the ship while the waves crash outside? Take a somber look at how you may be responding to a current storm, then ask the Lord to show you what He's doing in that present moment. His posture of peace may be just what you need in order to discover peace for yourself. Believe it or not, you can find peace wherever you are, for peace is a Person and His name is Jesus.

Isiah D. Elias

### Palm Sunday:

#### Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem

Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Christian churches all celebrate Palm Sunday, which is the beginning of "Holy Week", the most hallowed time of year for Christians. Palm Sunday commemorates when Jesus entered Jerusalem and was greeted by people waving palm branches. This event serves as a reminder for Christians to welcome Jesus into their hearts and be ready to follow Him. Palm Sunday services have included a reading of the Passion, which narrates the story of Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. Palm Sunday is a Christian holiday that occurs on the Sunday before Easter. It celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the remembrance of Jesus' last

days. In many churches, Palm Sunday is observed with the blessing and sharing of palm branches, symbolizing the branches placed in front of Christ as he entered Jerusalem. The Old Testament prophesied Palm Sunday in Zechariah 9:9 - "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Praise God for sending His Son to earth, Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, and our eternal life in Christ through faith.



#### How Long was Jesus on the Cross?

Crucifixion was designed not only to kill but to dissuade others from criminal actions. Victims of crucifixion were to be humiliated, often left to hang completely naked. The cross carried a stigma, and Jewish Law said it brought a curse (Galatians 3:13; 5:11). The term *excruciating* literally means "out of crucifying"; crucifixion was an "excruciating" way to die because it was a very slow and painful means to death. Depending on the circumstance, some people could live for days after being nailed to a cross. Answering the question of how long Jesus was on the cross is complicated by the fact that two systems of marking time are used in the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, and Luke use the Jewish system of marking time. John uses the Roman system. Using the Jewish system, Mark says, "They crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him" (Mark 15:24-25, ESV). According to this, Christ's crucifixion began at 9:00A.M. Also using the Jewish system of marking time, Matthew says that "from the sixth hour there was darkness over all

the land until the ninth hour" (Matthew 27:45, ESV). That is, the darkness lasted from 12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M. This was Jesus' final three hours on the cross. At the end of that time, "when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit" (Matthew 27:50). After that a Roman soldier made sure of His death (John 19:34), and Jesus' body was taken down. Jesus had been on the cross from approximately 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M., a total of six hours. John adds the detail that Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate was taking place, according to Roman time, "about the sixth hour" (John 19:14, ESV). Since the Romans started counting their hours at midnight, the "sixth hour" would start at 6:00 A.M. So, using the Roman system: "about the sixth hour" = about 6:00 A.M. Jesus is sentenced by Pilate. Then, using the Jewish system: "the third hour" = 9:00 A.M. The crucifixion begins. "the sixth hour" = 12:00 P.M. (noon). Darkness begins. "the ninth hour" = 3:00 P.M. Jesus dies. Putting it all together, Jesus' trial ended about 6:00 A.M. His crucifixion began about three hours later, and He died about six hours after that. *Therefore, Jesus was on the cross for about six hours.*



## The Importance of the Resurrection

The resurrection of Jesus is important for several reasons. First, the resurrection witnesses to the immense power of God Himself. To believe in the resurrection is to believe in God. If God exists, and if He created the universe and has power over it, then He has power to raise the dead. If He does not have such power, He is not worthy of our faith and worship. In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is also important because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely, the Son of God and

Messiah. According to Jesus, His resurrection was the "sign from heaven" that authenticated His ministry (Matthew 16:1-4). The resurrection of Jesus Christ, attested to by hundreds of eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:3-8), provides irrefutable proof that He is the Savior of the world. Another reason the resurrection of Jesus Christ is important is that it proves His sinless character and divine nature. The Scriptures said God's "Holy One" would never see corruption (Psalm 16:10), and Jesus never saw corruption, even after He died (see Acts 13:32-37). It was on the basis of the resurrection of Christ that Paul preached, "Through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin" (Acts 13:38-39). The resurrection of Jesus Christ not only validates His deity, but it also validates the Old Testament prophecies that foretold of Jesus' suffering and resurrection (see Acts 17:2-3). Christ's resurrection also authenticated His own claims that He would be raised on the third day (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ's resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be "useless," the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14-19). Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25), and in that statement claimed to be the source of both. There is no resurrection apart from Christ, no eternal life. Jesus does more than *give* life; He *is* life, and that's why death has no power over Him. Jesus confers His life on those who trust in Him, so that we can share His triumph over death (1 John 5:11-12). We who believe in Jesus Christ will personally experience resurrection because, having the life Jesus gives, we have overcome death. It is impossible for death to win (1 Corinthians 15:53-57). The Word of God guarantees the believer's resurrection at the coming of Jesus Christ for His church at the rapture. Such assurance results in a great song of triumph as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:55, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (cf. Hosea 13:14). The importance of the resurrection of Christ has an impact on our service to the Lord now. Paul



ends his discourse on resurrection with these words: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Because we know we will be resurrected to new life, we can endure persecution and danger for Christ's sake (verses 30-32), just as our Lord did. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, thousands of Christian martyrs through history have willingly traded their earthly lives for everlasting life and the promise of resurrection. The resurrection is the triumphant and glorious victory for every believer. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). And He is coming again! The dead in Christ will be raised up, and those who are alive at His coming will be changed and receive new, glorified bodies (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Why is the resurrection of Jesus Christ important? It proves who Jesus is. It demonstrates that God accepted Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. It shows that God has the power to raise us from the dead. It guarantees that the bodies of those who believe in Christ will not remain dead but will be resurrected unto eternal life. After Jesus said, "It is finished," on the cross, "he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (John 19:30). His dead body remained on the cross until it was taken down and placed in a nearby tomb (John 19:40-42). His spirit, however, was elsewhere. Three days later, His body and spirit were reunited, and He rose from the dead (John 20).



### Who Resurrected Jesus?

In Acts 2:24, Peter says that "God raised [Jesus] from the dead." So that's the basic answer. God resurrected Jesus. As we read more Scripture, that basic answer becomes more nuanced. The Bible

indicates that all three Persons of the Trinity were involved in Jesus' resurrection. Galatians 1:1 says that the Father raised Jesus from the dead. First Peter 3:18 says that the Spirit raised Jesus from the dead (see also Romans 1:4, and note that Romans 8:11 clearly says that God will resurrect believers "through His Spirit"). And in John 2:19 Jesus predicts that He will raise Himself from the dead (see also John 10:18). So, when we answer the question of who resurrected Jesus, we can say God did. And by that we can mean it was the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It may seem puzzling how Jesus could be said to raise Himself. How can a dead man have any say in his own resurrection? The answer is that Jesus was more than a man who died; He was the eternal Son of God incarnate. Wicked men could kill His body, but they could not change His eternal nature or diminish His divine power. In John 10:17-18 Jesus says something that no mere mortal could ever say: "I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again." No one else in the history of the world has ever had the authority both to lay down his life *and* to raise it up again. Furthermore, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). He claimed to be the resurrection Himself; He has absolute authority over life and death (Revelation 1:18). Jesus is God. He could say He would raise up His body on the third day because He, being God, has power over death. Who resurrected Jesus from the dead? God did, and by that we mean all three Persons of the Trinity were involved. All three Persons of the Trinity participated in creation (1 Corinthians 8:6; Genesis 1:1-2). All three are involved in salvation (John 3:6, 16). And all three are responsible for the resurrection of Christ Jesus.

### Which is more Important? Jesus' Death or Resurrection?

The death and resurrection of Christ are equally important. Jesus' death and resurrection accomplish separate but necessarily related things. The death and resurrection of our Lord are really inseparable, like the warp and weft of cloth. The cross of Christ won for us the victory that we could never have won for ourselves. "Having

disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (Colossians 2:15). On the cross God piled our sins on Jesus, and He bore the punishment due us (Isaiah 53:4-8). In His death, Jesus took upon Himself the curse introduced by Adam (see Galatians 3:13). With the death of Christ, our sins became powerless to rule over us (Romans 6). By His death, Jesus destroyed the works of the devil (John 12:31; Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8), condemned Satan (John 16:11), and crushed the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). Without the sacrificial death of Christ, we would still be in our sins, unforgiven, unredeemed, unsaved, and unloved. The cross of Christ is vital to our salvation and was thus a main theme of the apostles' preaching (Acts 2:23, 36; 1 Corinthians 1:23; 2:2; Galatians 6:14). But the story of Jesus Christ did not end with His death. The resurrection of Christ is also foundational to the gospel message. Our salvation stands or falls based on the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, as Paul makes clear in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. If Christ is not physically risen from the dead, then we ourselves have no hope of resurrection, the apostles' preaching was in vain, and believers are all to be pitied. Without the resurrection, we are still sitting "in darkness and in the shadow of death" waiting for the sunrise (Luke 1:78-79). Because of Jesus' resurrection, His promise holds true for us: "Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19). Our great enemy, death, will be defeated (1 Corinthians 15:26, 54-55). Jesus' resurrection is also important because it is through that event that God declares us righteous: Jesus "was raised to life for our justification" (Romans 4:25). The gift of the Holy Spirit was sent from the resurrected and ascended Lord Jesus (John 16:7). At least three times in His earthly ministry, Jesus predicted that He would die and rise again after three days (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34). If Jesus Christ had not been raised from the dead, He would have failed in His prophecies—He would have been yet another false prophet to be ignored. As it is, however, we have a living Lord, faithful to His Word. The angel at Jesus' empty tomb was able to point to fulfilled prophecy: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said" (Matthew 28:6). Scripture links the death and resurrection of Christ, and we must maintain that link. Jesus'

entrance into the tomb is as equally important as His exit from the tomb. In 1 Corinthians 15:3-5, Paul defines the gospel as the dual truth that Jesus died for our sins (proved by His burial) and that He rose again the third day (proved by His appearances to many witnesses). This gospel truth is "of first importance" (verse 3). It is impossible to separate the death of Christ from His resurrection. To believe in one without the other is to believe in a false gospel that cannot save. In order for Jesus to have truly arisen from the dead, He must have truly died. And in order for His death to have a true meaning for us, He must have a true resurrection. We cannot have one without the other.

### Why was Jesus Dead for 3 Days?

There are several reasons it is significant Jesus was dead for three days before His resurrection. First, resurrection after three days of death proved to Jesus' opponents that He truly rose from the dead. Why? According to Jewish tradition, a person's soul/spirit remained with his/her dead body for three days. After three days, the soul/spirit departed. If Jesus' resurrection had occurred on the same day or even the next day, it would have been easier for His enemies to argue He had never truly died. Significantly, Jesus waited several days after Lazarus had died before He came to resurrect Lazarus so that no one could deny the miracle (John 11:38-44). A second reason it was important for Jesus to be dead for three days was to fulfill biblical prophecy. Jesus personally claimed He would be dead three days (Matthew 12:40; 16:21; 27:63; John 2:19). Also, some point to Hosea 6:1-3 as a prophecy of the Messiah's resurrection after three days: "Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces, but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." This may also be the passage Paul refers to in 1 Corinthians 15:4 that Jesus "was raised on the



third day according to the Scriptures.” The three days were significant in other ways as well. Jesus died on a Friday, Nisan 14, the day when the Passover lamb was sacrificed. His death represents the death of a perfect, unblemished sacrifice on our behalf. His resurrection on the third day took place on the first day of the week, illustrating a new beginning and new life to all who trust in Him. So, why was it important for Jesus to be dead for three days before His resurrection? (1) So the unbelieving Jews could not deny that Jesus had truly been dead. (2) Because three days is what Jesus Himself prophesied. Aside from these two reasons, the Word of God does not explicitly state the reason for the necessity of three days between Jesus’ death and resurrection.

### Tearing of the Temple Veil



What does the temple curtain being torn have to do with Jesus’ death on the cross? Everything! **The Veil and the Separation.** God put the temple curtain there for the safety of His people for no one can enter into the Holy of Holies and live. Only the high priest could do this and then only once a year, but they tied a rope around his waist in the event he did something wrong and if he died as a result, they could drag him out from behind the curtain since they couldn’t go in and get him, and they too would perish. The veil represents the separation of a Holy God from sinful mankind because our sins have separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2). The size and thickness of the curtain ensured that no one would accidentally fall into the Holy of Holies as the veil was 60 feet long, 30 feet wide, and was about one inch thick (though some say it may have been as much as 4 inches thick) and was so massive and heavy that it took 300 priests to

manipulate it so there was no way that someone could inadvertently trip and stumble into the Holy of Holies and subsequently die as a result.

### **The Tearing of His Body**

Jesus’ own body was given as atonement for our sins and His death satisfied the wrath of God. What was due to us, He took because He paid a debt He did not owe, for a debt we could never pay. The flesh of Jesus’ body was literally torn and as Isaiah wrote “**many were astonished at you— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind**” (Isaiah 52:14). The Romans were experts at scourging. They used a wooden rod that had several 18-24-inch-long straps of leather attached to it and at the end of it were sharp, rugged pieces of metal, wire, glass, and jagged fragments of bone and cut deeply through the victim’s skin and into his flesh, shredding his muscles and sinews. This was so effective that much of the tissue was removed and often the spine itself was visible by the time they were finished. Jesus’ literal flesh was torn to shreds and the skin which protects the internal organs and bones was torn and fell away by the scourging, so Jesus’ own body was torn.

### **The Tearing of the Curtain**

At the very moment that “**Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit**” (Matt 27:50) “**the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split**” (Matt 27:51). The curtain was torn at the exact moment of Jesus’ death because our separation from God by our sins had been paid for by Jesus on the cross. Notice that the temple curtain was torn from the top down to the bottom indicating that it was torn from the top by God Himself. What no human could possibly tear by human strength, God did by the death of the Son of God. Now we can go behind the curtain and have access into the Holy of Holies. It wasn’t Jesus’ torn flesh that ended our separation from God but His sinless life, death, and resurrection. Now “**we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus**” (Heb 10:19).

### **Conclusion**

What a price God paid to redeem us from an eternal separation from Himself. How could

anyone ever imagine such a priceless thing? Since He didn't spare His own Son for us (Rom 8:32), don't we have an obligation to tell others how they might be saved (Acts 4:12)? Shouldn't we feel compelled to tell others what God has done for us?

### Determining the Date of Easter

In 325 A.D., the Council of Nicaea, which agreed upon the basic principles of Christianity, established a formula for the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the spring equinox. In practice, that means that Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Easter can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25, depending on when the paschal full moon occurs.

### Good Friday Midnight Hour Prayer

On Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, after the Men's Core Gathering, there will be a Midnight Prayer Service. From approximately 8:00pm to 12 midnight, the sanctuary will be open for a time of prayer and listening to worship. Come and pursue the Lord with us in a time of intimacy with God seeking Him till the midnight hour.

### New Youth Pastor

Franklin Aytes has been hired as Faith Chapel's new Youth Pastor. Franklin takes over for Eric and Alyssa Aguilar who have done an amazing job as the interim leaders, and we thank them for their service. Franklin was the worship pastor at New Vision Church, has worked with middle school students, led after school programs for youth, and has been the coordinator of young adult's ministries. He has experience in leadership, mentoring, team building, spiritual care, preaching, outreach and administration. Franklin is currently working on his bachelors/master's degree in theological studies.



### February Paramount Message Points

Each month, as part of the newsletter, a recap of the previous month's Paramount Message Points will be provided as a reminder of the important takeaways from Pastor's messages.

February 4<sup>th</sup>

- We cannot be fake.

February 11<sup>th</sup>

- Don't underestimate what the key of faith can unlock.

February 18<sup>th</sup>

- When the heart of worship is being skewed Jesus won't stand for it.

February 25<sup>th</sup>

- The power is in the name of Christ which you carry as a Christian.

### Sunday Prayer Night - February

The following prayer points were lifted up to the Lord during February's prayer night. Please keep them up front in your prayer time.

- We will hear the voice of the Lord. Psalm 33:11
- We will fulfill the mandate of discipleship. Matthew 28:29-30, Psalms 2:8
- Our homes will be altars of prayer. 2 Chronicles 7:15-16
- Spiritual Awakening in America. 2 Chronicles 7:14

### Podcasts

It is our heart to steward what the Lord is speaking to our congregation well. We believe that our leaders hear from God and when they preach, they're sharing what is on the heart of God for this house and for all who listen. We are happy to announce that we are sharing our Sunday services (Red Letters) and our Midweek Encounter service on the Holy Spirit through the podcasts. The primary platforms to use are Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

### Quarterly Work Party

February's work party was to be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 12:00pm. Due to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to cancel the work party. A new date is being considered to host the

party and will be announced as soon as it has been determined.



### March 10, 2024 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am local daylight time. Don't be late for church and don't forget to put new batteries in your smoke detectors.



Smoke Detector

## Foundations - For New Believers

A new class called Foundations began on February 11<sup>th</sup> to assist in the establishing of new believers. This class is designed for those who have never laid solid foundations to build upon. Whether you are relatively new to your faith, or you've been saved for many years, this short but action-packed class will build those much-needed foundations in you!

### Connect Classes

Classes begin each Sunday at 8:30am and end at 9:30am.

- Foundations - Establishing New Believers. Presented by George Elias in room C-214.
- The Parables of Christ Presented by Rose Necochea in room C210.

- 7 Deadly Lies - Dr. Tim Dresselhaus will be teaching a 7 weeklong class covering his book 7 Deadly Lies. The class will meet in room B-101.
- "The Gospel of John" - Growing and maturing in Christ as a community of believers. Presented by Eric Madril in LLA.
- "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.
- "The Book of Matthew" presented by Marsha Streiker - Sunday's from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in room C214.

## The Ears Have It!

There are many things about the worship experience that have to do with personal preference. The types of songs, the length of the experience, movements of those delivering the experience, lifting hands, not lifting hands, and the loudness of the music to name a few. As you can imagine it is impossible to meet everyone's personal preferences at the same time though we do our best to hear everybody's comments and respond with solutions where we can. One preference we're often addressing is to accommodate the loudness of the songs and music. If you are not aware, the loudness of the music is different in different parts of the sanctuary. Depending on where you sit during worship, you will get a louder or softer experience due to the speaker's efficiency and the position of the speakers in relation to the room. You may be sitting in an area that's loudest and by simply selecting a different seat you could discover a more comfortable experience. In an effort to provide the best possible worship experience available, ear plugs are now available at the information booth in the lobby area. The staff is also working on a chart that'll help identify the loud and more quiet zones of the sanctuary and will be available soon. If you would like to make use of the ear plugs, you can request them from one of the ushers or elders at the information booth in the lobby.



Worship can be defined as “the reverence or adoration that one shows toward something or someone; holding a person or object in high esteem; or giving a person or an object a place of importance or honor.” There are hundreds of Scriptures in the Bible that speak about worship and provide guidance as to both who to and how to worship. It is a Biblical mandate that we worship God and Him alone. It is an act that is designed not only to bring honor to Him who deserves honor, but also to bring a spirit of obedience and submission to the worshippers. Worship is an expression of the heart, no matter what your personal preference of style is.

It is our hope that by providing ear plugs you can participate and enjoy FC’s worship experience.

### Small Groups

A small group turns a crowd into a community.

Listed below are the small groups that are currently meeting in March.

Judy Lorenz

“Where Prayer Becomes Real: How Honesty with God Transforms Your Soul”

Contact Judy at 619-987-0394 for information.

John Cohen

The Book of Exodus

Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15pm in room C214 prior to Wednesday Night Encounter.

Bill Lorenz

The Heart of God

Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15pm in room C211 prior to Wednesday Night Encounter.

Linda Wise - Women’s Bible Study

Going through the book “I Give You Authority” by Charles Kraft

Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Ruby Room

Walt Harrison - Sermon Based Discussion  
Legacy Builders

Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Choir Suite

George Elias - Bible Study

Studying Various Spirit-led Topics

Thursdays at 7:00pm Call 858-231-7706 for more information.

If you would like to join a small group, you can do so on the Faith Chapel AP.

## Church Membership

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 and of making oneself accountable to proper spiritual leadership. 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 fill out the membership request form on the FC AP or contact one of the church elders or inquire at the church administrative office.

### Our New Church Members

Tommy and Vanessa Lien, David Eberle, Lori Liddicoat, Donna Douglas

## 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.

## Flash Back

### The Escape

A few weeks ago, a gentleman stood up and told the following story at our Thursday night bible study.

Three girls were walking to their car when they noticed they were being followed by three men. They quickened their pace only to find the men doing the same. Finally reaching their car, they jumped in, locked the doors and rolled up the windows and turned the ignition key on. A second later after no response from the engine, the men were still there; now pointing and chuckling to one another.

The girls decided it was time for prayer. They asked God to help them out of the situation. When they were done, they united their faith and turned the key on again. The car started and they headed home, thanking God after reaching home.

The girl who owned the car told her father what happened. He thought it strange that the car would not start since it was in excellent condition and decided to take a look. Upon lifting the hood, the father found the problem. *There was no battery.*

“So, Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Genesis 22:14

Submitted by Peggy Parks in the August 1977 Faith Builder.

## **BGMC**

### **INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION INTO CONTAGIOUS COMPASSION**

BGMC is the missions education program for all kids in the Assemblies of God. BGMC equips kids to know, care, pray, give, and to reach the lost. It has a two-fold purpose: to reach the children of the world with the love of Jesus and to create a heart of compassion in kids. Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge (BGMC) engages, teaches, and disciples our youngest generation in God's mission to reach the lost! This is accomplished by creating a heart of compassion in kids for the world's and our missionaries' needs. Kids are challenged to pray for our missionaries, sacrificially give to missions, and reach the lost in their own area. Funds raised through BGMC go to meet critical needs around the world with a special emphasis on Kids Helping Kids. Additional projects focus on anything a missionary may need to spread the love of Jesus.

## **Fun and Trivia**

Remember the school tests where you had to match the items in column one to the ones in column two? Well, here is a little test of how well you know or don't know the elders, pastoral staff, and department directors. Listed below are the elders, pastors, and directors and their first jobs. But of course, they are out of order. It is your task to match the person with the job. Answers are on the following page. (No Cheating)

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| 1. Josiah Elias      | a. Construction           |
| 2. Jennifer Segura   | b. Chuck E. Cheese        |
| 3. Hauhna Hicks      | c. Target                 |
| 4. Lori Liddicoat    | d. Burger King            |
| 5. Robert Tisnado    | e. Picked Cotton          |
| 6. Chino Covarrubias | f. Subway                 |
| 7. Alyssa Aguilar    | g. Swap meet              |
| 8. Erik Aguilar      | h. Home Day Care          |
| 9. Michel Espinoza   | i. Receptionist           |
| 10. Tim Maxwell      | j. Picking Peas           |
| 12. Richard Dinnen   | l. Receptionist           |
| 13. Bill Lorenz      | m. Swept Barber Shop Hair |
| 14. Ed Jarrell       | n. Data Entry             |
| 15. Rose Necoechea   | o. FedEx Package Handler  |
| 16. Amber Deluca     | p. Shakey's Frozen Yogurt |
| 17. Franklin Aytes   | q. Engineering Surveyor   |

## Fun and Trivia Solution

1. Josiah Elias - Subway
2. Jennifer Segura - Target
3. Hauhna Hick - Shakey's Ice Cream
4. Lori Liddicoat - Data Entry
5. Robert Tisnado - Swap Meet
6. Chino Covarrubias - Construction
7. Alyssa Aguilar - Receptionist
8. Erik Aguilar - Swept Barber Shop Hair
9. Michel Espinoza - FedEx Package Handler
10. Tim Maxwell - Burger King
12. Richard Dinnen - Delivered Newspapers
13. Bill Lorenz - Civil Engineering Surveyor
14. Ed Jarrell - Picked Peas on Neighbors Farm
15. Rose Necochea - Picked Cotton with Great Grandmother
16. Amber Deluca - Home Day Care
17. Franklin Aytes - Chuck E. Cheese

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