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# Faith Builders

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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

*Faith Chapel*

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

## Scripture of the Month

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.  
Psalm 107.1

### This Month

November 2 - Anne Wilson Concert  
November 3, 10, 17, & 24 - Sunday Service  
November 4 & 18 - Food Distribution  
November 4, 11, 18 & 25 - Synergy Groups  
November 6, 13, 20, & 27 - Midweek Encounter  
November 10, Guest Speaker Tio Caesar  
November 15 - Athletics Discipleship Parents  
Night Out  
November 17 - Guest Speaker Mike Conway  
November 24 - Great Gobble Give Away  
November 24 - Prayer Night  
November 28 - Thanksgiving Day

**Note: Men's Core and Legacy Builder's Monthly Potluck will not occur this month and the church offices will be closed November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.**

### Pastor's Perspective

It's time to take action. Recently I've been thinking more and more about Believers who enjoy complaining about problems but don't want to help solve the problems. We must be a people who are willing to be part of the solution to issues in life because we truly are already equipped with the greatest solution of all time — Jesus the Christ. My wife Ashley has a good rule implemented with our leadership team from years ago. Sometimes we would hear someone complain about an issue. Ashley would tell them, "Unless you're willing to help fix the problem, we don't want to hear about it." This was not an insensitive statement; this was a teachable moment for the people of God. Don't complain — come, pray! Be available to do

something about it. An epidemic across the digital space in particular is bold complaining with little desire to help resolve anything. I'd like to submit this thought to you, if it's on your heart there's a chance God put it there! Imagine what those within the Body of Christ would do if we started acting upon the things that God placed on our hearts. I want to encourage you to come before the Lord in prayer and ask Him if some of the issues that take up real estate in your heart are from Him or not. If they are from Him, what would He like you to do about it? You may be called to action. You may be called to start something or build something. You might just need to pray. Perhaps a conversation is needed to be had amongst certain people. It could be a variety of different things, but the bottom line is this... we cannot afford to sit on our hands with an opinion on our lips but no drive in our heart to truly make a difference. I believe we're being provoked by the Lord to do something about this attitude within the Body of Christ. The love and grace of God should impact every single area of our lives. If it does — as it should — we'll see the Kingdom of God advanced in fresh and powerful ways that truly please the Lord. The time to take action is now with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Josiah Elias

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2024 occurs on Thursday, November 28. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Native American

Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the "New World." The Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth. In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the first Thanksgiving's exact menu, much of what we know about what happened at the first Thanksgiving comes from Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow, who wrote: "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the Company almost a week, at which time amongst other Recreations, we exercised our Arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five Deer, which they brought to the Plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty." In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a

Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians, earning her the nickname the "Mother of Thanksgiving." Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939 when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

### Let the Little Ones Come To Me

The voices of children rise like sweet melodies, pure and full of wonder, as they worship the lord. In their innocence and faith, Jesus gleams with joy, for he said, "Let the little ones come to me." Their praise is precious, their hearts a reflection of heaven's beauty, and their worship reminds us of the simple, powerful faith that touches the heart of God.



Faith Chapel kids in a time of worship, prayer and honoring God.



provides breakfast and showers on Sundays and community outreach midweek. We need bakers who would love to contribute chocolate chip cookies once a month. Please contact Joanne Northcutt at joannen@cox.net if you are able to help.

### Parking Lot Resurfacing

Parking lot resurfacing was completed, and new lights were installed to brighten the driveway to the entrance of the church facility.

### Church Membership

The ministerial staff, elders, board of directors, and existing members of Faith Chapel encourage you to become a member of Faith Chapel. The first step in the membership process is to pray for your decision. We want you to find membership where you believe God is leading you. It is pleasing to the Lord when you follow His direction and find a church home where your roots grow deep. Your next step is to fill out the digital membership application found in the Faith Chapel APP or website. Explanations and instruction on traveling through the process are included in the APP and website.

Our Newest Member  
Mike Petschlac



Our weekly services groups and teams would not happen without the dedicated volunteer base that we enjoy. We believe that serving in the local church is a vital part of spiritual growth and it is an act of worship unto the Lord. If you would like to join the serve team and make an impact in the lives of the Faith Chapel community, please fill out the "Serve" form on the FC App.

### Connect Classes / Small Groups

Small groups and connect classes are small gatherings of people who meet in different places around our community to hang out eat talk about life and above all grow their relationships with God. Small groups are where we pray for each other and support each other. These gatherings take place every week. The small groups, small group leaders, and connect classes that are currently meeting are listed below. A small group turns a crowd into a community. A connect class brings people closer together.

Linda Wise

Women's Bible Study

Studying the book of Exodus in the Ruby room.

Tuesdays at 9:30am

John Cohen - Core Men

Studying the book of Leviticus

Wednesday at 5:45pm in room C-214

Bill Lorenz- Core Men

Breaking until the new year.

Erick Madril

Studying the Gospel of John

Sunday at 8:30 in room LLA

Chelsea Petschlac

Foundations

Establishing Kingdom Truths

Sunday at 8:30am in room C-214

Marsha Strieker

Studying Ephesians & Philippians

Sunday at 12:15pm in the Ruby room.

Walt Harrison

Sermon Based Discussion

Legacy Builders in the Choir Suite on Tuesdays  
at 10:00am.

Jason Baltzey - Core Men

Studying "Unshakable Hope" by Max Lucado

Tuesday nights at 7:00pm on Zoom

George Elias

Studying various Spirit-led topics.

Thursday at 7:00pm in home.

## New Employee



Faith Chapel is happy to welcome our newest employee. Rogelio Razo Jr., best known as "Junior" has joined the facilities team as lead custodian with repair and maintenance experience.

## Flash Back

Young adults go the second mile to help elderly. "A new ministry by the College/Young Adult Group has recently begun at Faith Chapel. Its purpose is to help the elderly and disabled with yard and housework. This idea was the brainchild of Gary Crane. It was his hope that the CYA could be a useful force is sharing Christ's great love. He shared his idea with several others at a meeting held in March. The idea struck with me and a few days later while at work I kept remembering the words of Jesus about going the second mile. (Matthew 5:41) Later that day I called Gary and shared this name with him for the work force. He liked it so we named the group "The Second Mile." The purpose of The Second Mile is not to help those able to do the work themselves but rather those who cannot physically take care of their yards and the inside of their homes. The first recipient of the workforce was Clyde Harvey's grandmother, Mrs. Thompson, an 88-year-old widow. She was very grateful for the help she received. All applicants for help should be directed to Frank Gregg or pastor Bill Barham. This will be a once-a-month project so a screening will have to be done to select the most needy recipients. I will be heading up the workforce with

Jackie Totton as my assistant. We feel that there is so much potential in this outreach. It is certainly a very good way of sharing the love of Jesus. Can you also go a second mile for someone?

by Mike Johnson

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## October Paramount Points

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

- Oct. 6 - Guest Speaker Greg Hendricks
- Oct. 13 - "You are the precious pearl."
- Oct. 20 - "He's coming after you, He's unstoppable."
- Oct. 27 - "Jesus is still the answer, and we must present that answer to the lost and dying world riddled with questions."

## God's Creations



## A Second Look

**Close your eyes and then barely open them...**



## Thanksgiving Trivia



On average, how many questions does the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line field from callers during the holiday season? Answer: 100,000.

According to Lending Tree, how many guests, on average, did Thanksgiving hosts expect to serve in 2023? Answer: 11.

In 2023, which state raised the most turkeys? Answer: Minnesota.

How many balloons were featured in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? Answer: 25.

According to a poll, what Thanksgiving side dish is the least popular among Americans? Answer: Green bean casserole.

According to Macy's, roughly how many people attend the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York each year? Answer: 3.5 million.

According to Guinness World Records, how much does the world's largest pumpkin pie weigh? Answer: Made in 2010, the record-breaking pie weighed 3,699 lbs.

Which retailer was the first to host a Thanksgiving Day parade? Answer: Gimbels. The department store hosted a Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia in 1920, four years before Macy's held their first.

Which U.S. president was the first to officially pardon a turkey? Answer: George H.W. Bush. In 1989, Bush "presented a Presidential pardon" to a "fine tom turkey" – and it's been an annual tradition ever since.

Which two NFL teams have played a game on Thanksgiving Day since 1966? Answer: Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys.

## P.S.

If you forgot to change your clocks and turn them back, you were probably really early for church. And don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors, the life you save may be yours.

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