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

Scripture of the Month

"To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever."

Philippians 4:20

This Month

- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Sunday Services
- June 2 - Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- June 3 & 17 - Food Distribution
- June 5, 12, 19, 26 - Midweek Encounter 6:30pm
- June 16 - Father's Day
- June 17 - Women's Potluck Event 6:00pm
- June 21 - Legacy Builders Potluck
- June 23 - Sunday Night Prayer 6:00pm
Come join us as we come before the Lord in corporate and individual prayer for our church, for people and for the world around us.
- June 30 - Baptism
- June 1 - August 7 - Summer Camp
- June 28 - Men's Core Gathering 6:00pm

Pastor's Perspective

What an incredible month! In fact, what an incredible season we find ourselves in as a church. To God be all the glory! A common point of discussion I find myself using frequently has to do with not just getting rid of unhealthy things but planting something healthy in its place. Here's what I mean. Imagine an unhealthy plant or a big weed coming out of the ground. We're likely aware that if we were to snip off the weed at the surface it would simply grow back in a short time. To be rid of it, we need to pull it out by the roots. It's likely that if it's pulled out by the roots there would be a cavity in the now disrupted soil where the roots once were. Being rid of something unhealthy is good, but planting something healthy in its place is far better. This is the great picture we're experiencing individually and corporately.

God is not only removing unhealthy ways of thinking and living in our midst but within the "disrupted soil" of our lives He's now planting a healthy seed in its place. That healthy seed is now put in a good place and can begin to germinate and grow into something beautiful and fruitful. A place that once produced something unhealthy is now producing something healthy. When the children of Israel got delivered from Egyptian captivity, it wasn't so they could just wander the desert free. The goal was to get them to the Promised Land. God's intentions weren't just to get them out of something bad but to get them into something good. This same truth fits with this personalized and corporate reality of where we are as a church. I celebrate what God is pulling out by the root but even more, so I rejoice in what He is planting. He's planting something far more beautiful. I've seen lots of landscapes free of weeds and it's very pretty. But we're not called to look pretty. We're called to Culture Like Christ — with Jesus as our model. We're called to bear fruit; to make disciples and to live as Jesus did. John.15:16 NASB "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain... Ask the Lord what weeds are still present in your life. Through prayer, ask God to begin pulling those things out by the root. This is deliverance. Getting free from unhealthy things. Then, ask the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit to begin to plant the opposite of that thing that was removed. If lust was removed, allow Him to plant a seed of purity through prayer in its place. If it was fear, ask Him to plant perfect love for, "perfect love casts out all fear" (1 John 4:18). If it's a weed of pride

pray for a seed of humility. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in this. Keep in mind that the corporate body is simply made up of individuals. So, what He's doing in us individually ultimately will manifest in us corporately as a church. As you feel led, begin to pray for the last of anything unhealthy to be removed by the root and for healthy, Godly seeds to be planted in their place here at Faith Chapel. I truly believe He will and the fruit we'll see in the years to come will greatly please the Lord.

Pastor Josiah Elias

Father's Day



The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2024 occurs on Sunday, June 16.

Origins of Father's Day

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.” On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous

December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers,

and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June.

The Father God

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him” (1 John 3:1). This passage begins with a command: “See.” John wants us to observe the manifestations of the Father's love. He has introduced the subject of God's love in the preceding chapter (1 John 2:5, 15), briefly discusses it here, and fully explains it in the fourth chapter. John's purpose is to describe the kind of love the Father gives His children, “what great love.” The Greek word translated “what great” is found only six times in the New Testament and always implies astonishment and admiration. What is interesting to note here is that John does not say, “The Father loves us.” In doing so, he would be describing a condition. Instead, he tells us that the Father has “lavished” His love on us, and this, in turn, portrays an action and the extent of God's love. It is also interesting to note that John has chosen the word “Father” purposely. That word implies the father-child relationship. However, God did not become Father when He adopted us as children. God's fatherhood is eternal. He is eternally the Father of Jesus Christ, and through Jesus He is our Father. Through Jesus we receive the Father's love and are called “children of God.”

Abba Father

It is likely that most Christians have heard God referred to as “Abba Father” throughout their lives: in prayers, at church, while reading the Bible in quiet time, etc. However, God's title of “Abba Father” is only found referenced in the Bible three

separate times which are all in the New Testament. Only two speakers utter these words in these passages: Jesus and the apostle Paul.

Mark 14:36: "And He [Jesus] said, 'Abba Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.'"

Romans 8:15: "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'"

Galatians 4:6: "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba Father!'"

So why would a title mentioned so sparingly in the Scriptures be so monumental in describing not only Jesus' and Paul's relationships with God but our relationship with God as well? This name of God is rich with meaning and implications for our lives. "Abba" is the defining term for father in the Aramaic language, spoken by Jesus and Paul as an intimate term to characterize their personal relationships with God. It is also a term of reverence for bishops and patriarchs within the Coptic, Syriac, and Ethiopian churches. The scripture from Mark is stated by Jesus, while the verses from Romans and Galatians are shared by Paul. Both had deep relationships with God that emerged in miraculous ways, and both met one another in a miraculous way. Hence, this would explain one reason why they would share the same intimate name for God that is not mentioned by any of Jesus' disciples or those found in the Old Testament. God sends His Spirit to live in the hearts of every one of his adopted sons and daughters. The Holy Spirit is referred to by Paul as the Spirit of His Son. He moves into our hearts and gives us the right, along with Jesus, to call out to God as a young child calls out to their "daddy." *Abba* means "father" in the Aramaic language. Because it's easy for young children to say, like the English term *dada*, it's what most young children would call their father. Without our own sinfulness and the law standing between us and God, we can live with God as little children do with a trusted father.

The cry of Abba Father is a cry of choice. It's addressing the Father of Creation and choosing to make Him our Father. Father, *my* Father.

Crying Abba Father is bowing the knee of our heart in devotion and submission to the one with the rightful authority of our souls trusting in his love — like Jesus.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

There will be a luncheon on June 2nd, at 12:30 in the Activity Center to show appreciation to all the volunteers who make so much happen at Faith Chapel. 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.

Connect Classes

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

- Foundations - Establishing New Believers. Presented by Joel Munoz in room C-214.
- The Parables of Christ Presented by Rose Necoechea in room C210.
- "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.

Small Groups

A small group turns a crowd into a community.

Listed on the following page are the groups that are currently meeting.

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 Book of Joshua

Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00pm in room C211

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.

Faith Chapel Kids

Kids K-6th Grade

We believe that God wants to move in HIS kids, from the youngest all the way to the oldest. We want to cultivate a culture where the kids that attend our kid’s ministry encounter the living God through worship, prayer, and sound doctrine. With our K-6th grade kids, you can expect them to come to place where they encounter the love of Jesus in a safe and fun environment. A place where the kids can learn and grow in their own personal relationship with God. Our goal is that they will become the leaders and influencers God has called them to be.

2-4-year-old kids are no exception when it comes to experiencing the love of God. With a dedicated team of leaders, fun crafts and engaging curriculum, we are laying a foundation for the kids to have their very own relationship with Jesus.

FC Youth

FC Youth is a community of young people coming together to make a difference in their world. 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.

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM

Student Center

The Young Adults Ministry

The young adult’s ministry of Faith Chapel serves those between 18-35 who are looking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We are a diverse group going after the presence of God and pursuing His righteousness. Whether you are single, married, working, in college, etc., you will find a home here!

Our Young Adults ministry gathers every Tuesday at 7pm in room LL1.

If you are a young adult or young family, somewhere in the age range of 18-35, we invite you to join us!

Small Groups

We also have Small Groups meeting on Thursdays! We meet bi-weekly at 7pm in the lobby.



Faith Chapel Learning Academy

At Faith Chapel Learning Academy, we believe that every child is a precious creation, entrusted with unique talents and a bright future. Our mission is to cultivate a Christ-centered environment here children can joyfully explore, confidently learn, and grow into their full potential.

Empowering Young Learners

Our preschool program is tailored to ignite curiosity and encourage a love for learning in young minds. Here, children explore the fundamentals of reading, engage in stimulating physical activities, delve into the creative world of art, discover the melodies of music, and unravel the mysteries of science.

Individualized Attention

Each child is unique, and our devoted teachers are committed to recognizing and nurturing this uniqueness. We provide individualized attention, ensuring that every child progresses at their own pace, in a supportive and loving setting.

Spiritual Growth

At FCLA, we integrate faith into our curriculum, helping children understand the love of God and the values that shape our community. This spiritual foundation complements our academic endeavors, creating well-rounded, compassionate individuals.

Women's Ministry

We are building community and looking forward to growing together! Mark your calendars for the following dates and let us know that you will be there through the link below!

JUNE 17th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

JULY 15th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

AUGUST 12th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

We are praying for doors to open and the love of God to be poured out over the women of our communities and circles of influence. For our Women's Ministry to be a space carved out, cultivating an atmosphere of vulnerability, producing a genuine and God-centered sisterhood. We are praying for a ministry where love is planted and bridges of the heart can grow,

connecting women of all ages, backgrounds, life stages, because we serve an intentional God, and every life experience holds value and a testimony of encouragement. We are praying for a space where walls can come down in an atmosphere of openness; where deliberate and God-centered love casts out all judgement and fear, allowing true growth to take place; an atmosphere where wins, losses, and testimonies of all shapes and sizes are celebrated. We are praying for a platform of supernatural spiritual, emotional, and relational growth; bringing with it, a layer of loving accountability where being a Christian is not just about attending a Sunday service, rather a lifestyle we can live out side-by-side. We trust and believe God is working amidst our prayers. In Jesus name, amen.

Lessons from Womanade

1. Use Your Gifts to Lead:
 - o Recognize that women are already leading in various ways.
 - o Leadership is about purpose and perspective.
2. Understanding Leadership Potential:
 - o Ephesians 2:10: We are created in Christ for good works, predestined by God.
 - o Esther 4:14: Embrace the Esther movement, recognizing that God is calling His daughters to lead with purpose.
3. Core of Leadership is Influence:
 - o Leadership is not about titles but the ability to influence others.
 - o Examples of leaders:
 - Reluctant leaders like Moses (Exodus 4): "send someone else"
 - Bold leaders like Isaiah (Isaiah 6): "send me"
4. Lessons from "Hard is Not the Same Thing as Bad":
 - o Adversity can be God's mercy, providing opportunities to grow in empathy, creativity, and tenacity.
 - o Adversity drives us to rely on Jesus' strength and purpose.

5. Remember Key Biblical

Encouragements:

- Philippians 1:6: God will complete His good work in us.
- Isaiah 41:10: God upholds us with His right hand.
- Galatians 6:9: There will be a harvest if we do not give up.
- 2 Timothy 4:7: Keep the faith.
- Hebrews 12:2: Finish strong.
- 1 Peter 5:10: Suffering is temporary, but the reward is great.
- Colossians 2:6-7: Hold onto gratitude and remain rooted in Christ.

6. Be Aware of Peace Stealers:

- Embrace God's sufficiency in our weakness.
- Maintain gratitude and stay rooted in Christ.

In His Service, Hauhna Hicks

Legacy Builders

The Legacy Builders represents the 55+ community of Faith Chapel. We recognize we're a strong backbone of this great church and we thrive on community with each other! Whether it's our monthly potlucks, times of worship, prayer, or scheduled outings; we have a lot of fun together! We truly embody the heart of Pastor Josiah which is to be a family! No family is complete without mamas & papas as well as grandmas & grandpas! As a family, we're pursuing God with everything in us and recognizing that our actions leave a legacy for the future generations to follow. We desire to bridge the generations while not losing the wonderful nuances we appreciate in our own.

Vacation Bible School

The 2024 VBS will be held July 16th to 19th. We need people to help decorate, be group leaders, staff sign-up and registration booths, organize and deliver snacks, lead the physical activities and more. So, please sign-up at the VBS display by the center doors of the Sanctuary and make your place in this year's "SCUBA" Vacation Bible School.



2024 K-LOVE Female Artist of the Year
Tickets are going Fast!!!

May Paramount Message Points

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

May 5th

- "Religious activity can never satisfy what He really wants, which is a pliable, honest, and open heart."

May 12th

- Mother's Day Panel

May 19th

- Guest speaker Anthony Calabro

May 26th

- "The worst kind of sickness is separation from God."

Flash Back

"Why My Dad Is Special to Me"

It's Father's Day on June 21 and what better way to know what makes dads so important than to have kids "tell it like it is." We've selected Chuck Graham, Job Supervisor for Federal Service, Public work Center at the Naval Hospital. Married since 1961 to Claire, Chuck is a

dedicated Christian, Sunday School teacher and devoted husband. His five children say it all.

Mike, 17 - "My dad is special because of all the concern he shows. He is special because he brought me into this world."

Tim, 14 - "Dad shows that he cares for us and loves us in many ways. He's very wise and tries to make right decisions."

Edward, 11 - My dad is the one who provides for everything I do and have. He makes the way for things to happen for our family. I would like to grow up and be as smart as he is."

Colleen, 8 - "Because he loves me, my mom, and brothers. He guards and watches over his family and makes sure we have clothes, food and fun together. He helps me learn math, reading and spelling. I like when he hugs me and when he tucks me into bed and we say prayers together. He helps me get over my fears."

John, 5 - "He's, MY DAD! He loves me. He buys everything I need. He's big and strong. He takes us places in the car and fixes things that break. He watches me and claps and says, 'Good, Johnny!'"

Taken from the May-June 1981 Faith Builder

Fun and Trivia

The Month of June

Juno is the ancient Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth. And the month of June is still a popular month for weddings today! As a natural extension of marriage, Juno was also the goddess of childbirth. Another interpretation of the origins of "June" says that the name came from the Latin *juvenis*, "young people," who were celebrated at this time.

June is Accordion Awareness Month. What type of instrument is an accordion?

It's a wind instrument.

What does the United States celebrate on June 14?

Flag Day

Why do we celebrate Juneteenth (June 19)?

It's also known as Emancipation Day. On June 19, 1865, the Emancipation Proclamation was read

aloud in Galveston, TX, liberating all the remaining enslaved people in the country.

How long does the sun remain above the horizon on the summer solstice for latitudes above the Arctic Circle?

24 hours

Midsummer Day is in June. What does it represent?

The midpoint of the growing season.

What fruit is celebrated in the month of June?

The papaya - it's international papaya month.

Dad Jokes

It just wouldn't be the month for Father's Day without a few "Dad Jokes."

Dad Joke - a wholesome joke of the type said to be told by fathers with a punchline that is often an obvious or predictable pun or play on words and usually judged to be endearingly corny or unfunny.

- What kind of birds stick together? Vel-crows!
- Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use honeycombs.
- Why did the bicycle fall over? It was two-tired.
- What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? An abdominal snowman.
- What do you call a group of unorganized cats? A cat-tastrophe.

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