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# Faith Builder

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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

*Faith Chapel*

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

## Scripture of the Month

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.  
Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life."

Psalm 143:8

## This Month

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Midweek Encounter

May 5 - Sunday Night Prayer

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.

May 6 - Food Distribution

May 10 - Kid's Glow Night

May 11 - Women's "Womanade" Event

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 20 - Food Distribution

May 17 - Legacy Builders Potluck

May 24 - The Midnight Hour

May 28 - Summer Camp Starts

May 31 - Men's Core Gathering

## Pastor's Perspective

Spiritual growth is not optional. There's simply far too much scripture and biblical examples supporting the growth of believers into maturity. The writers of Hebrews touch on this powerfully at the end of chapter 5.

Hebrews 5:11-14 NLT 11 There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. 12 You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

13 For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. 14 Solid food is for those who are mature who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

A full sponge can no longer serve its purpose, especially concerning the way we use sponges on a daily basis. If the goal was to hold water, then better to use a cup or bucket. The sponge soaks up the liquid and then is rung out in order to soak up again. It's a receiving and giving reality. Far too many people have been receiving, then coming to receive some more, then attending a group in order to receive some more AND MORE, AND MORE! Is there anything wrong with receiving much because you're hungry to grow? Absolutely not! However, I'd like to submit to you that growth happens best by receiving and giving. In other words, simply coming to church and hearing another message, going to another Bible study, attending another small group, reading another devotional is not necessarily the best way to go. Taking these wonderful things, we're learning and actually putting them into practice actually produces growth and maturity far more. So, I can sit at home on my couch all day watching videos and reading books about the human body and how to make it stronger. I can learn everything there is to know about muscles, diet, exercise, good habits and so on. But if I never get off the couch and put into practice what I'm learning, I'll never actually get any stronger or healthier. A day's



fast approaching Faith Chapel where the need for each family member to begin doing the things we've learned about in the scriptures, modelled particularly in the life of Jesus, will be a necessity. It's time to get off the couch and begin taking action. It'll take all of us. But if we all rise to the occasion and have a heart like Isaiah the prophet who said, "Here I am. Send me!" Then we will launch into the most exciting and powerful season of our lives. It's just on the other side of these bold moves we must make in order to see fruit beyond what we've ever seen before! Let's do this!

Pastor Josiah Elias

## Mother's Day

Mother's Day is the annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as their positive contributions to their families and society. It was established by Anna Jarvis, with the first official Mother's Day celebrated through a service of worship at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, on May 10, 1908. In the United States, Mother's Day complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Father's Day, Siblings Day and Grandparents Day.

## A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray you give each mom strength. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in you. Amen.

## Mother's Day Messages

### Writing in a Mother's Day Card

Hooray for all the moms in our lives—mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, foster moms, bonus moms, other-mothers, aunts, wives, sisters, friends, fellow moms, mentors, and women who love with a mother's heart. Chances are you know at least a few moms who deserve a shout-out on Mother's

Day. If you'd like some creative ideas for what to write in their Mother's Day cards checkout these messages and closing wishes from Hallmark writers. Whichever way you go, we hope our ideas help you honor and celebrate the amazing mothers in your life!

By Keely Chace on August 24

## What to write in a Mother's Day Card



Her love is big—but it's okay if your message isn't. Sometimes the truest things are the simplest things.

- ❖ You hold such a special place in my heart. I'm so thankful for you.
- ❖ I'm so proud to be your [son/daughter/child/kid].
- ❖ Right from the start, you supported me in everything. Thank you for being there with just the love I needed.
- ❖ Now that I'm grown, I don't just feel gratitude for you—I admire you.
- ❖ Raising me took a lot of patience. Thanks for hanging in there with me!
- ❖ Mama, you sacrificed so I could rise. I want you to know I see that.
- ❖ Sorry if I drove you crazy sometimes—but you know I only do that to people I love!
- ❖ Happy Mother's Day, Mama. Every day I'm thankful you're mine.
- ❖ You're my mom. You're my friend. You're everything to me.
- ❖ Mama, you often stood between me and the unfair stuff. Thank you for protecting my spirit.
- ❖ For all you do and all you are, we love you with all our hearts.
- ❖ As a [mom/mother-in-law/grandma]—you're the best, and we feel so blessed to have you!
- ❖ Mama, your love speaks to each of us in just the way we need.



- ❖ Thanks for putting up with us! We love you so very, very much.
- ❖ Thanks for making home the happiest place to be.
- ❖ Mom, you're the glue that holds us together.

### Happy Birthday Irene Elliot



On Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, during service, Irene Elliott was celebrated with a gift of flowers and a singing of “Happy Birthday” as she met the milestone of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. FC’s oldest congregante, Irene cleans her own house and until recently drove herself to church and the store. She loves the Lord and looks forward to her time in Heaven with Jesus.

### Legacy Builders May 17<sup>th</sup> Potluck

The Legacy Builders potluck on May 17<sup>th</sup> will start at 6:00pm and will be highlighted by Erick Aguilar presenting music and his personal testimony.

### FC Missions Giving



Did you know that Faith Chapel received an award for being the number one mission giving church to foreign missions in 2021?! Approximately \$350,000 was given to support missionaries in seventy-five countries around the world, not including our home

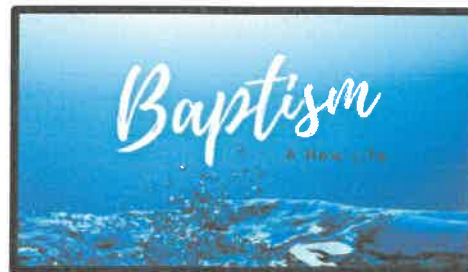
missionary work. Faith Chapel was again recognized for “extraordinary generosity” towards Missions in April 2024. Thank you for your generosity and support as we continue to spread the Gospel around the world!

### Vacation Bible School



The 2024 VBS will be held July 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Baptism



1 Peter 3:21 – “and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”

In Romans 6:3-4, the Apostle Paul puts the matter this way: Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Notice the strength of the expressions "baptized into Christ," "baptized into His death," and "buried with Him in baptism." Someone may suggest that the primary





reference here is to Spirit baptism. That's true, but at the very least, water baptism is in the background of this passage.

How important is your baptism? It is your personal identification with the greatest act of human history—the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Baptism doesn't save you—salvation comes by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). Your guilt before God is removed the moment you trust in Christ. But baptism is your personal testimony to, and the inward assurance of, your passage from the old life to the new life...

*There have been 46 baptisms in the last 3 months at Faith Chapel.*

If you would like to receive baptism, fill out the form on the Faith Chapel APP.

### Women's Womanade Ministry



Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am  
\$5.00 Registration on the FC App

Come and be part of a story close to my heart, where the journey of a simple tree mirrors our own experiences as women. Just like the lemon tree in my front yard, our lives often go through barren stretches, waiting for the right season to bear fruit. It's similar to Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." For years, that tree seemed dormant, a silent witness to our family's journey. Yet, when the time was right, it burst forth with abundance, reminding me of Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." My children's delight in sharing those lemons mirrors the joy we find in sharing our stories, our struggles, and our triumphs with others. In Matthew 5:16, we're encouraged to let our light shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. As women, we carry burdens and blessings unique to our journey. Whether as wives, mothers, sisters,

or friends, we often find ourselves navigating the tension of being in the world but not of it (John 17:14-16). It's in these shared experiences that we find solidarity and strength, as reflected in Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." So, I invite you to join us for the first Women's Event of 2024, where we'll gather not just as individuals, but as a community of sisters. Together, we'll unpack our stories of growth, resilience, and faith, knowing that just like that lemon tree, our lives are a testament to the beauty of perseverance and the promise of harvest.

Hauhna Hicks

### The Midnight Hour



On May 24th, there will be a Midnight Prayer Service. From approximately 8:00pm to 12 midnight, the Activity Center 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.

### Glow Night



Glow Night will be held on May 10th starting at 6pm. There is a \$5.00 registration fee. We hope you'll join us for an exciting evening of:

- A fun night of being made to glow.
- Games
- Food & Snacks
- Worship
- Encountering Jesus





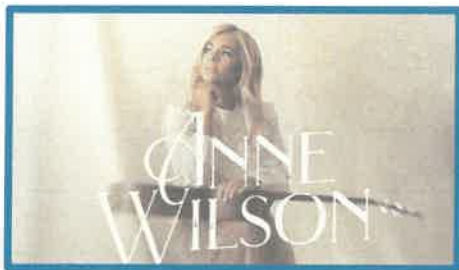
## Faith Chapel Summer Camp 2024



Registration is open at  
**FAITHCHAPELSD.COM.**

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. Register on the FC Website

### Anne Wilson



Anne Wilson, Christian singer and song writer, is coming back to Faith Chapel as part of her "Rebel Tour." The concert is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Tickets are now on sale through the Faith Chapel website.

### 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 Necochea in room C210.
- "The Gospel of John" - Growing and maturing in Christ as a community of

believers. Presented by Eric Madril in LL4.

- "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.

### Church Membership

Membership in the church is a very important part of belonging to Faith Chapel. 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 Newest Church Member  
Robin Bovee

### Small Groups

A small group turns a crowd into a community.  
Listed below are the small groups that are currently meeting in April.

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  
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.



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.

### April Paramount Message Points

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

March 31"

- "We are people of the wind - people of  
the Spirit."

April 7<sup>h</sup>

- "Let go of anything keeping you from  
grasping what He is handing."

April 14<sup>th</sup>

- "Be obedient."

April 21<sup>st</sup>

- "Sometimes a roadblock is a test of God  
to determine your will."
- "Don't underestimate the power of  
prayer for your friends."
- "Please know that Jesus knows what you  
need better than you do."

April 28<sup>h</sup>

- "I am the resurrection and the life. The  
one who believes in me will live, even  
though they die."

### Flash Back

Wow! I Got Saved

Wow I got saved! Isn't that great? All of a sudden,  
I found Jesus. All of a sudden, my foot! Jesus has  
been working on me for years. It's been a long,  
slow process. But praise the Lord, he is  
determined. Isn't hindsight wonderful? So many  
things that have happened to me, as far back as I  
can remember, now shine so clearly as beacons on  
the runway of Jesus airport, guiding me in for a  
Heavenly landing. With Jesus in the control  
tower, I can't miss. So many years I was  
determined to make it on my own. At least I  
thought I was "on my own." But Jesus was there,  
planting little seeds, waiting for them to take hold  
and sprout. But I was extremely proud and  
ridiculously stubborn. I didn't give those poor little  
seeds a decent chance. Did that stop Jesus? *No  
way!* When the troubles and problems I brought  
up upon myself became a deluge in my life, Jesus  
used those storms to pour needed rain down on  
those seeds. And sure enough they burst forth.  
Before I knew it... Wow! I got saved! Isn't that  
great? All of a sudden, I found Jesus!

By Carol Eli

From a 1978 Faith Builders newsletter.

### Ongoing Church Activities

- Karate: Every Tuesday & Thursday at  
6:30 pm in the Activity Center.
- Homeless outreach: Every Wednesday at  
4:00pm. Contact Joanne Northcutt for  
details.

### May Fun and Trivia

May used to have a very different name in Old  
English. Back then, the month was referred to as  
the "month of three milkings." Unsurprisingly,  
this meant that during this month, you could  
milk your cows up to three times per day!

May was once considered an incredibly ill-  
omened time to get married. There's an adage  
for it actually, which goes: "*Marry in May and  
you'll rue the day.*" It's not clear where exactly  
the saying comes from, but there must have been  
a pretty good reason not to get married in one of  
the most beautiful months of the year!

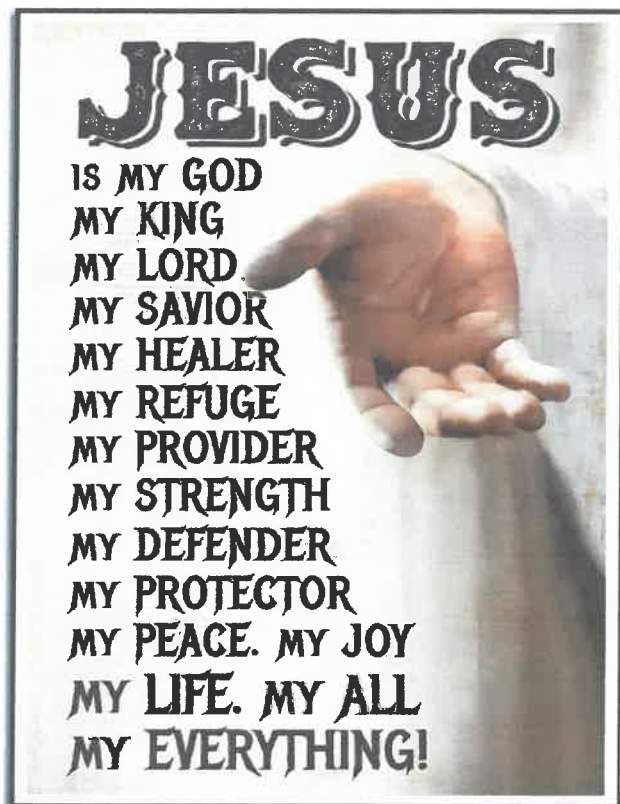


May isn't just a bad time to get married, though. There's the Cornish superstition that buying a new broom in May is unlucky. Oh, and apparently, you shouldn't wash any blankets either!

May is a special time for *Star Wars* fans worldwide and always a good reason to re-watch the movies. May the 4<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as Star Wars day, due to the way the date sounds similar to "*May the Force.*" So, **MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!**

The Empire State Building opened its doors on May 1, 1931. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world. Many other sky-high constructions have since dwarfed it, but it's still an awe-inspiring feature of the New York cityscape!

May has some pretty interesting month-long observances. In the U.K., May is National Pet Month and National Smile Month. In the US, May is National Burger Month, Older Americans Month, and National Military Appreciation Month.



## Final Thought



**Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.**

Isiah 40:31

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