

# Oct. 1, 2023 Faith Builders Issue

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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

**Sunday Mornings at Faith Chapel**  
**Connect Classes 8:30am                      Service 10:00am**

## Scripture of the Month

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,  
1 Peter 3:15

## This Month

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Prayer Night

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Legacy Builders Outing

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Message by Pastor Gabriel Beas at Faith Chapel 10:00am

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Message by Pastor Josiah at LDE Service 2:00pm

October 15<sup>th</sup> - Lugar de Encuentro (LDE) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Faith Chapel

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Legacy Builders Potluck

October 25<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Core Gathering

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Trunk or Treat

## Pastor’s Perspective

We’re establishing a new culture. God is moving in our midst in powerful ways week after week and we’re seeing a new normal built in the church. I’ve been getting bombarded with comments from different people all throughout Faith Chapel that are sensing what God is doing and they’re all in unison saying, “I’m ready for this! God is doing something, and I don’t want to miss anything He has for me.” This mentality blesses me so much because I know what it’s like to wave at a window of opportunity that passes me by and it’s excruciating. I don’t want that for anyone!

We see this played out Scripturally and it broke the heart of Christ. Luke tells us in, **Luke.19:40-42 As He approached Jerusalem and saw the city, He wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.**

Jesus wept over Jerusalem and rebuked the Jews for not knowing the day of their visitation. Because the Jews were undiscerning, they had eyes but could not see; ears, but did not hear; hearts, but did not understand; they failed to recognize and embrace the Messiah when He visited. The moment they'd all been praying for and waiting for had come and yet they missed it.

There was a price to be paid and a necessary alertness for when their moment of visitation came, and they weren't ready to see what was right in front of them. Can you imagine what this must have been like? It's cringy. I believe the Spirit of God is moving in our church in a unique way. Something is being established and already growing that we must be ready for. This is not a season for business as usual. It's not business as usual in our society nor in our church. God's up to something fresh and unique and we need His grace to be ready for the new thing He's doing in our midst.

Personally speaking, I've been able to recognize when God was doing something new in my life. Those moments were marked with an invitation from the Spirit of God to either step into the new thing God was doing or to miss it. I've done both. To my discredit, I've been selfish and stagnant in those moments, unwilling to change and missed new oil being poured out. I've also capitalized on the moment and seen God take me to new depths in His love for me and those new depths were met with new opportunities and adventures. What will you do? Take it from me, there's something fresh being poured out on Faith Chapel! There's a new wine coming, and we must be willing to embrace a new wineskin to contain what He's got for us.

Prepare your heart. Spend some time thinking about areas you've felt stuck in and ask God for His grace to help pull your feet out of the mud. Welcome the guidance of His Spirit in your life and family in a new way. Look around at the people here in the church and see if you can see the new things God's doing all around us. There are new things happening in several different capacities, do you see it? Perhaps get with your family, hold hands, and pray. Inviting the Spirit of God to take you further than you've ever been before. Together, we're embarking on a journey. May not one of us miss a great moment God has each of us in individually and corporately. Here we go.

May God bless you overwhelmingly!

## **New FC Kids Pastor**

Michel Espinoza has been hired as the new FC Kid's Pastor. He feels it is an honor and a privilege to serve Faith Chapel in this position. Michel has been serving here at Faith Chapel for a decade as a volunteer and has been involved with Kid's ministry for about 5 years. Michel writes: "I'm grateful to God for opening this door, and I'm super excited to see what God is going to do in HIS ministry."

**Michel Espinoza**

## **FC Kids Meeting**

On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a meeting for all our kids' ministry volunteers immediately following service in the Hospitality Suite. Anyone who is not currently volunteering but is interested in helping in kids' ministry is invited as well. Pastor Michel will share his heart for the ministry and cover some ideas that he plans to implement soon. He will also present some long-term goals for the future. Food will be served. And there will be prizes for some fortunate people. If anyone has any questions about the things discussed in the meeting or if YOU yourself, are interested in serving in the kid's ministry feel free to reach out to Michel. You may contact him in person, by phone, or email. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

## **New Young Adult's Pastor**

Tim Maxwell has been hired as FC's young adult's pastor. Tim has been working as our graphics designer for several months. Now, in addition to these duties, he will also lead our young adults' ministry along with his wife Maria. Tim states, "My wife Maria and I are excited to come on board here at Faith Chapel and serve our Young Adults. We have been serving in ministry for over 15 years and God has blessed us with many opportunities to sow into His Kingdom. We are kicking off Young Adults services on October 3rd. The services will be every Tuesday, at 7pm, and gathering in LL1. We will be focusing on growing together in our faith through worship, preaching, prayer, and fellowship. We invite you to join us and we look forward to meeting you! Here we go!"

**Tim Maxwell**

## **New Worship Pastors**

Erick and Alyssa Aguilar are taking the reigns as FC's Worship Pastors. "We are so honored and excited to lead Faith Chapel's Worship Department. A combination of trusting God and serving His church has led us to this exact point, and we couldn't be surer that God has called us to make Faith Chapel our home." In 2017, Alyssa accepted a youth ministry internship at Faith Chapel. She served in youth for two years and sang on the FC worship team. When Erick and Alyssa married, they made Lugar De Encuentro their home church as youth pastors. The relationship between FC and LDE quickly grew, and Erick began working very closely with Faith Chapel's worship, young adults, and youth teams. They both grew up primarily involved in worship teams and are thankful for the opportunity to take on the challenge of continuing to make worship an integral part of Faith Chapel's DNA. They firmly believe that worship is a gift to the brokenhearted, a weapon to the oppressed, a declaration of war against the enemy, a bold stance against apathetic Christianity, and a sweet aroma to our King but most of all, to be a weapon against the enemy. Worship is anywhere that speaks to us individually. We must simply listen and respond in adoration! Erick writes "We plan to focus on relationship-building within the worship department and very intentional, Spirit-led worship sets during our Sunday experiences! We are so excited for the future of Faith Chapel and so glad we get to be a small part of it." - Pastors Alyssa and Erick

Special thanks to Lamar and Yvette Key for their service as worship leaders leading up to Erick and Alyssa taking over.

**Erick & Alyssa Aguilar**

## **New Employee**

We are happy to introduce our newest employee to the Facilities Department. Mr. Robert Tisnado has joined the FC family as the new Facilities Director. Robert is a man of strong faith and comes to us with an extensive background in facilities management, knowledge of mechanical equipment and recognizing needs of a facility. Robert is married and has three sons.

**Robert Tisnado**

## **Invitation to Prayer Night**

October's prayer night will be held on Sunday the 1st. At 5:30pm we will continue to watch the Jim Cymbala video regarding prayer followed by congregational prayer at 6:00. Our attendance in September more than doubled and we look forward to even more attendance in October.

*Three benefits of a praying church.*

- 1. Praying together invites the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.*
- 2. Praying together increases the faith of a congregation to believe God for the miraculous.*
- 3. Praying together moves people from seeking their own purposes to desiring God's purposes.*

If we want to see God's blessing in our church, if we want to see Jesus' transforming power, the dynamic ministry of the Holy Spirit in our midst, then we need to pray together. As we pray together as a congregation, God will begin to "show up" more and more.

***Therefore, please accept this article as a personal invitation to attend Sunday night prayer and watch the Lord work in Faith Chapel.***

## **Lugar de Encuentro 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Lugar de Encuentro Church celebrates their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup>. In the beginning, Pastor Jose Gabriel Beas, his wife Anna and four children were the only official members. Among the attendance that first day were family, friends, visitors, and children who numbered approximately forty people. That same day Pastor Beas introduced the "Vision" and the name, "Lugar de Encuentro" which means place of encounter. The first meetings of LDE were held at a place located on Broadway Avenue in Lemon Grove. They were in this location for about 2 years. The congregation grew and multiplied and in November of 2005, believing God they moved to 9617 Campo Road in Spring Valley. At the end of 2012, seeing the need for a bigger place with more parking, they began praying for direction. Again, God opened doors, and in the first part of September 2023, LDE arrived at Faith Chapel. Pastor Beas remembers God telling him: "Yes, Faith Chapel will be a blessing to you, and you (LDE) will be a blessing to them as well." Pastor Beas recognizes that God has always supported the work at Lugar de Encuentro and proves it repeatedly. Pastor Beas writes "This month of October 2023, marks 10 years of being here with our amazing family of Faith Chapel, and 20 years of having founded

Lugar de Encuentro. Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude to our God Almighty and to our dear Faith Chapel family. Jehovah Jireh is with us every step of the way and we are profoundly thankful.”

LDE’s Vision – A church with Christ Jesus! In an atmosphere of love, unity, and conversions; projected to a faithful stewardship and an effective leadership for the kingdom of God.

LDE’s Mission – To see lives transformed.

LDE’s Values –

- The center of everything is Jesus – it’s about Him.
- We are family – it’s about everyone.
- We follow Jesus – it’s about growing.
- Heart of service – it’s not about me.
- Intentional excellence – it’s about giving our best.
- A positive influence – it’s about making a difference.
- The church is the hope – it’s about the Kingdom.

## **Glow Wild Night Recap**

Faith Chapel’s Kid’s Ministry Annual Glow Party, was held Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. The evening was filled with games, prizes, and food. Over 40 people attended and were blessed by worship and the preaching of the Gospel. This was a safe and fun night for the kids while getting closer and growing in Jesus Christ.

## **CAPS Pregnancy Clinics** **Walk for Life**

Walk with CAPS on Sunday, October 22nd at Liberty Station! 2875 Dewey Rd. San Diego, 92106. Meet at 4pm at Bldg 177 for the kick-off and opening prayer. Prayer points and a walk route through the adjacent park will be provided. Meet back at Bldg 177 for a light dinner and festivities at 5pm. Register at [www.capswalk.org](http://www.capswalk.org) for this free event & let us know you are participating to help us plan for food and send you a quick reminder before the Walk. *This year we are raising funds for a new ultrasound machine and ultrasound services through our Walk for Life. This new machine will go to our brand new La Jolla Area clinic scheduled to open in January of 2024!* Ultrasound makes all the difference, along with your prayers, when a woman chooses life for her baby. Recently, we had Lauren (not her real name) come to CAPS for an appointment and chose life after seeing the heartbeat of her baby on the ultrasound monitor. She literally had an appointment scheduled for an abortion later that day and changed her mind! We will be helping her with resources and support through the rest of her pregnancy and beyond.

Help CAPS raise \$30,000 toward the costs of ultrasound equipment and services by visiting:

[jsgiving.com/campaign/capswalk2023](http://jsgiving.com/campaign/capswalk2023)

You will be provided with tools to create a personal walk fundraising page that you can send to friends to ask for support or simply make a donation. To learn more about this great event visit [www.friendsofcaps.org/walk](http://www.friendsofcaps.org/walk). We at CAPS thank you for your support!

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Faith Chapel. There will be candy, jumpers, food, music, games, and a ton more fun. We are shooting to have 60 cars or trucks ready to hand out the goodies to all the visitors. So, sign up and decorate your vehicles.

## **Legacy Builders Outing**

Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> Legacy Builders will be heading to Julian for a one-hour tour of the Eagle & High Peak Gold Mines. Transportation vehicles will be leaving the church at 9:00am. After the tour, lunch will be “on your own” in Julian. After lunch the group will head to Dudley’s and the Julian Pie Shop. The adventurers will then be transported back to Faith Chapel arriving at 4:00pm.

## **Volunteer Recognition Night Recap**

### **Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>**

A special night of appreciation was held for all the volunteers that make things happen at FC and making FC such a wonderful place to worship and seek the Lord. The luau themed event was replete with amazing food, entertainment, and fellowship. Mary Dinnen performed a fire dance, Bill and Judy Lorenz dazzled the crowd by executing the Wheelbarrow of Death, and Ed Jarrell tried to set the place on fire juggling torches, spinning batons, and playing fire catch with Pastor Josiah. And no luau would have been complete without the music and the hula. The Hawaii trivia game found Gary Simpson’s table to be the big winners as he was quick with the answer of “yellow” to the playoff tie breaker question; What color variety of hibiscus is the state flower of Hawaii? A very special presentation was made to Bertha Haffey for her years of tireless work with Meet the Need and assisting those who need support and a helping hand.

### **Volunteer Luau Moments**

## **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. Church membership is a statement of solidarity and like-mindedness (see Philippians 2:2). Church membership is also valuable for organizational purposes. It determines who is allowed to vote on important church decisions and who is eligible for official church positions. 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.

### **Faith Chapel’s Newest Members**

Therkeel Ewell, Michael Riorden, Sonia Reyes-Casiano & Rosemarie Cole

## **Emergency Drill Recap**

An emergency evacuation drill was conducted during our September 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service. Knowing what to do, how to respond and follow the direction of the safety team during an emergency is an important part of preparing for the safety of our attendees. Here are a few observations from the drill.

- Please wait for instructions before leaving the building. If you exit in the wrong direction, you could put yourself and others in danger.
- Go directly to the safe zone as instructed.
- Do not use the restroom or go to your vehicle. Your vehicle could obstruct first responders arriving on scene.
- Do not attempt to find your children. They are evacuated to a safe zone and once the “all clear” announcement is given you may retrieve them then.

Overall, everyone did a great job and were very cooperative. A big thank you to everyone who participated in our Emergency Evacuation Drill.

## **Flash Back**

The following poems were written by Clayton H. Tibbett and published in the September issue of the “Faith Builder” in 1978.

### **God’s Stain Remover**

Speaking of stains and things like that  
We gather as we go along...  
Our robes are showing up tattle-tale gray,  
And we feel that we don’t belong.  
Praise God for His blood to make us clean -  
As white as the drifted snow.  
It’s free to us who are born again,  
Too bad the rest don’t know.

### **Lord, Help Me**

Oh, give me patience, Lord above,  
so I can face each day,  
To face the task before me and never turn away;  
I know the Spirit’s willing  
and I know the flesh is weak,  
But with your strong and steady hand,  
the truth I will but seek.  
I also ask that I can be a help to everyone.  
Lord, help me do my daily best  
until the job is done.

## **Connect Classes**

A new connect class “Heros of the Bible” will be taught by Clay and Cheri Ford beginning October 8<sup>th</sup> in room C215 from 8:30am to 9:30am. Both men and women heroes like Joseph, Deborah, Paul, Abigail, David, Ester, and others will have their stories told. The class will delve into how their lives can inspire us, their character qualities and how we can appropriate them into our lives.

The purpose of a connect class is to provide a variety of scripture-based lessons to enhance the spiritual journey of those who attend. Classes begin each Sunday at 8:30am and end at 9:30am. Below are the scheduled classes currently meeting in 2023.

- “The Epistles of Peter, John and Jude” - 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 Exodus.” Presented by Rose Necoechea in room C210.
- In Christ’s Image Training

Training to be Christlike. Led by Dave Kiplinger in room C214

- “The Book of Matthew” presented by Marsha Streiker each Sunday from 12:00pm to 1:30pm in room C214.

## **Small Groups**

Listed below are the small groups that are currently meeting.

Linda Wise – Women’s Bible Study  
Studying the Book of Hebrews  
Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Ruby Room

Walt Harrison – Sermon Based Discussion  
Legacy Builders  
Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Choir Suite

The Book of Galatians  
Thursdays at 7:00pm in the home of  
Izzy and Jennifer Segura

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.

**A small group turns a crowd into a community.**

## **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.

## **Benefits of Reading the Bible**

One of the benefits of reading the Bible is that it can help us to understand God's will for our lives. It can also provide guidance and wisdom when we are making decisions. Additionally, reading the Bible helps us to grow in our relationship with God. It can also give us hope and encouragement when we are going through difficult times. When you read the Bible, you are actively engaging with the written holy word of God himself. How cool is it that we can learn about the world directly from the creator himself? We can gain insight and wisdom that we can carry with us for the rest of our lives. When we dedicate time to read the Bible, we are directly changing the course of our lives and aligning ourselves to the will of God.

## **Fun and Trivia**

Did you know that:

- Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible.
- Psalm 117, before Psalm 118 is the shortest chapter in the Bible.
- Psalm 119, after Psalm 118 is the longest chapter in the Bible.
- The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118.
- If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters.
- 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible.
- Should the central verse not have an important message? "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." Psalm 118:8

## **The Month of October**

Oct. 4 - International Ships-in-Bottles Day

Oct. 6 - National Noodle Day

Oct. 12 - National Fossil Day

Oct. 24-Nov. 11 - World Origami Days

Oct. 28 - Frankenstein Friday

## **Give It a Caption**

Beginning this month, and each month here after (maybe), there will be a photo of something that you the readers can provide a caption to. Each month send in your captions to [ejarrell@faithchapelsd.com](mailto:ejarrell@faithchapelsd.com) and the top three captions will be published in the next month's newsletter. The captions can be serious, humorous or a guess as to what the object in the photo is. Here is October's photo.

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