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Faith Builder

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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

Scripture of the Month

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”
Matthew 28:19

Missions Month

The month of February has been designated as Missions Month. Faith Chapel has a long history of supporting missionaries around the world. Missionaries have been working to make the world a better place and spread the Gospel for thousands of years, since the time Jesus gained his disciples. Missionaries uplift communities and offer their God-given talents to those they serve, all the while bringing people closer to God. They strive to meet peoples' physical, emotional and spiritual needs in their service. They use their abilities to take on the duties of teachers, nurses, architects, builders, and many other roles. Missionaries complete a wide range of tasks as they teach communities the Gospel. In 2022 over 75 missionaries received financial support from the generous donations provided by our congregation. Faith Chapel was the largest giving church in the District in 2022. Each Sunday in February, missionaries to Nicaragua, Portugal, Latin America and Thailand will present information about their work and experiences in the mission field. After service you can meet and talk with our speakers and find out more about their work and what they are accomplishing. The congregation will be given an opportunity to make a pledge toward giving to our mission's program. With pledges that go beyond tithing and offerings we can serve even more missionaries around the world. We are so thankful to those who currently give and look forward to new and continued pledges as we move through 2023.

FAITH Promise GIVING

As God enables me, I will help take the message of Jesus into all the world by giving through the missions program of my local church.

Weekly Faith Promise \$ _____ Monthly Faith Promise \$ _____

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Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Signature _____

Thank You for Giving! **AGWM**
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FAITH Promise GIVING

Have made a Faith Promise to give as God enables me.

\$ _____ Week per Month

through the missions program of my local church.
(Detach and keep as a Bible marker.)

Missionary Highlight of the Month

Each month we will highlight one of the missionaries we support. Their work throughout the world is an important part of who we are and the help and spiritual revelation they bring to others. This month we are highlighting the Hernandez family who are missionaries to Nicaragua and have called Faith Chapel their home for many years.



The Hernandez family are helping to build a new generation for Jesus Christ in Nicaragua. They work with 23 schools, including a school for the deaf. They work with over 6,000 children helping to bring about change in the lives of these kids, young people, and their families. They serve as

the country coordinators for Child Hope Nicaragua, transforming children by means of a relationship with Jesus Christ through a quality education and other ministries of compassion. Working as mentors, they work with pastors, school directors, and teachers as well. Levys and Bonnie have been working in Nicaragua for 20 years together. They also oversee a clinic in the rural mountains of Nicaragua. Levys and Bonnie have been married since 2003 and they love serving God together and are excited for all God has for them in the future. They have two daughters, Ashley and Alyssa. Ashley is doing online school this year in 8th grade. Their oldest, Alyssa, is in her first year of College in Texas at Southern Southwestern Assemblies of God.

John and Rhonda Barnett

John and Rhonda Barnett held stewardship over Faith Chapel missions for fourteen years - 2 years working remotely from their new place of residence in Emmett Idaho. Rhonda relates: "It has been a joy, and sometimes a struggle, but overall, I am so thankful for the experience. John and I remember listening to Pastor George Gregg speak so passionately about missions and the part Faith Chapel played in the world Christian movement. Our interest in missions began then and was fueled by our annual "Operation Turkey" trips building Homes of Hope in Baja with YWAM, mission trips to Nicaragua, Columbia, and India. This stewardship role opened our eyes to see that missions was much more than taking trips out of the country. We have passed the baton to Tim Dresselhaus which will give us more time to serve at our new church and more time to serve with Medical Ambassadors International, with whom we have been a part since 2016. This organization supports indigenous missionaries in developing countries through CHE (Community Health Evangelism). Our Faith Chapel family will always be "family" to us. We will continue to pray for you and the missionaries you support. We will also pray that you find a way to get involved and offer your support to Tim in his new role as the Missions Liaison. The strong mission's legacy will continue at Faith Chapel with more laborers." "Then He said to His disciples, the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray

the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." We want to thank John and Rhonda for all they have done in serving as the leaders of Faith Chapel's missions. May the Lord richly bless them as they continue to serve.

Interim Missions Leader

As John and Rhonda have stepped down from the leadership role with missions, it is with great pleasure that we announce our new interim director, Tim Dresselhaus. Tim feels privileged to provide interim assistance to Faith Chapel's board and elders in this area. Tim is an excellent choice with his prior experiences on national and local missions' boards. He believes "we can contribute by *praying* for specific missionaries. All of us can contribute by *giving* to help send missionaries. And perhaps one or several of us may obey the call by *going*, heeding Jesus' call to give one's life to missionary service in another culture, in another place."

Faith Chapel's Homeless Ministry

Joanne Northcutt has been leading Faith Chapel's homeless ministry for about a year and a half. She thanks Jesus for His blessings on this ministry. She began by just driving around handing out snacks and praying for God to show her who He wanted to be served. Today the ministry serves between fifteen and eighteen people each Wednesday and seven to twelve on Sunday. The Wednesday night crew drives around handing out sack lunches, sharing resources, and inviting those met to come on Sunday for additional help and caring. Many Sunday guests are shuttled to Faith Chapel where they can receive clothes at "Meet the Need." They can then enjoy a nice hot shower in the Activity Center where they are supplied with toiletries and a towel. Each guest is provided a meal, hot and ready, when they have finished showering. Breakfast is a time of getting to know them and talk about resources that are available to them in meeting their needs. Our guests are encouraged to attend the 10:00am service. We are blessed to have over 20 faithful church family who cook breakfast, bake cookies, make sandwiches', donate home grown fruit, donate new clothing and

socks, and provide monetary donations. And, as always, there is plenty of prayer for all.

CAPS Pregnancy Clinics

Last month Faith Chapel was blessed with a presentation from Janelle Moreno and Laurie Wright of CAPS Pregnancy Clinics. Laurie's testimony makes an inciteful impact on anyone who hears her story. The loose change offering CAPS received during the service amounted to \$912. Janelle would like people to know that "one of the most impactful things we can do to help women and couples in the middle of an unplanned pregnancy is to empower them with real information and real services. They need loving reassurance and practical help while it seems mostly the wrong time to have a baby. Through our free services, they are reminded that they are strong and that there is help in their own community. CAPS operates 4 clinic locations, and a 5th clinic is opening later this year! With life-affirming counsel, resources and ultrasound, the vast majority of our patients make a decision for life! Seeing the baby's heartbeat is a game changer. Behind the scenes, CAPS offers critical prayer at critical moments. We have seen prayer change hearts and minds. We send out urgent text alerts to our 200+ prayer team members, asking for prayer when patients are considering abortion. Imagine over 200 people stopping to pray for you all at once! Go to friendsofcaps.org/get-connected to sign up for prayer, to volunteer and other valuable CAPS communications."

"Everyone was very nice and helpful. They made me feel like I wasn't alone, and I would refer my friends here." College Area Clinic Patient

Feeding San Diego and Meet the Need

"We know that we cannot minister to the greater spiritual need of an individual if the present physical need is not met." Faith Chapel hosts food distributions every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 10:00am in the upper West parking lot. We are

in partnership with "Feeding San Diego" hoping to provide greater impact to the community. Feeding San Diego's distribution model focuses on capturing high-quality food before it goes to waste and partnering with community organizations to get it to those who need it most. Faith Chapel's "Meet the Need" ministry, led by Bertha Haffey and Susan Cohen, endeavor to meet both the physical and spiritual need of those who come looking for help and is open to the community during the food distribution. We also have a boutique open allowing people to "shop" during these distribution times. Everything in the boutique is **FREE** and available to any guests in attendance. Guests can find everything from clothes to household furnishings, kitchenware, toys etc. Through our efforts and by partnering with other local ministries and organizations thousands of these items and countless pounds of food have found their way into homes here in San Diego, Mexico, and different states, where we discovered needs and have found avenues to meet them.

Church Membership

Membership in the church is a very important part of belonging to Faith Chapel. Church membership is not required of Christians. 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 contact one of the church elders or inquire at the church administrative office.

New Members

Faith Chapel's Newest Members
Joel & Sarah Munoz

Connect Classes

Reminder, if you are looking for a Bible class, Connect Classes are held each Sunday at 8:30am and end at 9:30am. Below are the classes that are currently underway.

- "Expedition" - A 10-week journey through the Bible offers a panoramic view

of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Presented by Dr. Timothy Dresselhaus in the Hospitality Suite.

- “The Epistles of Peter, John and Jude” - Growing and maturing in Christ as a community of believers. Presented by Eric Madril in LL4.
- “The Holy Spirit in Our Lives” - Who is the Holy Spirit, what does He do, and how does He enhance our lives? Presented by Ed Jarrell in room C215.
- “A Blessed Life” - A six-week series based on Pastor Robert Morris’ bestselling book, “The Blessed Life: Unlocking the Rewards of Generous Living” Presented by Richard Dinnen in the administration office conference room.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to serve and use your Spiritual Gifts here at Faith Chapel. We currently need help in the nursery and children’s ministry, ushering, greeting, worship, production and media, special projects and hospitality. These 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.

Valentines Day

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14th. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a Christian martyr named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world. There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of

his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another tradition posts that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country.

Impact Day

Wednesday February 1st students and staff of San Diego Christian College jumped in to help with a number of projects around faith Chapel. The group spent 3 hours painting, collecting trash, and removing piles of unneeded and unwanted materials from the upper back parking lot, and repairing pathways leading to the lower-level areas. This event was a huge success, and we offer our thanks to SDCC for what was accomplished.

Fun Fact

As of 2019, the full Bible has been translated into 698 different languages and just the New Testament into 1,548 languages! The Bible is the number 1 seller of books, estimated at 100 million Bibles sold yearly. It is also the most stolen book.

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