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A Faith Chapel Newsletter

Faith Chapel

Mission – “Culture Like Christ” + Vision – “Jesus.”

Scripture of the Month

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.”

Psalm 27:14

This Month +

February 2, 9, 16, & 23 – Sunday Service
February 2 – Brick-by-Brick Campaign Pledge
February 3 & 17 – Food Distribution
February 3, 10, 17 & 24 – Synergy Groups 6:30pm
February 7 & 8 – Power & Love Conference
February 5, 12, 19, & 26 - Midweek Encounter
February 15 - Galentine Women’s Potluck and
Games 11:00 AM–3:00 PM
February 21 – Midnight Hour
February 22 – Legacy Builders Potluck
February 23 – Annual Business Meeting
February 23 – Baptism, Communion
February 23 – “Heart for the House”
February 28 – Men’s Core 6:00pm
March 1 – The Send

Pastor’s Perspective

Greetings once again! As we step forward in faith this year, I’m reminded of a simple but powerful truth. Everything we do flows from who we are in Christ. How we give, how we serve, how we pray, how we worship — these aren’t just actions we perform, they are the natural outpouring of our identity in Him. As we continue to grow as a church, we have an incredible opportunity to steward what God has entrusted to us in a way that reflects His heart. This is why I’m so excited about our Brick-by-Brick Campaign which officially launches on February 2nd, 2025. This isn’t just about renovating a building but more about preparing a place for ministry to flourish. Our Activity Center has been a hub of connection, discipleship, and outreach. We believe it’s time to take the next step in making this room

completely service-ready. This is a tangible expression of our commitment to God’s mission for us, a way of saying, “Lord we are ready for all that You have next.” Throughout Scripture, we see God’s people building altars, tabernacles, and temples not just as structures, but as places where His presence could dwell, and His people could gather. Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem brick by brick because he knew

the restoration of the city was part of God's greater plan. In the same way, we're not just laying down materials; we're laying a foundation for the Kingdom work that will happen within those walls. But before we build with our hands, we must build with our hearts. This campaign isn't just about raising funds it's about raising faith. It's about rediscovering who we are in Christ and allowing that revelation to propel us into action. When we give, we don't give out of obligation, but we give because generosity is part of our DNA. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 Paul told the Corinthian church, "[So let] each one [give] as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." When we serve, it's not out of duty it's because Jesus first served us. When we worship, it's not routine it's because we've encountered the living God. As we move forward, let's ask God to reveal more purely who we are in Him. Let's allow that revelation to shape how we step into this season, not just in this campaign, but in every part of our lives. Brick by brick, heart by heart, we are building something that will impact generations to come. I believe God is leading us into something greater, and it starts with our willingness to steward well what He has placed in our hands. Let's build together not just a building, but a place where lives will be changed, where worship will rise, where people will encounter Jesus and forever have their lives transformed.

Pastor Josiah Elias

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is celebrated every February 14 as couples across the globe honor their spouses, partners and sweethearts. Hundreds of years of traditions and customs have made it into the holiday that we observe today. Each year people exchange cards, candy or flowers with their special "valentine." St. Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia. Christian settlers brought the holiday with them to the New World, where it became one of the most popular holidays during the Victorian era. In the 1900s, people began giving one another Valentine's Day cards—and Hallmark began offering them in 1913. The tradition grew from there, and today Hallmark estimates 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.

How 'X' Came to Mean 'Kiss'

The idea of using a kiss to sign off on valentines also has a long history, according to the *Washington Post*. The use of "X" came to represent Christianity, or the cross, in the Middle Ages. During the same time, the symbol was used to sign off on documents. After marking with an X, the writer would often kiss the mark as a sign of their oath. As the gesture grew among kings and commoners to certify books, letters and paperwork, these records were described as having been "sealed with a kiss." On Valentine's Day, when thinking of "love" remember the most faithful and true love there is -the love of God. He displays His love to us in so many ways every day and especially in answering our prayers and meeting our needs.

Small Groups Bible Study

Judy Lorenz

Women's Bible Study

"The Daniel Prayer" (Anne Graham Lotz)

Thursdays at 9:30am in her home.

Contact Judy at 619-987-0394 if Interested

Linda Wise

Women's Bible Study

Studying the book of Exodus in the Ruby room.

Tuesdays at 9:30am

Jon Cohen – Core Men

Studying the book of Leviticus

Wednesday Room C-214 5:30 – 6:30
Bill Lorenz– Core Men
“Carry the Flame”
By Jim Cymbala
Wednesdays 6:00pm in Room C-211

Erick Madril
Studying the Book of Acts
Sundays 8:30 in Room LL4

Foundations
Establishing Kingdom Truths
Sunday at 8:30am in room C-214

Marsha Stricker
Studying Ephesians & Philippians
Sunday at 12:15pm in the Ruby room.

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

Jason Baltzey – Core Men
Studying “Unshakable Hope” by Max Lucado
Tuesday nights at 7:00pm on Zoom

George Elias in Home
Studying Spirit-led topics. Thursday at 7:00pm

FC KIDS

Sunday Service 10:00 am
Midweek Encounter
6:30 pm

FC YOUTH

Wednesdays 6:30 pm

FC YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesdays 7:00pm
Small Groups
Thursdays bi-weekly 7:00pm

FC’s Newest Employees

Britnee Beilstein

Creative Marketing Coordinator

Britnee attended UCLA majoring in dance and minoring in film, television and digital media. She rededicated her life to Jesus in 2022 and after working as an event planner she quit to pursue full time ministry and came to work at Faith Chapel in 2023. Her passion is everything creative, from film,

photography, poetry, painting, singing, dancing, design, and creative writing. Britnee says, “I am madly in love with Jesus and can’t wait to abide with Him for the rest of my life.”

Britnee Beilstein

Israel Segura Facilities Manager

Israel (Izzy) is excited to be joining Faith Chapel as our new Facilities Manager. He has been attending Faith Chapel for over 10 years, and during that time, he states “I have had the privilege of serving in multiple ministries. I’m still actively involved in several of them, and it’s been such a blessing to grow and serve alongside all of you. Now, I’m thrilled to be stepping into this new role to help support the church in a different capacity.”

Israel Segura

Events and Happenings

Legacy Builder’s Outing
Mission San Diego de Alcala Tour & Old Town
Friday February 14: 10am-5pm
Sign up at the information Booth

The church is invited to attend the annual business meeting on Sunday February 23rd. A review of the past year includes a financial report, reports from pastors and department heads, an Elders report, ratification of the Elders and voting for new FC board members and more. Everyone is encouraged to attend but only those who have membership in the church may be involved in voting. So, please plan to attend this important part of Faith Chapel.

February 7th & 8th

The Power and Love conference is a two-day equipping and training event hosted by Lifestyle Christianity in cities across America for believers of all ages and backgrounds. Each training is composed of worship and teaching and includes four outreaches where attendees become the hands and feet of Jesus and share the gospel everywhere they go! People are saved, healed, and delivered in public spaces! Lives are forever changed when they discover the God-designed adventure of living fully dependent on the Holy Spirit! Register on the FC APP.

“The Send” comes to Faith Chapel on March 1st.

THE SEND exists to gather and mobilize a generation into their missional calling. There are 3.1 billion people who have never heard the name of Jesus, 1,000s of high schools and 100s of universities with no organized expression of Jesus, 100,000 American children with no family and a generation that is losing their

faith. Action can be our only response. Register on the FC APP.

Women's Ministry

Happy New Year! We are thrilled to share the Faith Chapel Women's Ministry 2025 direction with you. Our hope is that this will help you plan and prioritize as we grow together in faith, connection, and community this year. This year, our ministry is dedicated to:

- Cultivating a servant's heart.
- Understanding and walking out discipleship.
- Building, nurturing, community, and connection.
- Prioritizing spiritual and personal growth.

Our women's ministry is not about attending events, it's about hungry hearts seeking the Lord together and growing side by side in sisterhood. If you feel called to leadership or simply want to engage more deeply, we'd love to hear from you. The leadership group will soon begin meeting every other Tuesday evening to strengthen the foundation of this ministry.

Galentine Women's Potluck & Games
Feb 15, 2025, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Faith Academy High School

As we continue to pursue God's calling to impact our community for his glory Faith Chapel is preparing to launch the Faith Academy High School. This endeavor represents months of diligent research prayer and planning and a culmination of our commitment to seeing our mission and vision come to life in the realm of Christian education. Starting a Christian School is a decision deeply rooted in our desire to cultivate the next generation for Christ. Faith Academy High School is not just an ambitious vision but a well-researched plan to educate students academically, spiritually, and emotionally in a way that glorifies God. Launching this high school will strengthen Faith Chapel's presence in the community providing families with a Christ centered academically rigorous option for education. This initiative aligns with our broader ministry goals, equipping students to excel academically and spiritually while glorifying God. The school is expected to open in the fall of this year.

Flash Back

Faith Chapel Outgives Goal

“All of us at South Coast Christian Assembly are overwhelmed with God's faithfulness and blessings. We are excited about what He has in store for us in the future. Our prayer is that we can touch our community in the same measure as Faith Chapel has San Diego.” This message from pastor Darrell Ward was in a letter to pastor Greg after receiving the \$36,000 missions' gift from Faith Chapel given on December 30th-the special 5th Dimension Missions Day. An additional \$600 topped the fantastic day of giving and was sent to the Ward family as a personal gift. Pastor Ward went on to say that the gift “was much more than we ever anticipated or hoped for; may God bless you for your ‘great faith’ and forgive us for our ‘little faith’.” Once again Faith Chapelites showed their love by exceeding the \$25,000 goal. Appreciation is extended to everyone who gave.

January Paramount Points

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

- Jan. 5 – “He’s extended an invitation, but it’s yours to receive or deny.”
- Jan. 12 – “It’s an error to walk through doors he hasn’t opened. It’s equally n error not to walk through doors He is opening.”
- Jan. 19. - “Stay in process”
- Jan. 26 – “Out of a place of harmony with Jesus and recognition of who He is, we’re accomplishing His will on the earth with the keys of authority He gave us.”

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.

Faith Builders Past Newsletters

Did you know that you can now view past Faith Builders Newsletters on the FC Website? Just select the “Faith Builder Newsletter” option from the “About Us” pull down menu on the website. Then choose the month you would like to view and download the copy of the newsletter. The newsletter is not just an information letter but also a history of what happens at Faith Chapel.

God’s Creations

February Facts

So why is the most widely used calendar in the world so inconsistent in the lengths of its months? And why is February stuck with the fewest number of days? Blame it on Roman superstition.

The Gregorian calendar’s oldest ancestor, the first Roman calendar, had a glaring difference in structure from its later variants: it consisted of 10 months rather than 12. In order to fully sync the calendar with the lunar year, the Roman king Numa Pompilius added January and February to the original 10 months. The previous calendar had 6 months of 30 days and 4 months of 31, for a total of 304 days. However, Numa wanted to avoid having even numbers in his calendar, as Roman superstition at the time held that even numbers were unlucky. He subtracted a day from each of the 30-day months to make them 29. The lunar year consists of 355 days (354.367 to be exact but calling it 354 would have made the whole year unlucky!), which meant that he now had 56 days left to work with. In the end, at least 1 month out of the 12 needed to contain an even number of days. This is because of simple mathematical fact: the sum of any even amount (12 months) of odd numbers will always equal an even number—and he wanted the total to be odd. So, Numa chose February, a month that would be host to Roman rituals honoring the dead, as the unlucky month to consist of 28 days. Despite changes in the calendar as it was altered after Numa’s additions—alterations that include the shortening of February at certain intervals, the addition of a leap month, and eventually the modern leap day—February’s 28-day length has stuck.

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