

# Feb. 1, 2024 Faith Builders Issue #14

A Faith Chapel Newsletter

*Faith Chapel*

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

## Sunday Mornings at Faith Chapel

Connect Classes 8:30am

Service 10:00am

## Scripture of the Month

"As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.  
For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."  
2 Corinthians 4:18

### This Month

February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Groundhog's Day  
February 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Night Prayer 6:00pm  
February 5<sup>th</sup> - Food Distribution  
February 6<sup>th</sup> - Legacy Builders to Cabrillo  
National Monument & Liberty Station  
February 7, 14, 21, 28 - Midweek Encounter  
February 11<sup>th</sup> - Foundations Class Begins  
February 14<sup>th</sup> **Valentines Day**  
February 16<sup>th</sup> - Legacy Builders Potluck  
February 17<sup>th</sup> - Quarterly Work Party  
February 18<sup>th</sup> - Outreach Team Interest Meeting  
February 19<sup>th</sup> - Food Distribution  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> - Men's Core Gathering  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - Annual Business Meeting 6:00pm

### Pastor's Perspective

There appears to be a common theme the Lord is speaking to our church as of late. It has to do with prioritizing Him above all else. This is a word from the Lord that I'm personally having to pray into and make adjustments for. It's easy to get stuck in a routine way of doing things and get comfy. Boy, do we love our comforts! Comfort food, warm drinks, cozy couches, fluffy blankets, entertaining shows are all pitfalls luring us to snuggle up and relax. Everything I just described sounds like the perfect evening to me if I'm being honest! I live a fast-paced life and we're always running to another event, birthday party, outdoor

activity, or something similar. So, when I feel God calling me to prioritize what He's doing in our midst and begin making lifestyle adjustments to be a leader in an environment God is breaking into, challenges me and my family. We're all in this together. There's nothing wrong with desiring those things. The question at hand is do I desire Him more than those things? When our church as a whole, is in one accord, and chooses to pursue God above all else, something corporately beautiful begins to happen. Breakthroughs manifest concerning things that we've been longing for. His presence begins to show up in response to our faith in powerful new ways. Hunger displayed, is choosing Him over choosing ourselves. There's a fresh, satisfying hunger only found in Him that we can't get anywhere else. Rest assured Faith Chapel, He's doing something new in our church. I want to honor the vast majority of those who call Faith Chapel their home for prioritizing Him above all else. I see it in how you chase after the Lord when we gather for services. I see it in the attendance of our prayer meetings. I see the expectation rising in the conversations I'm having. I see small groups growing and new classes expanding. More testimonies are coming in than ever before. **GOD IS MOVING IN OUR MIDST!** Don't miss Him. Stay vigilant and passionately pursue the One who has fully consumed your heart. There is a grace now to pursue Him that perhaps wasn't here months ago. That grace (*empowerment*) should be taken

advantage of. If you haven't jumped in yet on what God is doing, posture your heart, and jump in on deepening your walk with God. You will not regret it. Now is the time! Look at this simple yet encouraging call to the house of Israel which I believe fits for us today from the prophet Amos. This is an easy one to memorize and I'd encourage you to do so. "Seek Me and live." (Amos 5:4 NKJV) It doesn't take a rocket scientist to discover the truth of those four words. "Seek Me and live". This rings true in the opposite way. If we do not seek Him, the end of that road is death. We must seek the Lord. Echoing that same thought was when Isaiah prophesied saying: "Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." (Isaiah 55:6 NKJV) Take this to heart church. It's time to pursue Him like never before. He will satisfy you like nothing and no one else can.

*Isaiah D. Elias*

### New Elder Position

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Elders has appointed Rose Necochea as one of Faith Chapel's elders. Rose's appointment was made on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and a vote to ratify the appointment will be held at the Annual Business meeting on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>. Rose and Fred have been long time members of Faith Chapel and have been involved in several aspects of church life. Rose brings a wealth of biblical knowledge and spiritual leadership to FC and has taught numerous classes and is currently teaching on the Parables of Christ. Her appointment fills a very special place in the spiritual health of the church and involvement with our members and attenders.



Rose Necochea

### New Missions Director

I've had the privilege to travel for over 30 years to many countries in Europe, Africa, and South America. I have enjoyed learning first-hand how other cultures and people groups live and love our Savior. Also, being able to pour into them what God has placed in me. I have seen much fruit that has remained in the Kingdom through the years and because of it, my own life has been enriched. I have also had the privilege to serve on the missions committee under John and Rhonda Barnett. They were a great example of how missions should operate at Faith Chapel, since they moved, we had Tim Dresselhaus direct that ministry. After his resignation, I was asked to direct it. I am honored to do what I can to keep our missionaries funded and help new ones as they need our help.

My purpose is to check on and encourage each missionary, foreign and domestic, and help them fulfill their calling as they serve on the mission field. This may include more than just sending them the funds that we are committed to giving them but maybe taking a team from Faith Chapel and helping them accomplish a goal they may have. We need to continue to support our mission's department as the Lord provides and pray for His direction if there is an opportunity to go ourselves. If you have a desire to join our team, contact me at Faith Chapel and we can discuss that possibility.

Thank you. George Elias



George Elias

### FC Office Administrator

Hauhna Hicks has returned as Faith Chapel's Office Administrator bringing a wealth of

experience in administration, business, human resources, and computer skills. Her vibrant personality, concern for Faith Chapel and caring for others brings joy and blessings to our church family.



Haugna Hicks and Family

### Paramount Message Points

Each month, as part of the newsletter, a recap of the previous month's Paramount Message Points will be provided as a reminder of the important takeaways from Pastor's messages.

January 7<sup>th</sup> - There's a mantle in your storyline.

January 14<sup>th</sup> - Being ready to surrender is the breaking point of your personal greatest blessings.

January 21<sup>st</sup> - When the counterfeit is exposed, the authentic is esteemed.

January 28<sup>th</sup> - The passionate pursuit of God rarely fits the life of convenience. Keep Him the priority of your pursuit. Make room for passion.

### Sunday Prayer Night Topics

Sunday prayer nights are such an important part of Faith Chapel's relationship with the Lord and covering over our church. For those who are unable to attend these prayer nights, prayer topics will be provided each month to allow you to be a part of the prayers that are given up to the Lord. Having these prayer topics available to you, you can refer to them during the month and make them a part of your daily prayer life. Listed below are the prayer topics for each of the three Sunday prayer nights in January.

January 7<sup>th</sup>

- My House shall be called a House of Prayer - Isa. 56:7

- Holy Spirit Fullness - Joel 2:28-29
- 2024 Corporate Fast - Joel 1:14, 2:15-16
- Mission Mark - 16:15
- Vision Hab. - 2:2-3

January 14<sup>th</sup>

- Laying hold of all God has for Faith Chapel - Phil. 3:12
- Release of Spiritual Gifts - 1 Peter 4:10
- Wisdom and Direction - James 1:5, Isa 28:29
- Transformative Encounters - 2 Cor. 3:18
- FC Ministries Thriving - Col. 1:6
- Strong Healthy Families - Psalm 128:3-4

January 21<sup>st</sup>

- America will turn back to God - Proverbs 14:34
- Intense hunger for His presence - Psalms 63:1-2
- Refining work in the House - Zechariah 13:9
- Unity Of Spirit and Purpose - Philippians 2:2

### Annual Business Meeting

The 2024 Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at 6:00pm. These are always an important time for reviewing the last year, voting in the next group of Board members, ratifying the elders, and this year voting on a few by-law changes. All congregates are encouraged to attend and only certified members will be capable of voting. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative and important meeting.

### Quarterly Work Party

February's work party will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 12:00pm. As always there will be drinks, snacks, donuts, and great fellowship. Men, women, and children of all ages are invited. This work party will consist of some cleaning, finishing the red curb, parking lot stripping the youth parking lot, and organizing storage rooms. No really heavy work. Just a lot of fun and giving the Lord's house some needed attention. If it rains, all work will be inside.



## Foundations - For New Believers

A new class called Foundations will begin on February 11<sup>th</sup> to assist in the establishing of new believers. This class is designed for those who have never laid solid foundations to build upon. Whether you are relatively new to your faith, or you've been saved for many years, this short but action-packed class will build those much needed foundations in you!

## Outreach Team Interest Meeting

An Evangelism, outreach, training, and follow up team is being established at FC. There will be an "interest" meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Lunch will be provided. The meeting will be held in room B101. Come see the vision for this team led by Missions Director George Elias.

## Connect Classes

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

- Foundations - Establishing New Believers. Presented by George Elias in room C-214 starting February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 7 Deadly Lies - Dr. Tim Dresselhaus will be teaching a 7 weeklong class covering his book 7 Deadly Lies. The class will meet in room B-101.
- "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 Parables of Christ Presented by Rose Necochea in room C210.
- "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 below are the small groups that are currently meeting in January.

Judy Lorenz

"Where Prayer Becomes Real: How Honesty with God Transforms Your Soul"

Beginning February 8<sup>th</sup>

Contact Judy at 619-987-0394 for more information.

John Cohen

The Book of Exodus

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00pm in room C214 after Wednesday night worship.

Bill Lorenz

The Gospel of John

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00pm in room C214 after Wednesday night worship.

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.

## 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. 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 New Church Members

Felipe and Irene Villa, Albert Cascia

## 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.

## What is That?



An alien space craft, an air hockey paddle, a smoke detector, an air vent, a one eyed something? No, it is one of the more than 80 cameras now in place throughout the campus giving us additional security measures inside and outside the walls. FC was fortunate to receive a large grant for the installation of the video security system which is now up and operational. In fact, it has already been helpful to the San Diego County Sheriff's department during the apprehension of a DUI suspect attempting to elude the Sheriffs after a chase through Spring Valley. So, if you plan anything sketchy, remember ... you're being watched.



## Pass It On

After you have read the monthly newsletter, why not pass it on to someone you know, work with, shut-ins, or even someone you meet for the first time? Let them see what is happening at Faith Chapel and what they could be a part of. Let people know who we are, where we are, what we do, what we believe and what we want to do for our community. You never know, they might just find a home at Faith Chapel and salvation in Jesus.



### **Valentine's Day**

The annual February 14th celebration of love is marked by candy, greeting cards, and difficult-to-obtain dinner reservations. But where did Valentine's Day come from? The first Valentine's Day was in 496 AD, when Pope Gelasius I established a feast day to honor the martyr date of Saint Valentine of Rome. By the Middle Ages, the modern traditions of Valentine's Day—love, poetry, gifts—were already in place.

### **Modern Valentine's Day: Candy and Cards**

By the Victorian Age, sending your love a note emblazoned with hearts was a long-established yearly tradition in England. In America, people were writing each other love notes, too, but it wasn't until 1847 that the holiday went industrial. Ester Howland, daughter of a stationary store owner, started mass-producing embossed, lacy Valentine's Day cards in 1847, setting the scene for the modern tradition of using the sentiments of greeting card company employees to express our deepest feelings for one another. We can thank Cadbury for the tradition of giving candy for Valentine's Day. In 1868, the British confectioner started selling "Fancy Boxes," a box of chocolates in the shape of a heart, for Valentine's Day. These obviously caught on, and heart-shaped boxes of candy can be purchased for next-to-nothing on Feb. 15th.

## Flash Back

Taken from an article in the Faith Builder, February 1980.

“On Valentine’s Day, when thinking of “love,” remember the most faithful and true love 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.”

## Leap Year



A leap year is a calendar year that contains an additional day compared to a common year. The 366th day) is added to keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical year or seasonal year. Because astronomical events and seasons do not repeat in a whole number of days, calendars that have a constant number of days in each year will unavoidably drift over time with respect to the event that the year is supposed to track, such as seasons. By inserting an additional day, a leap day, into some years, the drift between a civilization's dating system and the physical properties of the Solar System can be corrected.

## Fun and Trivia

**Question 1:** Before "X" stood for a kiss, what did it represent at the end of a letter?

**Question 2:** Cupid has what name in Greek mythology?

**Question 3:** In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of whom?

**Question 4:** What Valentine's Day candy was first created on equipment made for lozenges?

**Question 5:** Where was the oldest-known Valentine’s Day message sent from?

**Question 6:** When was the oldest-known Valentine's Day message written?

**Question 7:** About how many roses are sent for Valentine's Day each year?

**Question 8:** Who invented the first Valentine's Day candy box?

**Question 9:** On average, how many marriage proposals are there on every Valentine's Day?

**Question 10:** How many heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are typically sold each Valentine's Day?

**Question 11:** How many people typically buy Valentines for their pets?

**Question 12:** How much money do Americans spend on chocolate for Valentine's Day each year?

**Question 13:** About how many Valentine's Day cards are exchanged every year?

**Question 14:** How many stems of roses are sold on Valentine's Day every year?

**Answer 1:** The Cross

**Answer 2:** Eros

**Answer 3:** Venus

**Answer 4:** Sweethearts

**Answer 5:** Prison

**Answer 6:** 1415

**Answer 7:** 50 million

**Answer 8:** Richard Cadbury

**Answer 9:** 220,000

**Answer 10:** 35 million

**Answer 11:** 9 million

**Answer 12:** \$1 billion

**Answer 13:** 1 billion

**Answer 14:** 189 million

**Winter? or Spring?**

Punxsutawney Phil, the renowned groundhog who's been predicting when winter will end since 1887, says things are about to warm up. "Glad tidings on this Groundhog Day. An early spring is on the way," a proclamation was read out at Gobbler's Knob, elating a crowd of thousands of people who had weathered dark and cold to see the famous rodent.

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