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Text for Next Sunday
Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday
Luke 24 “Disbelieving Joy”

‘Dr King taught us to live a life of service, and he led by example. He once said: *“If you want to be important – wonderful; If you want to be recognized, -- wonderful; If you want to be great, – wonderful. But, recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That’s a new definition of greatness.”*

We find our America and its citizens in difficult times. Riverside FCC can take a lead in 2009 to answer a call to service in our community. We only need remind ourselves what ordinary people can accomplish when we stand together.

**Grief Support Group
10 AM Thursday January 22 @ FCC**

Alphabet Scavenger Hunt (A Through Z)



Charles, Lindsey & Kathy

FROM THE MINISTER

Last Sunday we had our first snow day and church was cancelled. Most everyone knew and didn't arrive but a 13 arrived in time to share a communion service in an empty church building. We even had one visitor who said he will be with us next Sunday. Our water outage was caused by a broken water bib caused after we loaned a family the front of the church to do a car wash to raise money for a funeral. The problem is not just with water bibs but one of nearly 55 year old pipes buried underground all around the church. Our Property Ministry will be seeking solutions and proposing them to the Church Board later this Spring. At present we do not have the capacity to zone our water supply. One break in the line results in shutting off all water to the building. While canceling worship for one Sunday is a rare event, if

we do not fix the problem, we may have more frequent cancellations of all kinds.

I was surprised that we were able to get a hold of most everyone to let them know about our problem. We have a good network of phoning and that means we can communicate in other times of need or joy when we need to get out the word. Church communication is not just what goes into the Christian. It is our ability to phone and use the internet. This year we are doing something different by scaling down our phone book advertising and focusing on the internet to reach more people in the community. Fewer people use the phone book to get their information and those who do use the, often use the Yellowbook or Verizon rather than ATT. And we can't or don't advertise in all three of them. If we have something to share, we need to be where people are looking. **Chris C. Nettles**

“Praying for Our Community”

Joan Watson’s dad, Tom, died Monday January 12th.

A service will be held
Saturday afternoon at 3 PM,
Autumn Albin received an IV
suffering from dehydration
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
Reba Mathis,
Barnaby Smith serving in Iraq,
Kevin & Gayle MacMillan.

Join us in a new activity

Recently, during a very informal gathering, Chris posed a question to those present which stimulated a good discussion and thoughtful consideration. We would like to promote these kinds of opportunities regularly. A “topic of the week.” will be presented here in the Christian. We ask for you to take some time during that week and consider the question or topic and engage in prayerful reflection. Then, on each following Sunday, we will gather informally to continue the dialogue. We will meet at one of the tables in the fellowship hall after church this Sunday, January 18th to begin with and then possibly move into a specified room later.

*“When and where do
you feel closest to God?”*

This will give us a chance to share our own faith and witness together.

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 13
Youth Group: 13 youth & 1 adult



Wilma & Harold

Records of Giving Reports for 2008

The report of giving for each of us have been prepared by Sally Randall and are ready for distribution. Yours will be given to you this Sunday, Jan 18 at the front door. They also be available in the Fellowship Hall immediately following church.

Outreach Ministry

At the January meeting we discussed our goals for Special Day offerings for 2009. We set aside \$3000 for Loch Leven to be added to \$910 already given to special projects for the camp. Loch Leven will use our giving to seek matching gifts from congregations in the region as part of their effort to meet their improvements list. They gave \$4000 to our Youth Ministry to be used as an activity fund for trips like the recent trip to Disneyland.

Regional Transformation Listening

We have invited Mike Fronk here Wednesday night (7 PM) to listen to our progress on congregational transformation and to offer us help from the region. We invite your input as to how we can use what we learned from New beginnings and Unbinding the Gospel training to bring about the growth we want to experience at First Christian Church.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER	Scott Field
SONG LEADER	Mary Stuart
COMMUNION	Elaine Carb
HOSPITALITY MINISTER	Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY	Steve & Claudia Gray

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY JANUARY 15

9:00 AM Quilting

7:00 PM Choir

SATURDAY JANUARY 17

8:30 AM Men’s Breakfast @ Little Green Onion
on Brockton

10:30-12:30 Homeless Meal

3:00 PM Memorial Service for Tom Van
Copenhagen

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder Children’s
Ministry

MONDAY JANUARY 19

6:00-8:00 PM Middle & High School Youth
Group-half the group is cooking a meal for
the winners of the scavenger event

TUESDAY JANUARY 20

9:30 AM Joy Group at Dorothea McCarver’s

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

1:00 PM Mary Rebecca Group at church

7 PM All are invited to Transformation listening

THURSDAY JANUARY 22

9:00 AM Quilting

10:00 AM Grief Support Meeting at church

7:00 PM Choir