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**Text for Sunday Micah 6:6-8 & Acts 2:36-39
Transformed Lives**

Too often we think God wants big things like perfection, wealth, power or gifts. But what if God only wants us to walk with him with trust and humility? As we might walk around the block with a friend and talk over our lives, so we could do the same everyday with God. It would be good for us both physically, emotionally and spiritually. We might find healing and wholeness that have escaped us most of the time.

Unbinding the Heart, Wednesday Morning



Barbara, Barbara, Ernie & Blanche

FROM THE MINISTER

This past month has been a very emotional time for me. There were the results of a medical test that concerned us, our home being burglarized, the preparations for Unbinding the Heart, the wedding and getting back into the girl's school year. It is easy to get caught up in our daily lives and forget that our struggles are small when compared to others whose lives are in continuing crisis.

Then there were the surprises of both the Dodgers and Angels sweeping the first round of the playoffs. And better yet the Saints are 4 and 0. It was only last year that they lost the first 3 games of the season. There is an optimism that comes when your team is winning. I am not sure what it is, but it brings confidence to other places in our lives when we overcome adversity even in small ways. When "I think I can," changes to "of course I can" – something is unleashed and for a few moments, there are no obstacles that stand in the way.

I wish our faith were as strong as that optimism. What brought to Paul, the confidence, to say: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We seem to spend a lot of time fretting about small things and living as if more money will bring what

we need. But it won't be long before we have wasted our lives if we stay with such small thinking. We don't have that much time if we keep focused on ourselves and our lives. It is when we open ourselves to God's grandeur and calling that we rise above it all. In those moments, we have the possibility to give big gifts to others. We are just one phone call away from life changing moments (in the twinkling of an eye). I want us all to be open to answering; ready lord and mean it.

Chris C. Nettles

WE ASK PRAYER FOR

Al Charlton decided to return home,
Alice Estep was hospitalized last weekend with heart
problems and diverticulitis. She suffered internal
bleeding and had a transfusion.
Health for Al Charlton & for the church,
Maria Dulaney & family,
Sally Randall has mostly good days,
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver
That I continue to grow in my faith & my life,
Watch over our family & congregation
We pray that we all keep,
our faith during these troubled times!
Ernie Vasquez asks God to guard his
son Augie and bring him home,
Jesse asks prayer for his brother to come home,
Forgiveness in our hearts,
Barbara Shively asks for help to deal with her eye
problems,
Jane Spinney is having tests,
Chris asks to continue on a great
road of recovery
Unity says hi to everyone & thanks for remembering
her with communion,
Prayers for balance in families with the stress & the
economy,
Albert's employment search,
prayer for all our military,
Madlyn Hatzer for strength and mobility,
Family and homeless feeding ministry,
Daily spiritual guidance.
Pray for our church to become stronger!
Reba Mathis for strength,
Shawn Tallent for employment,
Shirley Baker to experience god's healing hand,
Inspiration for growth,
Peace
Al , Unity & Sally.

GOOD NEWS

Steven Westmoreland's 2nd birthday
October 15th
Lester Nettles got a job at Walmart,
Adam Gray got a job,
Vicki Garcia is in Virginia for the birth of Amber &
Eric's first child.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17

Regional Gathering at Fullerton FCC
8:30 AM Disciple Men's Breakfast @
The Soup Shoppe in Brockton Arcade
11:30-12:30 Homeless Ministry

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

9:15 AM Adult Church School
10:30 AM Worship
10:45 AM Worship & Wonder
12:15-1:00 Unbinding the Heart Group
(Chapel Conference Center) w/lunch

MONDAY OCTOBER 19

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

9:30 AM Joy Group @ Wanda Drake

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

10:00-10:45 AM Unbinding the Heart
Small Group (Chapel Conf. Ctr.)
6:00-7:00 PM Unbinding The Heart
Small Group (Chapel Conf. Ctr.)
with snack supper provided

THURSDAY OCTOBER 22

7:00 PM Choir

Women's Book Club
Saturday 8:30 AM October 24
The Glass Castle
By Jeannette Walls
CoCo's on Trautwein

Fun & Fellowship
Potluck Lunch
Tuesday October 27
11:30 AM
Come join us
An activity is being planned.
Please bring your own table service.
See you there



Chris & Jim

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

WORSHIP LEADER Steve Gray
SONG LEADERS Sherry Nettles
COMMUNION PREP Lynn Cooper
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY Steve & Claudia Gray

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance: 55