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**Text for Sunday Matthew 18:18-20**



Marilyn Rader began accompanying worship at FCC on her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. By her next birthday she will have served 50 years. We thank God for her talents and sharing.

**Some of Car Wash Volunteers**



Lindsey, Matthew, McKenzie, Gineva, Charles, Brandon & Brian  
(Other Volunteers: Scott & Cheri Copenhaver, Scott Field, Scott & Jennifer Lambert)

**FROM THE MINISTER**

“Give thanks with a grateful heart” is the opening line of one of our blue chalice songs. The words express my appreciation, to all who helped with this the first week of Unbinding the Heart. Some of the music in worship was new and, by the middle, many were singing along. It may seem a bit loud, but most of us won’t sing if we can hear only our voices. That’s why we need song leaders and the choir to encourage our singing. This next Sunday, the choir will add their voices to help bring the message in music as we learn some new songs. I thank Marilyn for helping to make this possible.

Vicki Garcia is sending out the daily prayer meditations to over 60 people. I copy it to a word document so I can read and add my thoughts. I can sit at the computer and open my heart to God, so this is a great method for me. We have not had our Wednesday morning and evening group,s but I know several are signed up for both times. Also, if the current schedule for small groups is not what you need, please volunteer to host a small group in your home or at church at another time.

Since the time spent in small groups is mostly doing prayer and sharing with others, the

leadership is not the focus. We are not gathering to teach material or ideas. We are gathering to share with and pray for one another. I invite each of us to use this week to find a prayer partner with whom we can listen to as well as pray for during the week in-between our group gatherings.

Forty days is not that long, but it can be another life changing time for all of us. This morning I read the passage from Genesis about Abraham and Sarah’s call to leave their comfortable retirement time and follow God’s promises. I was asked to build an altar like Abraham did and to place on it something that I needed to let go of as I began my own journey. My first thought was my own sense of doing it myself. For me much of my life is about running on my own energy. My hope for this journey is that I can learn to be more trusting and open to God’s leading and strength. What have you placed on the altar to be burned as an offering before heading out on this prayer journey?

**Chris C. Nettles**



**Wanda & Dorotha**

**WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Al Charlton is receiving therapy at  
Magnolia Convalescent,  
Maria Dulaney recovering from knee surgery,  
Sally Randall is walking with a walker,  
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver  
Strength and understanding between our youth,  
That I continue to grow in my faith & my life,  
Watch over our family, friends  
& 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,  
Forgiveness in our hearts,  
Unity says hi to everyone  
& thanks for remembering her  
with communion,  
Hanging in there,  
Michelle needs a job –  
hoping to get on at Goodwill,  
Sister is having trouble breathing  
& diabetes out of control  
Albert's employment search,  
prayer for all our military,  
Madlyn Hatzer for strength and mobility, Children of  
the Church,  
Family and homeless feeding ministry,  
Daily spiritual guidance.  
Pray for our church to become stronger!  
Reba Mathis for strength,  
Barbara Ku's Aunt Helen & friend  
Shawn Tallent is still searching  
for employment,  
To mend our relationship,  
Kameryn is trying out for the water polo team,  
Inspiration for growth,  
Peace  
Al and Unity,  
Luis serving in Iraq,  
the Homeless we serve.  
Shirley Baker .

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7**

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

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 8**

7:00 PM Choir

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10**

1:00 PM Kevin & Sara Nettles Wedding  
& Reception in Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 11**

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) with lunch included

**MONDAY OCTOBER 12**

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 11**

WORSHIP LEADER Mary Stuart

SONG LEADERS

Ernie Garcia & Cathy Lossee

COMMUNION PREP

Jean VanAken & Sandi Smith

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

Worship Attendance: 85

**THANK YOU**

We thank all those who helped with the rummage sale. Claudia Gray took the lead this time and though we did not have long to collect or promote, we did receive over \$900 plus \$500 from one of our church members. That means we received over \$1400. We thank each volunteer for their effort and for their generous donations.