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Text for Next Sunday Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 8 BLANKET SUNDAY

Our youth will be leading us with a skit of some sort to remind us of our opportunity to serve others by buying a \$5 blanket to be given to someone in need around the world.

WE WELCOME SANDY EVELYNVEERE

She transferred from the Moreno Valley United Church of Christ where she was active until the church closed. She and Rene have been active participants here at Riverside FCC for the past 2 years.

**A NEW WEBSITE FOR FCC
HAS BEEN CREATED BY MIKE RADER**

rivdoc.org

Mike Rader has shared his creative and technical talents with us again. He has provided a new format that provides accurate information to those in the Inland Empire searching for a church home. The map allows anyone to get directions to FCC from any location. Also the web site includes past and present issues of Riverside Christian with bright beautiful color pictures to enjoy. We thank Mike for helping us communicate the good news of Christ.



Jewell & Farolyn

FROM THE MINISTER

Since the first of this year we have topped 100 in worship twice. Is it possible that our efforts to pray for God's transformation in our lives, is part of the reason we seem to have more in worship? I am not sure there is a reason but it is good and a joy to share. When visitors find their way to the sanctuary, it seems more welcoming when there are more of us in worship.

Are we doing the right things and are there right things to do? I have been praying for God to show us the way or is it that "God will make a way?" Personally I wish there were a better roadmap. Everything is so fluid and I feel so inadequate to lead.

I know that we need to be more mission driven. We need to help one another tell our stories and even the ones with unhappy endings. We are a powerful witness for Christ but for too long we have been silent or we have let others speak for us. I know we need to be open to giving to others outside of FCC. But it's hard to give up our things and when we do give; it is easy to be resentful when those receiving aren't grateful enough. Sometimes I think it's my age to begin to feel unappreciated. I thank God for colleagues who have helped me give up my whining moments. And I hope I can help others to find their ways to serve and still be grateful for each opportunity. Come and see what Christ is doing at FCC. **Chris C. Nettles**

A Surprise Visit

“Praying for Our Community”

Jacqueline Shepter, Lily’s grand daughter, has 3 blood clots in her brain,
 Rylie Bell, age 2, died this past Wednesday. Her mother, Alicia Jones, is still hospitalized,
 Barnaby Smith will get 2 weeks of R & R from serving in Iraq (beginning about February 11th).
 Sandra will take a train trip to see him leaving on February 18,
 Ann Hedwall Schmidt tore her rotor cuff when she fell and hit her face,
 Glendora & Paul Mozingo,
 Our growing youth group,
 Reba Mathis for continued strength,
 Emily Nelson still has double vision, Jewell Magill crushed her big toe.

Al & Sandy Bondesen will be sending Prosper to college & placement this week. After raising Prosper since a puppy, this will be a loss for them.



Sandy, Al & Prosper
 “Topic of the Week.”

How can we change our ministries to respond to the economic crisis?

The topic is so relevant and timely, it would be nice to keep this thought on our minds for a couple of weeks. Let the “topic of the week” be the ice breaker when we sit down at the tables during fellowship time each Sunday. This will give us a chance to share our own faith and witness together.

HOMELESS MEAL MINISTRY

We met and set our menus for
February 7 - Spaghetti
February 21 - Lasagna
March 7 - Soup &
March 21 - Chili

We also provide sack lunches, Salad, vegetables and dessert

We meet at 10 AM so we can serve at noon
 Please join us!



Barbara, Mike & Genevieve

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY?

Would you be willing to meet on a week-day morning for Bible Study in the morning at the church or in a someone’s home?

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Vicki Garcia
 SONG LEADER Mary Stuart
 COMMUNION PREP Elaine Carb
 HOSPITALITY MINISTER Shirley Baker
 HOSPITALITY Linda Brandt, Sandra Smith & Peggy Guzzetta

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5

9:00 AM Quilting
 10:00 AM Hope Group @ F.C.C.
 7:00 PM Choir

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7

10:30 AM-12 Homeless Feeding

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

9:15 AM Adult Church School
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:45 Worship & Wonder
 Children’s Ministry
 12:15 Church Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

7:00 PM CROP WALK Meeting

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 103
 7-12th Youth Group: 7 youth & 2 adults

YOUTH SOUPER BOWL OFFERING \$159-WOW!!

“wasn’t the soup delicious!?”
 (Funds will be used to supplement our Homeless Meal Ministry)

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB

February 28 @ 8:30 AM Cocos Central
 “Dreams From My Father”
 By Barack Obama