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Text for Next Sunday Mark 1:40-45

Jesus heals a man with leprosy and then tells him not to tell anyone, only to have him go and show himself to the priest so he could be reunited with his family and society. This seems to be the opposite call from Christ to go into the world and make disciples. Are we to keep quiet or to tell what we have experienced?

**FEBRUARY 15 LOCH LEVEN SUNDAY
Tim Lewis, Serving on the Regional Outdoor Ministries
will lead us in prayer for Loch Leven**

Serving On The Church Board



**Ernie, Barbara, Sally, Scott, Steve, Laurie, Sandi,
Linda, Vicki, Dorotha & Roger**

FROM THE MINISTER

This next weekend my intention is to take the younger youth sledding but not while it is snowing. So making plans includes a forecast along with getting the youth ready. If all goes well after church next Sunday we will find some slopes to enjoy above Arrow Bear. But suppose we are planning ministry a year in advance or two years from now. What would we need to consult to make plans and to be ready? Well we might plan to take the youth to the snow twice a year but without any particular date in mind other than during the winter months. The details would need to be worked out when we were closer to scheduling a particular date.

We know God is leading us and we know God has sent us help in the calling of new participants. Even though we don't know an exact date, that doesn't mean that we aren't listening, training and planning. We are asked to trust that God will provide and "to equip the saints for the work of ministry". We have been down this road before. The temptation for us is to fill the schedule with lots of activities. Right

now we need to listen and learn how to share our faith, so that when others arrive we have something that helps them grow in their faith.

How can we help one another to see and hear? We need to tell our faith stories. There was a time when one of the church school classes had a written profile of each member of the class. But today with new technologies, we could have a profile made for us at least once a year with our story and better yet, new stories being shared every year. What does our faith mean to our lives, despite the tragedies of war or economic crisis? If we could share what we have learned with one another, we might make a difference to those who feel alone in their struggles.

What are the words of that song we keep singing: "God will make a way, where there is no other way." Do we really believe that?

Chris C. Nettles

Let's continue the conversation . . .

"Topic of the Week."

*Tell me your story about
when you first believed?*

"Praying for Our Community"

Ernie Garcia's uncle, Frank Uribe
has Leukemia and his brother,
Freddie Garcia is having undiagnosed chest
pains and is only 41 years old,
Scott Field's mother's friend
recently died of Leukemia,
Barnaby Smith arrives home
in Colorado this week,
Scott Lambert,
Joan Watson,
Reba Mathis for continued strength,
Emily Nelson still has double vision, Shirley
Baker's 19th great grand child: Logan Michael
Hall, 1st child born to Laura & Steve 4 lbs 15 oz
17.5 inches.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

February 28 @ 8:30 AM Coco's Central
"Dreams From My Father"

PRESIDENT'S DAY

WORK DAY

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

8:30-12:30

We will be installing light fixtures in the
sanctuary. And, if weather permits, we will add
plexi-glass panels to the stained glass.

New Beginnings Evaluation

February 28 @ Pomona First Christian
Saturday from 10-2:00 PM
with lunch provided

YOUTH NEWS

Our 6th-12th grade Youth have begun a Face Book
page which will be linked to our web site
(rivdoc.org). They are trying to plan a ski trip while
the snow is still available.

- Their regular gathering is each Monday evening.

Our 1st-6th Grade Youth are going sledding this next
Sunday after church. If you are willing to drive or
accompany them, please talk to Chris Nettles.

- Our regular gathering will be after worship on
the 2nd & 4th Sunday's.

LOCH LEVEN WORK CAMP

We will be providing additional gifts for Loch
Leven to be dedicated in worship on March 1st.
March 6-7th we will take the new tools of ministry to
the camp and do a one-day work project. Those
interested in spending the night at Ross Hoos or
coming up for breakfast need to sign up before
March 2nd.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Cathy Losee
SONG LEADER Cheri Quintana
COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
Dorotha McCarver & Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY Steve & Claudia Gray

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

9:00 AM Quilting
7:00 PM Choir

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

9:15 AM Adult Church School
10:30 AM Worship
10:45 Worship & Wonder
Children's Ministry
12:30 – 5:00 Junior Fellowship Youth Group
goes sledding in Arrow Bear

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16

President's Day
6:30- 8:00 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

9:30 AM Joy Group @ Dorotha McCarver
Hostess: Diana McGinnis

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

1:00 PM Mary-Rebecca Group @ Church

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

9:00 AM Quilting
10:00 AM Hope Group @ First Christian
7:00 PM Choir

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 83
7-12th Youth Group: 9 youth & 1 adults