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**Texts for Sunday John 15:9-17**

**Next Saturday  
CMF Breakfast at 8:30 @ Little Green Onion in Brockton Arcade  
Homeless Feeding Ministry 10:30-12:30**

**First Courtyard Wedding & First Chapel Reception**



**FROM THE MINISTER**

At the last New Beginnings leadership training, we discussed chapter 4 of Unbinding the Gospel. It recounted 3 congregations who had made a decision to pray before making decisions or continuing their ministries and how it changed them. Too often the church is, as the author notes: “running slow on our human steam.” Having tried all the ways to grow and change, perhaps it is time to make the one effort we have avoided, to prayer. “Do you dare risk agreeing with some others in your church to pray together and see what God can do? Do you dare not risk it?” So we each decided on prayer partners who would hold us accountable for daily sharing. And we are asking the congregation to pray each day at a specific time (10:00 a.m.) for five minutes. If you are at home, in the car or at work, pray and let’s see what happens. You can pray for others or yourself. You can pray for God’s leading or use the time to give thanks for the day and all of its

blessings. You can pray for those in our communities who have not yet experienced the love of God and for ways of sharing that love with them. In the New Testament, communication with God can be words, thoughts, feelings and even sighs. All these are human expressions that God understands and uses to communicate with us.

**Chris C. Nettles**



**Glendora & Paul**

### **“Praying for Our Community”**

Morris McCarver’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Saturday  
Reba Mathis,  
Robert Shively,

Sally Randall is still in Reche Canyon  
receiving therapy but hopes to come home soon,  
Shirley Baker still has considerable pain  
despite the continued healing,  
Wanda Baumer had knee surgery last week,  
Our love and prayers are extended to  
Judy & Sarah Rizzo upon hearing of the  
death of Judy’s mother, Pearl Haynes,  
(Judy has made renewed contact with some of  
Pearl’s 10 siblings-she was the oldest),

### **THANKING GOD**

Tuesday morning we had a visit from Darlene Hudson (who lives in Hesperia) and her mother Charlotte (who lives in Imperial Valley). They brought two boxes of food to be added to our food closet. Charlotte had been very sick recently and felt God was asking her to share this food gift as part of her getting better.



**Bruce, Lynn & Dick**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **THURSDAY MAY 14**

7:00 PM Choir Practice

#### **SATURDAY MAY 16**

8:30 AM CMF Breakfast

10:30 AM Homeless Feeding

#### **SUNDAY MAY 17**

8:30 AM 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

Going back to Disneyland

(2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 visit tickets)

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder

12:15 Church Board Meeting

#### **MONDAY MAY 18**

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

6:30-8:00 PM New Beginnings Leadership training

#### **TUESDAY MAY 19**

9:30 AM Joy Group @ Peggy Guzzetta

5658 Paula St.

#### **WEDNESDAY MAY 20**

10:00 AM Bible Study

1:00 PM Mary-Rebecca Group @ Church

Women’s Book Club  
Saturday May 30, 8:30 AM  
at CoCo’s on Central Ave.  
Book selection: “Man’s Search  
For Meaning” By Victor Frankl

### **LOCH LEVEN WORK CAMP May 29-31**



### **2009 CROP WALK**

The final report for the CROP walk was 100 walkers and \$10,510.22 received. We thank Peggy Guzzetta and Jill Field, along with their committee who organized this year’s walk. And we thank each of those who contributed or walked.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone for the cards and well wishes to me. I really appreciate it.

God Bless you, Shirley Baker

### **SUNDAY MAY 17, 2009**

WORSHIP LEADER Jill Field

SONG LEADER Cheri Copenhaver

COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Dorotha McCarver

HOSPITALITY Steve & Claudia Gray

Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 81

7-12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group: 12 youth & 1 adult