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**Pentecost Sunday
Texts for Sunday Acts 2:1-21
All Church Picture in Sanctuary at Close of worship**

PENTECOST OFFERING

Our Pentecost offering is for New Church Ministry. It supports the recruiting and training New Church leadership. We share the fruits of their ministry of bringing God's message to new places and new communities. By expanding the Table, we share in the witness of Christ.

Volleyball Again



Brandon, Gineva & Lindsey

FROM THE MINISTER

Three weeks from last Sunday, June 14th, Sherry and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. We would like to invite you all to a reception in the afternoon in our chapel. We will have a slide show covering 40 years of marriage and some words of wisdom probably.

We were married June 15, 1969, in Longview, Washington at First Christian Church, Sherry's home church. The following year we graduated from college and headed to Oklahoma for seminary. We lived in Cleo springs where I served a small church and drove each day into Enid to Seminary and Sherry worked for a doctor. Just after I graduated and was ordained, Brian was born in Midwest City where I served 3 years as an associate minister. In 1976, the Bicennial we moved to Iowa to Lake City. It was a town of 2000 with nine doctors and a hospital. Within a couple of years the church added a wonderful fellowship hall, offices and Christian education rooms. While we were there we adopted Kevin who came to us from Korea. Then in the spring of 1985 we accepted the call to serve at First Christian church in Riverside. Sherry went back to school and got her nursing degree and worked for 10 years at Parkview Hospital. Both boys

grew up here at FCC and finally left home. Then Sherry went to work for Dr. Gill and became an oncology nurse where she has served for 12 years. About 10 years ago the girls came into our life. They lived with us for a time and then out of tragedy, we became legal guardians.

That's 40 years, but marriage is more than where one lives or who is living with us. It is about the relationship of trust and love. It is sometimes comfortable and sometimes pressurized. It's been wonderful for the most part and we have plans for a few more years. But, one never knows how long life will be. Whoever goes first leaves a garage and house full of stuff for the other one. We have been gifted with thousands of pictures and wonderful memories. We are a bit frazzled by parenting at our age. But we can see we are making a big difference in the lives of 2 young women. We are not too different from other couples in that we still need to make a better use of time spent with each other. Too many nights Sherry is reading and I am falling asleep on the couch. But over all it's been a wonderful ride so far and I have been blessed to be able to share this adventure with Sherry. She is full of surprises and what is life without surprises?

Chris C. Nettles

SUNDAY MAY 31, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Franklin Stuart
SONG LEADER Mary Stuart
COMMUNION PREP Barbara Watson
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
Dorotha McCarver
HOSPITALITY Shawn & La Shawn Tallent

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB
SATURDAY JUNE 27 8:30 AM
@ CoCo's on Central ave.
Book Selection: "Here If You Need Me"
By Kate Braesrap



Colleen & Dennis

New Beginnings Update

Each Sunday we are asking that someone share a prayer experience with us in worship. We are asking those participating the New Beginning's leadership training to start us off but we hope to have others share their experiences. Last Sunday Steve Gray shared a recent prayer event with another teacher at the school he teaches in Perris. Sometimes our work friend's lives, provide us great opportunities to share our faith. Also as part of this new emphasis on prayer, we will be using new registration inserts in the bulletin each Sunday. They will include a place for prayer concerns. We ask that you add the names and prayer concerns to your offering each Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY MAY 28

7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY MAY 31 PENTECOST

All Church Picture after Worship

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder

MONDAY JUNE 1

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

6:30 PM New Beginnings

Leadership Training

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3

10:00 AM Disciple Women General Assembly- Joy Group- Hostess

Tea & Fashion Show

10:00 AM Bible Study

1:00 PM Friendship Group @ Church

FRIDAY JUNE 5

7:00 PM Nursery School Graduation

SATURDAY JUNE 6

10:30 AM- 12 Homeless Feeding

Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 68

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Unity Hixinbaugh fractured a bone in her ankle in a fall,

Sally Randall hopes to come home soon,
Shirley Baker is still experiencing severe pain,
Nancy Warkentien's son Mark was honored
by the Press Enterprise this past week.