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**Texts for Sunday Mark 6:1-13**

The other day I heard a TV personality talking about his success and how his children related to it all. He noted that his children were not impressed with him at all. The text for Sunday tells of Jesus returning to his hometown and teaching. They at first seemed impressed, until he made some comments that made them angry. Then they returned to the: hey who do you think you are attitude. Somehow for Jesus that seemed to be a barrier to the ability of God to change lives. How is it that our familiarity, becomes stubbornness, to the Spirit's leading?

**HOMELESS FEEDING**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of July 10:30-12:30  
(Office Closed on Friday)

**SUNDAY POTLUCK 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PICNIC  
AFTER WORSHIP**

Hotdogs, watermelon & drinks will be supplied. We ask you to dress casual and wear festive 4<sup>th</sup> of July clothing. Join us!



**Barbara & Wanda**

**FROM THE MINISTER**

Much of life is one step at a time and yet too many of us get stuck trying to take more steps. This truth came up last night in the New Beginnings study on Unbinding the Gospel. The question was how to help the congregation to discover our new mission. The small steps as we understand include prayer, sharing and changes in the way we think about the church. But as soon as we get to discussing how to lead others, we get bogged down in the overall plans. The first thing we seem to abandon is prayer everyday. We as leaders are so busy it is easy to run on our own strength. We do this too often and end up running out time for God.

We ended the session with an assignment for the week. "Set aside a day this week to focus on viewing people differently. Pray for the people whom, you come into contact during your daily routine. Think about family, friends and people at work, at the store, people you talk with on the Internet. What about customer service people when you have to call again to complain about the mistake on your cell phone bill? At the end of the

prayer, ask God to help you think of each person you came into contact with for the next 24 hours as a messenger from God, either someone you can help or pray for, or someone who God can use to teach you something. Keep meticulous notes throughout the day. At the end of the day, ask the Spirit if there is someone you should be praying for intentionally, or whom you should get to know better."

That's what we will be doing this week and will be sharing our discoveries, when we meet next Monday night. You could do this with us or you could pray that we use this exercise as a way to listen to the Spirit's leading.

**Chris C. Nettles**

**WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Al Charlton for pain and weakness,  
Scott Copenhaver was admitted to Riverside  
Community hospital Saturday night  
and released on Monday,  
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,  
Jane Spinney has received  
two different diagnoses related  
to possible cancer,  
Alice Estep's health,  
Brent Zienack, in Air force,  
going to Saudia Arabia,  
Jewell Magill asks for prayer for  
her son, Charles' health,  
Dorothy Victory's dad, fighting cancer,  
Gladys O'Neil's husband is  
looking for a job,  
Reba Mathis,  
Rosie & Jim Stock's son in Colorado  
as he looks for more work,  
John Magill has had a stroke,  
Diane had surgery Monday.

**SUNDAY JULY 5, 2009**

WORSHIP LEADER Franklin Stuart  
SONG LEADER Mary Stuart  
COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker  
HOSPITALITY TIME: Pot Luck Picnic

**PROPERTY MINISTRY UPDATE**



Parking lot was sealed and re-stripped

We thank Roger Moore for fixing some  
of our light fixtures.

Lester Nettles will begin painting the Chapel  
Conference Center with the paint donated  
by John & Nancy Bracey.

We are loaning FCC in San Bernardino some of our  
green chairs for July & August for their older adults.

They are having worship in their fellowship hall  
because the AC is much cooler than the sanctuary.



Saydee

Vital Statistics Worship Attendance: 73  
Youth Group Attendance:  
2 adults and 3 youth

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FRIDAY JULY 3** Office Closed  
**SATURDAY JULY 4** Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
10:30 AM-12 Homeless Feeding  
**SUNDAY JULY 5** Food Sunday  
9:15 AM Adult Church School  
10:10 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Worship  
10:45 Worship & Wonder  
12:00 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Potluck Picnic  
**MONDAY JULY 6**  
6:30-8 PM Youth Group  
6:30-8 PM New Beginnings Leadership  
Training in "Chapel Conference Center"  
**WEDNESDAY JULY 8**  
10:00 AM Bible Study  
1:00 Friendship Group



**Mission Trip To Tucson**

We hosted the youth from Murray Hills Christian  
Church in Beaverton, Oregon Saturday night. They  
were planning to stay at the fellowship hall of the  
church but a last minute offer of a shower and bed at  
the Nettles home proved too tempting.