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**PREACHING SERIES FOR JULY & AUGUST: EXODUS
Texts for Sunday Exodus 5:1-6:1**

**Hospitality After worship will include a Cake
For Shawn & LaShawn Tallent's 10th Anniversary**



Lindsey & Kathy

FROM THE MINISTER

Getting older is a wonderful milestone whether you are turning 10 or 94. But at some point, as birthdays mount up, we slow down a bit. Things that we used to sprint through with ease, take a toll on us. Our minds and bodies lose their sharpness. Earlier this summer I realized I needed a vacation but as so often happens, life gets in the way of our plans and needs. I am looking forward to the General Assembly in Indianapolis. It runs from July 29-August 2. Gathering with 6-7000 in worship can be a renewing experience but will that be enough for me?

This past week in the midst of one crisis and on the same day the girls arrived home from Washington, we got a letter from our homeowners association about our lawn not looking good enough. It was too much for me. I let it spoil my day and lost sleep later that night. Only later did I find out that the letter was a prompt for me to contact them and make an effort to bring things up to expectations. But in the midst of those few hours, I felt trapped and hopeless. As any crisis

unfolds for us, we feel it in our bodies as well as our minds. We slow down and come to what we imagine is an almost standstill.

In the midst of congregational struggles and personal misfortunes, I did what I often do after trying to carry it myself for too long. I turned it over to God. "I can't do this anymore. Help me, I cried and prayed!" Did the storm calm immediately? No, but as the storms eased, I kept saying to God: "Thank you, thank you, thank you." Being the slow learner, that I am, I know I will repeat the anguished moments and fall into bed exhausted only to awake at 4 AM troubled by another crisis. But could I learn to turn it over to God earlier?

Chris C. Nettles

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

There will not be a book discussion in July. Read a book of your choice and share it with us when we meet again on August 22 @ 8:30 AM. We will be meeting in a new location @ Coco's on Trautwein by Kohls.

**NEW BEGINNINGS
LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

We are beginning the 40-day Prayer Journal. Because of some scheduling conflicts, we will not meet on July 20 or July 27. The group will reconvene on Monday August 3rd.

WE ASK PRAYER FOR

Matthew Quintana tonsil surgery Friday,
Al Charlton,
Patience in all things,
Farolyn Hanscom asks prayer for a friend,
Bill Carlson struggling with cancer
Unity Hixinbaugh,
Brian Dulaney asks prayer for a friend's whose baby
died as a result of a car accident
in which Brian was riding,
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
Alice & Eddie Estep,
Jesse & Marie Dulaney family,
The Tallents ask prayer for Caleb's trip to North
Carolina, Kameryn who is now driving, Brittany with
grandma in Ventura and 10 wonderful years of
marriage,
Jewell Magill's son, Charles' health,
Dorothy Victory's dad, fighting cancer,
Gladys O'Neill's husband looks for a job,
Reba Mathis,
Roger Moore's close friend with back pain,
Claudia and Steve Gray ask prayer for a budget from
Sacramento that deals with the state's problems,
Rosie Stock's son, Robert's continued health,
John Magill is recovering from a stroke,
Our New Beginnings group,
Nancy Warkentien's Aunt Mary Seitz died in Florida.
She will be taken to Indiana
for burial,
Donald, Darrell and Jeremy Ainsworth,
Herbert Mitchell daily spiritual guidance,
Shirley Baker,
Kevin & Gail MacMillan family,
Martha Sarbeck growth for church, new and better
jobs, family, peace, health, family friend: Hugo
Bustamante Sr.,
One of Franklin Stuart's work
colleagues died expectedly.



Wilma & Harold

SUNDAY JULY 19, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Scott Copenhaver
SONG LEADER Cheri Copenhaver
COMMUNION PREP Barbara Watson
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY TIME:
Shawn & LaShawn Tallent 10th Anniversary

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance: 84

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY JULY 18

8:30 AM CMF Breakfast
@ Little Green Onion
10:30-12:30 Homeless Ministry

SUNDAY JULY 19

10:30 Worship
10:45 Worship & Wonder
11:40 Hospitality - Tallent Anniversary
12:30 PM Youth Group goes to Disneyland

MONDAY JULY 20

NO Youth Group due to previous day outing

TUESDAY JULY 21

NO FUN & FELLOWSHIP
FOR JULY OR AUGUST

WEDNESDAY JULY 22

10:00 AM There will be no Bible Study today

Wednesday a.m. Bible Study

The group will not meet for the next two Wednesdays. We will finish up the lesson and then decide collectively on the next topic of study. We will meet again on Wednesday July 29.