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**PREACHING SERIES FOR JULY & AUGUST: EXODUS
Text for Sunday: Exodus 12:1-28**



FROM THE MINISTER

Sunday it was 106 after worship and some of us were fiddling with the AC units to see why they were not cooling enough. With high humidity it seemed a bit more than we are used to experiencing. The youth that went to Disneyland were treated with an additional treat: a high of 87 with a breeze. But most stayed home and tried to avoid the outdoors. For those who like this kind of weather, yesterday may have been a perfect day and the forecast seems to include a steady diet of the same.

We sometimes forget that we live in the desert. And we are in the drought that has lasted 3 years so far. My sister called from Montana this morning and shared that the high was only 73. They have had a wet spring and early summer. (So that's where our rain has been going.) Meteorologists say we are in store for an El Nino coming this next Winter which could bring relief to the drought conditions but for now, we are being asked to cut back on water use. Since utility

companies depend on certain sales to keep their budget supported, conservation means a shortfall which leads to increased fees. We will continue to pay more for our energy consumption. Our task is to be energy efficient. We don't have to suffer but we do have to be diligent to use our resources wisely. And in the future we need to build homes that use our abundant resources, the sun and wind. We are not that far away from all having solar air conditioners. Forty years ago today we walked on the moon and saw achievement as part of making a commitment years earlier. God has given us all the ability to use our minds and dreams to tackle any challenge. Innovation and wise use of our resources are all part of God's gifts to us.

Chris C. Nettles

**FCC TO HOST
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

We will be hosting a support group for those who have metastatic cancer. The first meeting will be Tuesday September 15 in the Chapel Conference Center. It will begin as a monthly support group. An experienced organizer, Deanna Della Rocco will lead the group. She has organized such groups in the past and looks forward to offering this ministry to Riverside/Moreno Valley. At present there is a great need and no active groups. The first meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Please spread the word.

**NEW BEGINNINGS
LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

We are participating in the 40-day Prayer Journal. And because of some scheduling conflicts, we will not meet again until Monday, August 3rd. We will launch a church wide introduction to the next book in the series, Unbinding the Heart, in the early fall. We will utilize small groups – those that exist now, and other groups that will be formed with this project in mind.

WE ASK PRAYER FOR

Youth group to come together as a group,
Roger Moore's neighbor Bob Powell is suffering from a brain tumor and its effects
and also remember family needs (strength),
Matthew Quintana is recovering from surgery and was in worship Sunday,

Al Charlton fell Saturday but was in worship,
Jennifer DeRajare has been out of work for 2 months, please pray for guidance for me and to be able to get work soon,

Ernie Vasquez asks for prayer for his son. Sandra Smith-waiting & waiting for my son's return home from Iraq,

New Beginnings, Ernie's job, peace, music,
Shawn & LaShawn Tallent: Thank you for a loving & caring church family.

Pray for our church to become stronger!

Bill Carlson struggling with cancer

Unity Hixinbaugh,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

Alice Estep's legs,

Jesse & Marie Dulaney family,

Charles's health, Jewell Magill's son,

Dorothy Victory's dad, fighting cancer,

Gladys O'Neill's husband looks for a job,

Reba Mathis for strength,

Laurie Coates, for all who need strength in decisions, in health and direction for church,

Claudia Gray's friend Judith Porter,

bladder cancer,

Mary Stuart: Reorganizing my job-ugh.

But glad to still have a job!

Rosie Stock's son, Robert's continued health,

John Magill is recovering from a stroke,

Donald, Darrell and Jeremy Ainsworth,

Herbert Mitchell daily spiritual guidance,

Shirley Baker's strength to return.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance: 80

SUNDAY JULY 26, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Vicki Garcia
SONG LEADER Ernie Garcia
COMMUNION PREP Elaine Carb
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Dorotha McCarver

Lester cleaned up a huge branch which fell suddenly Monday.



(24 hours earlier this same area was full of our children with water guns)



Disneyland at 10:30 PM

FCC BOARD MEETING

The meeting that was originally scheduled to take place on Sunday August 23 has been moved to the following Sunday, August 30. As usual, the board will meet immediately following church and lunch will be potluck.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

RICHARD BRANDT
BRIAN NETTLES
WANDA COPENHAVER
FRANKLIN STUART
ALICE FUSCO
MIRANDA DURAN
MARY COLLIER
10-RUFINO MEDINA
12-LILY TAKA
13-BARBARA KU
15-ANN GIBBONS (MOZINGO) SCHERMBER
ORDEMA KNOBEL
16-ADAM, ALEX,& ALAN GRAY
RUTH STEPHENSON
SCOTT LAMBERT
20-LINDA BRANDT
CHERI COPENHAVER
22-LYLA MCARTHUR
24-JOAN WATSON
26-SAMANTHA SNOW

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7- JIM & ROSIE STOCKS
JIM & WANDA COPENHAVER
16-KEVIN & GAIL MACMILLAN
23-STEVE & CLAUDIA GRAY
27-RAY & MARGUERITE FINCHER
30-FRANKLIN & MARY STUART