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Mark 7:24-37

Physicians have been taught to: “Do No Harm.” If you cannot help the patient, at least do not harm him or her unnecessarily. While we all have stories about how a doctor may have messed up, we at least want to believe it is still true. In the church we expect all leaders to make the same effort. The text Sunday includes 2 stories. The first tells about the disciples wanting to stop others from healing in Jesus name. And the second tells about Jesus warning to the disciples not to harm the little ones among them. In both stories there is a caution issued by Jesus to be careful. So how do you think we can apply these teachings to our faith and the faith of others?

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26**

**Women’s Book Club**

“The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet” By Jamie Ford  
8:30 AM @ CoCo’s on Trautwein & Van Buren  
Start reading now and join us for breakfast

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

**General Assembly Disciple Women**

Invites us all to join in a potluck after worship

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 3**

**Rummage Sale 8 AM – 1:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4**

**40 Days of Prayer**

Invites you to participate in a small group beginning October 4.

We will each receive a copy of “Unbinding the Heart” and  
asked to find a prayer partner with whom we will share our journey

**FROM THE MINISTER**

There are times in ministry when our best intentions turn on us. It can be of no one’s fault, just a bad day. Or it may be the result of our lack of planning or a defensive attitude we carry with us. Whatever the reason for such moments in life, it is fortunate that they are not a common occurrence. If it were, then most of us would strongly believe God was at work against us.

Such moments are at best discouraging. But after the heat of the moment cools a bit, I find it helpful to sort through those moments and try to salvage what I can learn. They help me see my mistakes and together we listen to each other in an often, profound way. So far in life I have learned more from the uncomfortable moments of ministry than from the smooth places. I have colleagues who can help me sort through the pain to find the valuable.

This past week I received a letter from one of the staff at Harvest, inviting me to join a monthly prayer group. Being prayed for by other ministers is a gift not to be discouraged. We live in a time when many of our mega-churches are teaching that they are the only true church. There seems to be no ecumenical Spirit of Christ, just partisan competitors. Personally I value the prayers of others. And I value yours too. Your prayers may be that I become a better leader, pastor and preacher. My prayers for you are much the same

but include the call to us all to remain open to the Spirit’s leading.

**Chris C. Nettles**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

WORSHIP LEADER Kevin MacMillan  
COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker  
HOSPITALITY TIME

Ice Cream & Cookies

**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS**

Worship Attendance: 64

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3**

7:00 PM Choir

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5**

10:30 AM- 12 Noon Homeless Feeding  
Youth Group Helping

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

**Food Sunday**

9:15 AM Adult Church School  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Worship & Wonder  
11:40 AM Hospitality time

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7**

**Labor Day –Office Closed  
No Youth Group tonight**



We thank Barbara Drake for reworking our fountain flowers and adding new ones

**WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Sally Randall is still at Reche Canyon Convalescent doing therapy & now she is able to write again,  
 Glendora Mozingo still has a cast on her arm, waiting to see the Orthopedic Doctor,  
 Jim & Wanda Copenhaver  
 (What a surprise to have Wanda in worship Sunday),  
 Youth group,  
 Autumn Albin,  
 Scot & Jennifer Lambert,  
 Al Charlton strength  
 Pray for all the people who are sick & in the hospital,  
 Pray for firefighters,  
 A resolution for our living situation and for Jeremy,  
 Unity, Sally & Frances,  
 Diana Wyman, peace,  
 Brenda Murray,  
 Albert Bondesen-employment,  
 prayer for our military,  
 Madlyn Hatzer for strength and mobility, Children of the Church,  
 Bill Livermore graduation from boot camp was August 28th,  
 Family and homeless feeding ministry,  
 Roger Moore's daughters,  
 Dick Haynes's pain,  
 New Beginnings:  
 40 days of prayer beginning October 4th,  
 Daily spiritual guidance.  
 Pray for our church to become stronger!  
 Bill Carlson's cancer treatments,  
 Unity Hixinbaugh was admitted to Kaiser to assist her breathing,  
 Reba Mathis for strength,  
 Barbara Ku's Aunt Helen had part of her colon removed and is in ICU,  
 Shawn still searching for employment  
 Luis while deployed in Iraq for the next year,  
 LaShawn while going to college while working full time,  
 Homeless people,  
 Our grandson Keil for peace of mind,  
 Michelle Westmoreland got a job,  
 My brother Augie, for continued good health for all our church congregation,  
 Children going back to school,  
 Shirley Baker for a good night's rest,  
 Ralph in Marine Corp boot camp.

**THANK YOU**

We Thank Scott Lambert for Refinishing The office doors



Anyone Know How to Trim Eucalyptus Trees?

**2009 PSWR Golf Classic  
 October 26**

**“Opportunity Drawing Tickets”**

\$1 Each or 6/\$5

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> prize 2 BCS Championship Tickets

3<sup>rd</sup> prize Pantages Theater Package (4 shows)

Need not be present to win

(Church Office)

Can We Get A Foursome?