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Genesis 14:1-18

We have all experienced moments when we felt trapped. We prayed for help for God to show us the direction. But what appeared before us seems like going back to where we have been. Could God be leading us backward or does God see something we cannot see? At such moments it is hard to put our trust in God but that is just what we are often asked to do. With our back to the sea and the enemy coming quickly, it is easy to be discouraged. But then, God shows us what we cannot see.

**NEW BEGINNINGS
& UNBINDING THE HEART**

We will launch a church wide introduction Unbinding the Heart, in the early fall. We have ordered 50 copies of the book and will order more as the need increases. We will utilize small groups – those that exist now, and other groups that will be formed with this project in mind.

PHILLIPS GRADUATE SEMINARY ALUMNI



Fred Dorisse, Norman Williams & Chris
(All the shirts look similar)

FROM THE MINISTER

We arrived home last night from Indianapolis and the General Assembly. Other than finding out that Glendora Mozingo was in the hospital, I have heard the good news about Cathy Hopkins preaching and Sandi Smith's son arrive home from Iraq.

We are glad to be home after 7 nights in a hotel. This has turned out to be our summer vacation and so we tried to enjoy as much as we could. But it was a bit long and got tiring with the going and eating out every meal. Today we are going back to LAX to pick up Christine who visited here last summer from Germany.

Being gone just one week, one would not expect to have missed much but it seems different. Though nothing dramatic happened, there were lots of small clues offered which gave me hope for the church. How to put them all into our ministry is yet to be seen but God continues to be at work in our lives. This is one of those affirmations we make everyday and in a lifetime we know to be true. Christ is with us not just at the table on Sunday but seeking to be the Lord of our lives. We are being asked to be disciples of Christ, to grow and to share our faith with others. This is the easiest and the hardest part of ministry.

We are to share what we have experienced. But for too long we have turned over that responsibility to the minister and others we have noted as the gifted among us. If we are to share the Good News of Christ with others, we need to regain our voice and share how we have grown so far.

Chris C. Nettles

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.
See you there!

STUFF THE BUS

Our church is participating in "Stuff the bus" program for Operation Safe House, Teens in Crisis Program. Please donate and bring to the church: toiletries, blankets, pillows and non-perishable foods. Our church will be taking this to the Riverside Plaza on August 28-29 for pick up.

Thank you



Youth Group Display

WE ASK PRAYER FOR

Glendora Mozingo is in Riverside Community Hospital after having a portion of her large intestine removed,

Barbara Shively asks prayer for her cousin having a second cancer surgery this year, Youth group to come together as a group,

Lois made it through her surgery. We thank you for your prayers and praise the Lord.

Children of the Church,

Sally is having minor surgery Wednesday to have her trecheostomy hole closed, Family and homeless feeding ministry,

Dick Haynes is still having pain since his back surgery,

Sandi Smith: my son is in route home somewhere between Iraq & US,

Ernie Vasquez asks for prayer for his son to come home,

New Beginnings,

Pray for our church to become stronger!

Bill Carlson struggling with cancer

Unity Hixinbaugh,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

Charles's health, Jewell Magill's son,

Ernie Garcia as he continues

to look for a new career,

Reba Mathis for strength,

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

John Magill is recovering from a stroke,

Jewell Magill asks for prayer for her son Charles and for herself,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

Shirley Baker for rest & strength,

Shawn Tallent is out of work again.

LaShawn is going back to college this fall.

Daily spiritual guidance

Christopher & Nathan to

continue to grow healthy.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY AUGUST 9

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder

11:40 Hospitality Time

MONDAY AUGUST 10

6:30 PM Youth Group

6:30 PM New Beginnings

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

No Bible Study - will resume in September

4:30 PM Nursery School Board Meeting

SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Jesse Dulaney

SONG LEADER

Ernie Garcia & Cathy Losee

COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY TIME

Scott & Jennifer Lambert

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

Worship Attendance: 66

THANK YOU

Thank you to all for your kind words and many prayers during the time my son was in Iraq. He is home now in Colorado, rest and has returned to duty at Ft Carson. He is being transferred to Mississippi in March of next year to train soldiers going to Iraq and Afghanistan.

God Bless you, Sandi