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Mark 9:30-37 & James 3:13-4:3

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
More details to follow

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 we will be
asked to find a prayer partner with whom we will share our journey.
This is an exciting opportunity to expand our horizons
and heighten our awareness.

Some of Our Youth Serving the Homeless on Labor Day Weekend



FROM THE MINISTER

Yesterday, I got a call from a professor at Pepperdine University. He was asking if members of FCC in Riverside would be coming to join them in breaking bread on world Communion Sunday, October 4th. It reminded me of a letter I had received a few weeks ago with details of the invitation. The Christian Church is celebrating the 200 Anniversary of the Last Will and Testament (a defining moment for Thomas Campbell, one of our early Christian church leaders). They were using the occasion to invite their brothers and sisters from both branches of the Christian Church to share communion together. That day is our beginning day for Unbinding the Heart. So I am not sure I can attend. But it did raise for me a reminder of what the Church is all about. We are not just here to examine our relationship to Christ but we are here to connect with others who share that same yearning. We have a history that includes far more than we see on any given Sunday. We have some common values with those who once

worshipped with us but choose to let differences in other areas of their lives divide the church.

As we make efforts to Unbind our Hearts, let us pledge not to let it divide us. We are eager to learn how our growing will help others grow and learn to open our lives to our friends and family. Remember, we have lots more family and friends in Christ than we see on any Sunday. Our task is to spread the table and welcome all those Christ invites.

Chris C. Nettles

SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER	Sherry Nettles
COMMUNION PREP	Sandi smith
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY TIME	Shawn & LeShawn Tallent

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS
Worship Attendance: 75

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16

1:00 PM Mary-Rebecca @ Church

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 am Disciple Men (Christian Men's Fellowship) @ Little Green Onion

10:30-12:30 Homeless Ministry

Please come and help

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

11:40 Hospitality time

MONDAY AUGUST 17

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

Wednesday A.M. Bible Study

Will begin Wednesday, October 7 at 10:00. We will do the study on Unbinding the Heart. If you are not already in a group that is doing that study, consider joining us on Wednesday mornings.

WE ASK PRAYER FOR

Sally Randall at Reche Canyon Convalescent,

Mary Stuart's hand continued healing,

Glendora Mazingo,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver

Youth group,

Al Charlton,

Frances Hiltabidel,

Alber Bondeson's son's employment,

Prayer for our military,

Madlyn Hatzler for strength and mobility,

Children of the Church,

Family and homeless feeding ministry,

Daily spiritual guidance.

Pray for our church to become stronger!

Jean Van Aken's daughter Rhonda for understanding

and patience in life's roads,

Unity Hixinbaugh,

Reba Mathis for strength,

Stella Fife still having vertigo,

Barbara Ku's Aunt Heleen & friend

Mary Bactel in hospital after having a stroke,

Shawn Tallent searching for employment,

Luis serving in Iraq,

Homeless people,

My brother Augie,

for continued good health for all,

for the people of the church

Lucian Nelson, having tests at Veteran's Hospital in

Loma Linda.

October 17, 2009

Regional Gathering in Fullerton

Theme: Covenant & Communion

Speaker: Dr. David L. Matson

This is the same excellent speaker who led the Disciples Men's Retreat at Loch Leven.

Registration \$12. See Sandi for details

2009 PSWR Golf Classic

October 26

"Opportunity Drawing Tickets"

\$1 Each or 6/\$5

1st prize \$1,000

2nd prize 2 BCS Championship Tickets

3rd prize Pantages Theater Package (4 shows)

Need not be present to win
(Church Office)

Can We Get A Foursome?

Nursery School Fundraiser

Remember the Riverside Community Cards?

They are the coupon card that you carry in your wallet for the next year and you get to save money with many vendors here in the greater Riverside Area. We stopped selling the card for a while because some of the most common businesses had dropped off the list for a while. But many of them are back and it makes the card even more valuable now. The card pays for itself just by using it usually the first time. The price for the card is \$15 and the NS Gets to keep \$10 of that for their fundraising effort. Next Sunday, and for the next two of three Sundays, Lisa Villa, FCCNS Director, will be in the Fellowship Hall after church. Be sure to stop and see her. She has the complete list of vendors by this just a small sampling:

Coco's

Carrow's

Marie Callendar's

CM School Supply

Papa Johns

Capone's Pizza

Triple A Taxi

Etc.