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**Mark 9:42-50**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26  
Women's Book Club @ CoCo's  
8:30 AM for Breakfast  
On Trautwein near Van Buren**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27  
General Assembly Disciple Women  
Invites us all to join in a potluck after worship**  
Please bring a main dish, salad or vegetable.  
Table service will be provided.  
Entertainment will be an ensemble of:  
Marilyn Rader, Piano Franklin Stuart, Guitar, Mary Stuart, Vocal,  
and a piano student of Marilyn Rader.

**Youth Group Outings**  
Boys going to Scott & Jill Field's to watch football  
&  
the girls are going Horse back tiding with Jennifer Lambert  
be sure to have your parents or guardians sign a permission slip.

**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".

This is an exciting opportunity to expand our horizons  
and heighten our awareness.

**FROM THE MINISTER**

While I was in New Orleans, my home church was scheduled for a visit from Church Extension about their building loan. As a prelude to the meeting, there was an introduction made concerning Unbinding the Gospel. I was invited to attend and, in the process, ended up sharing what we have been doing and what we are planning for October. As I shared my optimism, I received greater clarification about what we needed to do. Yes, we will all be invited to share in 40 days of prayer beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>, but how can we increase the effectiveness of the experience for as many as possible? That has been my prayer question for some time.

The plan, at present, is to use Sunday worship as a time to focus on the key thought expressed in the six chapters that precedes the daily scripture and prayer exercises. The weakness of our two leadership training experiences was the same: we loved to discuss even what we had not read. Disciples loved to talk and are open to listening

and expressing themselves. But we found it difficult, if not impossible, to do the prayer exercises.

What I want is for as many of us to participate as possible. So I am proposing that we gather each Sunday after worship, Wednesday morning at 10 AM and Wednesday evening at 7 PM. If another time or place, other than the church is more convenient, we will provide the leadership. The amount of time for each session is less than an hour. On Sundays the time should be about 45 minutes including a small meal. The biggest commitment will be the daily prayer that we will all be asked to do individually. I am asking for a commitment of time. This Sunday we will all be asked which of the times we prefer.

I ask you to give some individual prayer that we can all open our lives to this experience of growth. FCC has always been here to unbind the lives of others. We can help each other to regain our voices and learn from Christ: how to better share God's love with everyone.

**Chris C. Nettles**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

WORSHIP LEADER Franklin Stuart  
COMMUNION PREP  
Farolyn Hanscom & Lynn Cooper  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker  
HOSPITALITY TIME  
Disciple Women's General Assembly

Kameryn is returning to high school,  
Inspiration for growth,  
Peace  
Al and Unity,  
Luis serving in Iraq,  
the Homeless we serve,  
Shirley Baker to regain her strength

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27**

9:15 AM Adult Church School  
10:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Worship & Wonder  
12 Noon Potluck & Program  
Youth Group: Our young men will be going to Scott Field's to watch football and our young women will be going with Jennifer Lambert horseback riding.

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

**WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY**

Setup for Rummage Sale

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 3**

8 AM-1 PM Rummage Sale

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4**

Unbinding the Heart, First Day

**Nursery School Fundraiser**

Remember the Riverside Community Cards? The price for the card is \$15 and the NS gets to keep \$10 of that for their fundraising effort. For the next two or three Sundays, Lisa Villa, FCCNS Director, will be in the Fellowship Hall after church. She may be hard to find but she will be there. Be sure to stop and see her. She has the complete list of vendors but this is just a small sampling of over 140 of our most popular merchants:

Coco's, Carrow's, Marie Callender's  
CM School Supply, Papa Johns, Del Taco,  
Cinnabon, Subway, Domino's Pizza  
Capone's Pizza, Triple A Taxi, etc

**WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Maria Dulaney has knee surgery on Thursday and will be off work for 6 weeks,  
Lucian Nelson was released last Thursday from the VA Hospital. He was treated for kidney stone blockage but is still quite weak  
Richard Hanscom had leg surgery with a secondary vein removed on 9.15.09.  
He is home but experiencing much pain.  
Glendora Mazingo was in worship Sunday and has hopes of getting her cast off this week,  
Sally Randall still doing therapy at Reche Canyon Convalescent,  
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver  
Youth group,  
Al Charlton looks good but is in bed most of the time,  
Frances Hiltabidel was in worship for the first time since her stoke,  
Ernie Vasquez asks God to guard his son Augie and bring him home,  
Albert's employment search,  
prayer for all our military,  
Madlyn Hatzer 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,  
Unity Hixinbaugh,  
Reba Mathis for strength,  
Stella Fife still having vertigo,  
Barbara Ku's Aunt Helen & friend  
Shawn Tallent is still searching for employment & ill right now,

*The honor of your presence  
is requested at the marriage of*

*Miss Sara M. Villalpando  
And  
Mr. Kevin K. Nettles*

*On Saturday,  
October Tenth Two Thousand and Nine  
at One O'Clock in the afternoon*

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**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

Worship Attendance: 71