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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 3**  
Rummage Sale 8 AM – 1:00 PM

**Text for Sunday**  
**John 21:15-17 & 3:16**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY &  
DEDICATION FOR UNBINDING THE HEART**  
**The Chancel Choir will be singing “Remember Me”**

The first Sunday of each October is World Communion Sunday in which all Churches share in communion as a sign of our unity in Christ -- we are one.

This is also our dedication of all who will participate in Unbinding the Heart. It will consist of 40 days of prayer and a powerful faith discovery. Please pick up a copy of the book in the Narthex before worship or the Fellowship Hall after worship. No matter which small group you are going to participate in, you will need the book to begin daily prayer on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. As of now, there are three groups identified: Sunday after worship, Wednesday morning and Wednesday early evening. More dates and times could become identified as needs arise.

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**CAR WASH AFTER WORSHIP**

Bring your dirty car and let the members of our  
Youth Group wash it for you.  
Donations are appreciated and will help fund future  
activities and ministries.

**FROM THE MINISTER**

For over 20 years we talked about why we should or should not have a food pantry and a homeless meals ministry. Why do we push ourselves out of our routines, into the uncomfortable places? As Christians we have to believe that it is the Spirit's leading that pushes us as Christ pushed the disciples to a greater understanding and experience of discipleship. Still the greatest challenge to the church is the threshold of the doors opening to us. That little rise, which makes the doorway stronger, is often our tripping place. It just takes too much energy to go through the doorway.

Still I believe the doors before us in life are there, because God has placed them there. He has invited and continues to invite us. One generation may choose to not enter while the next one may be willing and eager. Once we have made it past that first obstacle, we often find wonderful experiences and wonder why it was such a big deal for us before we entered.

I don't believe any one doorway will change us completely. But over a lifetime, if we get used to opening the doors Christ places before us, we will grow into the kind of Christian we are called

to become. It is the unfulfilled life that scares me most. My comfort zone is getting more inviting than my adventure zone. My hope is that this is a personal weakness and a not weakness of the community. This next Sunday, we will be asked to move through another doorway in our faith journey. Unbinding our Heart can be the confirmation of our faith and bring us to another **leading of the spirit moment** in our lives. **We are a community of faith following the call of Jesus Christ to meet the spiritual needs of God's people.** And who are these people? They are all those God has placed in our midst at church, at home, in our daily lives **and** in our family. We are called to share our faith with them and in that sharing we are called to listen to the Spirit's leading. My prayer for us all is that we are ready to move through the doorway Christ is opening us.  
**Chris C. Nettles**

**WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY**

Setup for Rummage Sale

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 1**

7:00 PM Choir

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 2**

8:30 AM- 5:30 PM Life-Line Screening

here at First Christian Church

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 3**

8 AM-1 PM Rummage Sale

10:30 AM -12 Homeless Feeding

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4** Food Sunday

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

After Worship Youth Group Car Wash

12:15-1:00 Unbinding the Heart Group

(Chapel Conf. Ctr.) with lunch included

**MONDAY OCTOBER 5**

Unbinding the Heart, Kick Off for 40 Days of

Prayer (Online Daily Prayer Meditations will be sent to each person on our email list)

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7**

10:00-10:45 AM Unbinding the Heart

New Small Group (Chapel Conf. Ctr.)

6:00-7:00 PM Unbinding The Heart

New Small Group (Chapel Conf. Ctr.)

with soup supper provided

**WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Al Charlton was admitted to Magnolia Convalescent for some therapy,

Maria Dulaney has knee surgery on October 1<sup>st</sup> & and will be off work for 6 weeks,

Sally Randall is walking with a walker,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver

Strength and understanding between our youth,

That I continue to grow in my faith & my life,

Watch over our family, friends & congregation

We pray that we all keep our faith during these troubled times!

Ernie Vasquez asks God to guard his son Augie and bring him home,

Forgiveness in our hearts,

Hanging in there,

Michelle needs a job -- hoping to get on at Goodwill,

Sister is having trouble breathing

& diabetes out of control

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!

Reba Mathis for strength,

Barbara Ku's Aunt Helen & friend

Shawn Tallent is still searching

for employment,

To mend our relationship,

Kameryn is trying out for the water polo team,

Inspiration for growth,

Peace

Al and Unity,

Luis serving in Iraq,

the Homeless we serve,

Shirley Baker to regain her

morning strength

**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. Lisa Villa, FCCNS Director, will be in the Fellowship Hall after church. 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

*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*  
  
*First Christian Church  
4055 Jurupa Ave  
Riverside, California 92506*

(Kevin & Sara are registered at Target)

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4**

WORSHIP LEADER Scott Copenhaver  
SONG Cheri Copenhaver  
COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker  
HOSPITALITY TIME Rader Family

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

Worship Attendance: 75