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Text for Next Sunday John 1:43-51

Sharon Watkins, the Christian church (Disciples of Christ) General Minister was the only preacher for the National Prayer Service at the Washington National Cathedral with President Obama in attendance. (Did anyone see the service?) You can watch it on CSPAN on your computer:
<http://www.c-span.org/Watch/watch.aspx?MediaId=HP-R-14536>

**Grief Support Group
10 AM Thursday January 22 @ FCC**



FROM THE MINISTER

It is easy to be optimistic when the pews are full of friend, family and visitors. This morning, much of the country and many people around the world, watched the inauguration of President Obama with hopeful anticipation. We hope for stability and then a return to growth. The economic crisis has taken more than money from it, it has taken away our confidence about who we are as the people of God. But that confidence and a sense of purpose was taken away long before we faced a recession. We had lost it even when we experienced the technological and real estate bubbles of the past 20 years. It may be that only during times of great loss that we come back to our senses about where our hope lies. Sunday 90% of those in worship said they could more easily see God during hard times than during times of ease. It is fitting that we as part of First Christian church are praying and talking about our calling during tough economic times. More and more people are coming to ask important questions about their lives and we need to be ready to tell our stories aloud. While

I know faith is often hard to articulate and we are eager to pass off such responsibilities to others, we are going to ask just that of one another. Tell us your stories of where you feel closest to God? They may be October 14, 1999 stories like Scott Field or they may be stories about being with your family for a holiday or serving the homeless. Where do you see Jesus during the week apart from worship? These are faith questions for us. We need to be at ease in sharing with others where we have been and where we are going. Maybe what we need is to just listen to others first and then add something we remember. It takes time to gain confidence and to find our voice. But with a little practice and the right questions, we may discover how to share what we already know in our heart.

Chris C. Nettles



McKenzie, Kim, Brittany & Linnea

“Praying for Our Community”

Riley Bell, one of our pre-school children, her grand mother (Delana Jones) and mother (Alicia Jones) were hit by a drunk driver. The grand mother and drunk driver were killed, Riley suffered severe brain damage and the mother has had multiple surgeries and is still hospitalized,

Cathy Losee left this morning to visit her mother then word came that her mother died,

Dorothy Victory has palsy,

Joan and Pat Watson,

Bernadine Campbell visiting from Cleveland, Cindy Petronic (Sally & Larry Randall’s daughter) as she flies home,

Sally & Wayne traveling home to Iowa,

Glendora Mazingo,

Genevieve Bain,

Shawn Tallent,

Sarah Rizzo,

Our growing youth group,

Debbie Snow,

Pam and Pat,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

Reba Mathis for her pain,

Barnaby Smith serving in Iraq,

SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Vicki Garcia

SONG LEADER

Mary Stuart & Sherry Nettles

COMMUNION Barbara Watson

HOSPITALITY MINISTER

Shirley Baker & Sandra Smith

HOSPITALITY

Cheri Quintana & Scott Copenhaver

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY JANUARY 22

9:00 AM Quilting

10:00 AM Grief Support Meeting at church

7:00 PM Choir

SUNDAY JANUARY 25

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder Children’s

Ministry

1:00-4:00 First-sixth grade youth to Castle Park

MONDAY JANUARY 26

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY JANUARY 27

11:30 AM Fun & Fellowship

Pot Luck Lunch and Brown Bag Bingo

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28

7:00 PM Lydia Group

@ Sally Randall (8872 Brunswick Avenue)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

12:15 Church Board Meeting

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 93

Youth Group: 16 youth & 3 adult



Cindy, Scott, Debbie & Mike

Join Us In a New Activity

“topic of the week.”

We ask for you to take some time during that week and consider the question or topic and engage in prayerful reflection. Then, on each following Sunday, we will gather informally to continue the dialogue. We will meet at one of the tables in the fellowship hall after church this Sunday, January 25th to begin with and then possibly move into a specified room later.

“Where do we see Jesus during the week?”

This will give us a chance to share our own faith and witness together.