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**Text for Next Sunday Mark 9:2-9**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. So this Sunday we will all receive a daily devotional. I attended a workshop led by the authors at the General Assembly in Ft. Worth 2 years ago. Christian & Amy Piatt who wrote, MySpace To Sacred Space have written the devotionals around the theme of "Untying the Lenten Knot". Lent can be a time to learn to work through the knots of our faith and life. If you don't get a copy, one will be available in the church office.

**CROP WALK MARCH 29 @ 1 PM**

Each year we participate in a CROP walk to tackle the needs of people who walk everyday for their water and food. "We walk because they walk" has been the theme for years and we are asked to seek donations that support our walking. Many congregations in Riverside join in this 3-mile walk on Victoria Avenue that begins and ends at Temple Beth El (corner of Victoria and Central). If you plan to walk this year, please pick up a Sign-up Envelope in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

**Snow Fun**



Gineva, Savannah, Lindsey, Brittany, Diana, Katie, Jessica, McKenzie & Matthew

**FROM THE MINISTER**

Sunday the sledding outing was almost cancelled at the last minute due to chains being required. I was so thankful that Katie McGinnis was with us Sunday. She saved the day by having lived at Crestline and leading us to a good place. Trying to make plans a week ahead of time and not knowing if the weather will cooperate is a different experience for most of us in Southern California.

Much of our life is tentative planning. We have an idea of what we want to do but then life comes at us in those unexpected ways. We adjust and often to make the best of the detours of life. It is easy to be overwhelmed.

This next Monday Katelynn Nettles will have her first birthday. When I think about how our life has changed from the announced birth to today, it seems like a different world. The changes from a sleeping baby to a crying baby to a child who smiles when she hears my voice has been a wonderful adventure from God.

I am beginning to realize that the settled life of my planning is not the ready-Lord attitude of faith. I am content to keep living a day at a time and somewhat ready for the new adventures that steer my life away from my plans. Still I am making plans and trying to provide stability for our family but not be discouraged when the new adventures arrive. I thank God for each one sent to help us all live ready-Lord.

**Chris C. Nettles**



**Carson & Ben Lewis**

**“Praying for Our Community”**

Barbara Ku went to see her mother, Dorothy Lester in Iowa. While there her aunt Helen broke her hip and her friend, Jane Audas broke her wrist,

Frank Uribe

Freddie Garcia,

Sandi Smith leaves for a train trip to see her son in Colorado,

Reba Mathis for continued strength,

Emily Nelson has been released to drive when she feels ready,

We thank Diana & Katie McGinnis for accompanying the youth to Crestline for sledding last Sun day.

Katie drove on her 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, what a sacrifice!

Franklin & Mary Stuart, Adam & Steve Gray and Roger Moore began installing new light fixtures for the sanctuary.

It was nice to have Frank & Barbara Nolkemper in worship with us Sunday. They are active in FCC SB.

Also Tim & Diana Lewis joined us in celebrating Loch Leven Sunday. Tim serves on the Outdoor Ministry Committee for the Region. And we got to see Ben and his son Carson.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who donated for my trip to see my son and family in Colorado. God Bless you. Sandi Smith

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**

**February 28 @ 8:30 AM Coco’s Central**  
“Dreams From My Father”



**Mary**

**Our Vital Statistics**

Worship Attendance: 84  
7-12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group: 13 youth & 1 adult  
Junior Fellowship: 4 youth & 3 adults



**Franklin & Adam**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

WORSHIP LEADER Laurie Coates  
SONG LEADER Ernie Garcia & Cathy Losee  
COMMUNION PREP Barbara Watson  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker  
HOSPITALITY Franklin & Mary Stuart

**Upcoming Events**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21**

8:30 AM CMF Breakfast @ Little Green Onion  
10:30-12:30 Homeless Ministry

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 23**

6:30- 8:00 PM Youth Group

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24**

11:30 AM Fun & Fellowship Pot Luck  
Bring your own table service

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25**

Lent Begins  
9:30 AM Disciple Women Board Meeting

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28**

10:00-3:00 New Beginnings Evaluation at Pomona First with lunch provided

**FRIDAY MARCH 6**

Church Women United @ Salvation Army with lunch provided.