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Academy Award Best Film Nominee: "The Hurt Locker"

The Hurt Locker opens with a quotation: "The rush of battle is a potent and often lethal addiction, for war is a drug." This quotation from War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning, from, a best-selling 2002 book by New York Times, correspondent and journalist Chris Hedges. The movie is about the experiences of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit in the early stages of the US occupation of Iraq in 2004. The title is slang for being injured in an explosion, as in 'they sent him to the hurt locker.'



Loch Leven Youth Retreat

FROM THE MINISTER

The Sunday afternoon concert for Haiti drew over 300 and produced over \$2,000. It turned into an interesting experience. There were a wide variety of choirs from the very informal to more traditional. First Congregational Church had a youth band called The Best Youth Band Ever. There was a group from what I think was a Hindu congregation in Corona, which led us all in two chants. First Christian sang two anthems and one with First Congregational. One person signed a couple of songs and several groups were accompanied by praise bands.

Few of us have probably ever experienced more diversity of worship styles than we did at the concert. One group from San Diego was the most dramatically different. Pastor Greene led us in two

songs, which reminded me of the church scene in The 1980 movie: The Blues Brothers. The preacher and lead singer jumped, shouted and testified. By the time he finished leading us in two songs, close to 20 minutes had passed. When some from First Christian were not standing, he came over and challenged us.

We thank Marilyn Rader and the choir for taking the time to share their talents. I got an email from Jane Quandt (First congregational) on Monday from someone in the community noting the beautiful harmony of both FCC choirs. (If everybody had just sung one song it could have been a 1 hour concert instead of almost 2)

Chris C. Nettles

We ask Prayers for:

Our youth leaders: Scott field & Jennifer Lambert and our youth,
Nicholas Abernathy had his tonsils & adenoids out on Friday 2/26-painful,
Lorna's son/Franklin & Mary's grandson,
Dorothy Pugh,
Healing,
Ask God to help & bless each one of us through our trials good and bad,
Barbara Shively's friend Lyn Gebera has cancer & receiving radiation
5 days a week
Blessing on Wes' new ad with AT&T,
First Christian can move forward into a new mission for Christ,
Al Charlton,
Dorothy Victory's dad, Leroy,
is in a lot of pain,
Sally & Larry Randall are walking around the block up to 30 minutes a day,
Unity Hixinbaugh,
Reba Mathis,
Paul & Myrtle Bowman,
For the unemployed , the struggling ones in need. May we fill their needs and comfort them,
Peace on earth,
Gene & Maxine Cramer,
Sally, Unity & Al,
Charles, my son's health,
Daily spiritual guidance,
Our military,
Please pray for the 8 Christians released from prison in Haiti,
Peace & wisdom for our family at a time when we lack for both,
For one another, a joy like no other,
For our family & friends to keep our faith the whole year through,
Continued prayers for Richard (Hanscom) & Arianna Wilcox,
please help my mom and dad through the hard times,
our son to find employment,
For Mary Stafford Hall awaiting mastectomy and chemotherapy,
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
Bless everyone to find strength in our faith,
Prayer for the Church without ceasing!

We Need Your Help

With Our Homeless Ministry

Lynn Cooper will be missing from our feedings for the next few weeks so we invite you to add your skills. Call the church office @ 686-0646.

Last Sunday Statistics:

Worship Attendance: 67

Women's Book Club March Selection

"Have A Little Faith"

SUNDAY MARCH 7

WORSHIP LEADER Scott Field

SONG LEADER

Ernie Garcia & Sherry Nettles

COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY

Shawn & LaShawn Tallent

THURSDAY MARCH 4

7 PM Choir Practice

SATURDAY MARCH 6

10:30 AM-12 Homeless Feeding

SUNDAY MARCH 7

FOOD SUNDAY

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

11:40 AM Hospitality time

MONDAY MARCH 8

11:30 AM Friendship Group @ Tin Lizzy's

Cookie Café 4620 Pine Avenue

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

WEDNESDAY MARCH 10

10 AM Bible Study – Simple Church

6:00-7:30 PM Lenten Soup & Worship

Planning in Koinonia Classroom

SUNDAY MARCH 14

CROP WALK 1:00 PM

E-mail ministry:

Our e-mail ministry continues to expand with each new week and is another way to keep in touch with the church. . To be included, please send a request through e-mail to vickigarciaatfcc@aol.com and your address will be added. Thank you.