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Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

“Academy Award Best Picture Nominee - Precious”

**This Sunday –Begins Daylight Savings  
Spring forward one hour (lose an hour of sleep)**



Cal Baptist “Light” Choir will be here Palm Sunday  
to Bring the Message in Song, Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>

**CROP Walk This Sunday 1 PM @ Temple Beth El**

**Regional Ministers will meet with us**

To seek direction on the Region’s long range mission

Wednesday March 24 @ 6 PM

We are all invited to share

**FROM THE MINISTER**

Brian my son got me started on a TV series called Lost about five years ago and this is the final season. It is about a group of plane crash survivors on an island and how they deal with one another in this crisis. Almost all the shows included each character’s back at home “what led up to this moment” mini stories. Now as the series is just nine shows away from ending, the characters are reuniting and discovering a purpose for their lives.

In the old days of TV shows each one-hour or thirty-minute show, gave us a problem to be solved. But now it seems that we have moved onto a new five-year plan. In real life it takes a whole lot longer. But if we could just look back five years, we might discover that where we thought we were going back then is not where we are going now.

In my younger years I rebelled at the thought that my life was directed in one divine plan. But I prayed and worked for good. I saw purpose as combining what I worked for with what I saw as God’s purpose for us all. It was hard work and good choices that made for good.

I may be wrong in my assumptions about God’s purposes for our lives. There are times when things just come together without any of our choosing and other times when it seems life is moving apart faster than our efforts to keep it together. It still means we have to make good choices today and we still have to be willing to start over lots of times. But things are moving toward a purpose rather than away. It is hard for me to give up on this idea especially when it comes to people in the pew. Its hard to give up on others even when they have given up on us and God. For now I keep giving others one more chance and hope they are giving me one too.  
**Chris C. Nettles**

**We ask Prayers for:**

Our youth leaders: Scott Field &  
Jennifer Lambert and our youth,  
Richard Hanscom's eye surgery,  
Dorothy Pugh,  
Healing,  
Marie Dulaney's back and knee pain,  
Clare starts a new job on Monday,  
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,  
Ask God to help & bless each one of us through  
our trials good and bad,  
Barbara Shively's friend Lyn Gebera,  
Wes and Michelle, one year since William,  
their son's death,  
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 still walking,.  
Unity Hixinbaugh,  
Reba Mathis,  
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,  
Al & Sandy Bondesen,  
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 Arianna Wilcox,  
please help my mom and dad  
through the hard times,  
our son to find employment,  
Mary Stafford Hall,  
Bless everyone to find  
strength in our faith,  
Prayer for the Church without ceasing!

Last Sunday Statistics:  
Worship Attendance: 68

**CROP WALK**

**If you sponsored a walker for the Crop Walk, please be sure you bring your money or check by this Sunday March 14. If you write a check, please make it out to CWS/ Crop Walk.**

**Thank you**

**FOUNDER'S DAY**

March 27<sup>th</sup> at Chapman University  
Dr. Marcus Borg will be the guest speaker  
10 AM Registration

**SUNDAY MARCH 14**

WORSHIP LEADER	Cathy Losee
SONG LEADER	
	Mary Stuart
COMMUNION PREP	Sandi Smith
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY	Barbara Drake

**THURSDAY MARCH 11**

7 PM Choir Practice

**SUNDAY MARCH 14 Time Change**

**CROP WALK**

9:15 AM Adult Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

11:40 AM Hospitality time

**MONDAY MARCH 15**

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

**TUESDAY MARCH 16**

12 Noon Joyful Mary-Rebecca Group

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 17**

**St. Patrick's Day**

10 AM Bible Study – Simple Church

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

Planning in Koinonia Classroom

**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](mailto:vickigarciaatfcc@aol.com) and your address will be added. Thank you.