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Texts for Next Sunday John 3:14-21

**WE NEED YOU!!!!!!
TO JOIN THE CROP WALK MARCH 29 - 1 PM
Get your signup sheets after church and let's make plans to walk together**

GIVE US A HAND

Barbara Shively is collecting the outlines of hands, which she will use as part of our Easter Banner. If you would like to help cut the paper banner, please talk to her on Sunday.



Franklin, Mary, Marilyn, Dick & Cathy

FROM THE MINISTER

Yesterday McKenzie and I planted 3 trees in the yard in the grand hopes that they will grow. Two of them were Oak trees from Home Depot. They were 15 gallon trees with tight roots and weighed 75 pounds each. Making our way up the hill to plant them was a sight, no doubt. But, despite all the huffing and puffing, we made it. And now we begin the watering and waiting. In our digging, we found one of the acorns I had planted around which had sprouted, almost to my surprise.

This month all Riverside utility residents will receive a coupon good for one free tree. My guess is that most of those who could receive one don't. But this year, I am asking you to donate your tree to FCC. We would like to plant shade trees along our parking lot, east of the fellowship hall. With your donations and some watering, we could provide some shade for summer parking. Planting trees is a long-term investment that benefits not just us but everyone who enjoys clean air. Mature trees can absorb roughly 48 pounds of CO2 a year. The

tree, in turn, releases enough oxygen to sustain two human beings. So Riverside residents, check your March bill and let's plant some trees. We will have a workday and some intergenerational picture-taking. With the pictures, those who will enjoy the shade and clean air can see who invested in their lives.

Chris C. Nettles



Lester

**GRANDMA SHOWER FOR
CHERI QUINTANA**

1 PM Saturday March 21

@ Sherry Nettles house

“Lunch will be served – valet parking will be provided. Gift cards suggested

Any questions call Sherry Nettles

@ 951-742-7966

or Sandi @ Church office

951-686-0646

CWF is collecting Campbell Soup UPC code and used eye glasses. Bring your donations to your group meetings and they will be gathered together.

Join Us for a new Study:

Is The Bible True?

Each Wednesday Morning

10 AM @ FCC

Led by Farolyn Hanscom

“Praying for Our Community”

Barbara Ku’s mother died Monday night in Iowa, Barbara had returned Sunday.

The funeral will be Friday and

Barbara will return on the 30th.

Sally Randall’s extensive jaw surgery was 13 hours last Thursday @ UCI. A bone from her leg was added to her upper and lower jaw bone.

She is progressing.

Patricia Goodwin’s test came back negative of leukemia/cancer cells,

Unity Hixinbaugh is still

being treated for pneumonia,

Jill Field’s grandmother in Utah will begin chemotherapy,

Rosie Stocks’s older brother, Joe Estrada, (who helped raise her), died March 5,

Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,

Madlyn Hatzer,

Dee Owens’s is home from the hospital and awaiting results of tests,

Reba Mathis,

Robert Shively is leading a new

church start in Oakland,

Arlene Jones,

Irene Wilkman in Camarillo,

Pearl Haynes receiving 24 hours care,

Martin & Nathan Dornan are making progress @ Riverside County Hospital

For the next two weeks, we will host 2 weeks of training for the US Census from 8 AM to 4:30 PM in the Lounge.

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 65

7-12th Youth Group: 6 youth & 1 adults

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 19

9:00 AM Quilting

7:00 PM Choir

SATURDAY MARCH 21

8:30 AM CMF @ Little Green Onion

10:30 AM Homeless Ministry

SUNDAY MARCH 22

9:15 AM Adults Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder

MONDAY MARCH 23

Youth Group @ 6:30

TUESDAY MARCH 24

11:30 AM Fun & Fellowship Pot Luck

Bring Your Own Table Service

WEDNESDAY MARCH 25

10 am Bible Study

7 PM Lydia Group @ Jennifer Lambert’s

SUNDAY MARCH 22, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Shirley Baker

SONG LEADER Ernie Garcia

COMMUNION PREP Nancy Warkentien

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Sandi Smith & Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY Maria Dulaney

**WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB
SELECTION FOR MARCH**

“The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society”

By Mary Ann Shaffer

Discussion & Breakfast 8:30 AM

March 28 @ CoCo’s on Central