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**Text for Next Sunday Mark 8:31-38**

**NEXT SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE  
SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR**

**When you go to bed Saturday night, move your clock one hour forward and the time will be right  
Sunday morning when you get up to come to church.**

**On The Way To The Cross**



**McKenzie, Gineva, Miranda, Gail, Natalie, Justin & Blackstone**

**Loch Leven Work Day  
Next Saturday March 7**

Beginning with Breakfast at 8:30 AM or about 9:30 AM

We will be taking up a new sneeze bar, ping-pong table and installing new lights in the dining room. If you would like to sleep over Friday night, you can drive directly or meet at the church at 6 PM and carpool together. Those going up Friday night will need to bring money for supper. Maps will be available in the church office for those driving up Saturday or they can be emailed to you if you let us know you need one.

**FROM THE MINISTER**

This last week I talked to Gay Reece, the author of Unbinding the Gospel about how we are using the series at FCC. Then Saturday I listened to most of the congregations who participated in the New Beginnings. Only two congregations were using Unbinding the Gospel, but the Pacific Southwest Region will be leading an effort using the series in June. I talked to San Bernardino First Christian about doing something together with our leadership teams. Then at lunch we found similar needs from Foothill Christian Church in La Crescenta. I am not sure where, if anywhere, these contacts will lead us. But I feel that we are being led by the Spirit, even in our small steps toward needed change and transformation.

I wish there were a ten-step road map which we could unfold and plot our position. But if it were just some new program that met all our needs we would have done it long ago. Still there is a spirit of expectation that I have not experienced for a long time. We are beginning to believe that "God will show the way". Life without loved ones is one of the hardest places to live. But life without purpose

and connection to others is a greater burden than most of us can tolerate.

So, as we move toward more connections and listening to one another, we need to act on what we are learning. Taking the time to prayer for our new friends and our longtime friends in Christ is as important as any project. Making the effort to forgive one another is also a part of the healing that will make room in our hearts and lives for Christ to work through us.

**Chris C. Nettles**

**God Is Changing Us With  
30 Minutes of Prayer Everyday**

**“Praying for Our Community”**

Lucian Nelson is home after an overnight stay at Parkview Hospital following a TIA,

Sally Randall will have another jaw surgery, Thursday March 12 at UCI in Irvine,

Arianne Wilcox has pneumonia (Hanscom’s grand daughter)

Roger Moore’s swallowing problems,

Paul & Myrtle Bowman are back with us visiting from York, Pennsylvania,

Frances Lowe got sick as he began driving across the country,

Unity Hixinbaugh,

Jim Copenhaver,

Madlyn Hatzer,

Alice Estep,

Reba Mathis,

Arlene Jones in Hillsboro, Oregon,

Irene Wilkman in Camarillo,

Mary Stuart,

Shawn & La Shawn Tallent,

Pearl Haynes is in 318B at Community Care

(Judy Rizzo’s mother)

Debbie Gardner’s daughter, Shanna,

Barbara Ku & Dorothy Lester,

We celebrate with Cheri Quintana

(grandmother) and Joanna & Kyle Dornan, on the birth of their first children:

Martin Christopher & Nathan Ryan

Born Thursday February 26

(2 months early) at Riverside County Hospital where they will remain while they gain weight).



**Wanda & Virginia**

**Church Library  
“Finding Readers”**

For years we have had a wonderful church library with tons of Bible study reference books plus many other faith enrichment books. But for most of the congregation, the library was just the place for small meetings. Half of the books have never been read. And of those which have been read, it is common that it’s been over 40 years since that last read. A few books were purchased by the church. Then the CWF began to purchase books in honor of or in memory of a church member. One book, picked at random, is “Love Poems for the Very Married” by Lois Wyse (1972), purchased in

honor of Velma McClain given by Francis & Mildred Rice. Though the B/W pictures are early 1970’s, the love poetry still speaks to the heart. So, in order to promote our library, we have moved some of our library books into the fellowship hall to try to connect readers to books. Find a book, pull out the card, sign it and take it home to read. Then bring it back and recommend what might still be good for the soul and mind!

Join Us for a new Study:

***Is The Bible True?***

Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM @ FCC

Led by Farolyn Hanscom

**CROP WALK MARCH 29 @ 1 PM**

If you plan to walk this year, please pick up a Sign-up Envelope in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Peggy Guzzetta is the coordinator for FCC Riverside, and will be glad to answer any questions you have regarding the CROP Walk.



**Barbara, Pat & Joan**

**Our Vital Statistics**

Worship Attendance: 91

7-12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group: 7 youth & 2 adults

**SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2009**

WORSHIP LEADER Sherry Nettles

SONG LEADER Cheri Quintana

COMMUNION PREP Elaine Carb

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Linda Brandt & Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY Steve & Claudia Gray

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THURSDAY MARCH 5**

9:00 AM Quilting

7:00 PM Choir

**FRIDAY MARCH 6**

Church Women United @

Salvation Army with lunch provided

6 PM Car Pool to Loch Leven

**SATURDAY MARCH 7**

8:30-4:00 PM Loch Leven Work Day

11:00 AM Homeless Meal Ministry

**SUNDAY MARCH 8 Daylight Savings**

9:15 AM Adults Church School

10:30 AM Worship