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**Texts for Next Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11**

**Sunday's CROP Hunger Walk**



**Jill, Peggy, Diana & Sandi**



**Brandon, Jesse, Dick, Maria, Cathy, Lynn, Ernie, Shirley,  
Scott, Gineva, Brian, McKenzie, Holly & Odett  
(Not pictured elsewhere but walking: Bailey, Matthew, Cathy and Lindsey)**

**FROM THE MINISTER**

How does one get ready for Easter? For the local church, it is a time to welcome our extended family for the day. We have an Easter breakfast, followed by adult church school and an Easter Egg hunt for children. Worship & Wonder will be ready to tell the most important story they can share. We will get the building ready by doing some extra cleaning and planting flowers. This is not unlike welcoming people into our homes for a visit, but in this case we are hopeful that some of them may stay on with us in ministry. The choir has been getting ready by practicing two special songs that will add to our worship experience. The organ is being tuned. Easter lilies /ferns will arrive on Good Friday. An Easter banner is being cut with the hands of many children and adults to depict the healing of the nations.

But Easter is not just a day of the year. It is the experience of resurrection in our lives. We are the Easter people who carry the Good News to every place we move and every word we share. It is so

much more than one day a year: the 12th of April 2009.

So how can we help one another to be Easter people and to encourage others who have not yet heard? Part of the answer begins with prayer for them. I am asking you to pray for those who will be coming to visit FCC on Easter Sunday. Also we can make a special effort to be welcoming and to offer them opportunities to continue to learn about these strange people who still have hope in their lives despite hard times. They will not follow up without personal invitations and genuine sharing on our part. So we all need to consider what we can do to share our faith with others. We need to do this every Sunday but especially on Easter. It may be the one time a year they give God a shot at what they need most.

**Chris C. Nettles**

Join Us for a new Study:  
***Is The Bible True?***  
 Each Wednesday Morning  
 10 AM @ FCC  
 Led by Farolyn Hanscom



Gladys, Nancy & Cathy

**“Praying for Our Community”**

Nancy Warkentien, Barbara Ku,  
 Sandi Smith’s back pain,  
 Sally Randall is still at UCI,  
 Kameryn Dalquist,  
 Unity Hixinbaugh,  
 Jill Field’s grandmother,  
 Madlyn Hatzer, Reba Mathis,  
 Dee Owens, Wanda Drake,  
 Reba Mathis, Pearl Haynes,  
 Alice Estep’s sister-in-law, Helen Kerner,  
 died in Columbus, Ohio  
 Robert Shively is leading a new  
 church start in Oakland,  
 Genevieve Bain’s back pain,  
 Irene Wilkman in Camarillo,  
 Baby Martin came home last week.  
 But Baby Nathan is still in the hospital.

**Youth Events**

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> the Middle & High School Youth will be going to Disneyland for the day. They will meet at the church at 8:30 AM. The following Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, they will be having a barbecue at Scott & Jill Field’s home in Moreno Valley. Then they will be going to car races nearby.



Scott, Hanna & Kim

**THANK YOU**

We thank all who shared in the CROP walk especially Jill Field & Peggy Guzzetta. The total number of walkers from the community was about 100 of which 23 were from FCC. Despite high unemployment, the amount raised was above last year at just over \$10,000 and counting. We thank all who helped and donated.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**THURSDAY APRIL 2**

9:00 AM Quilting  
 7:00 PM Choir

**SATURDAY APRIL 4**

10:30 Homeless Feeding Ministry

**SUNDAY APRIL 5 PALM SUNDAY**

9:15 AM Adults Church School  
 10:30 AM Worship  
 10:45 Worship & Wonder

**MONDAY APRIL 6**

6:00 American Sewing Guild  
 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 8**

4:30 NS Board Meeting

**THURSDAY APRIL 9**

9:00 AM Quilting  
 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service  
 7:30 PM Choir

**SUNDAY APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 Easter Breakfast  
 9:00 AM Flower Cross  
 9:30 Easter Egg Hunt  
 10:30 Worship  
 10:45 Worship & Wonder

**SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2009**

WORSHIP LEADER	Vicki Garcia
SONG LEADER	Ernie Garcia
COMMUNION PREP	Peggy Guzzetta
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY	
	Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY	Peggy Guzzetta

**Our Vital Statistics**

Worship Attendance: 68  
 7-12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group: 8 youth & 2 adults