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**Texts for Next Sunday
Luke 13:18-19 & The Revelation to John 22.1-2**

**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**

Loch Leven Work Day



FROM THE MINISTER

Last Saturday I hung one of our Easter banners depicting a tree with a bird in it. It is based on Luke 13:18-19 in which Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed, planted in a garden. It grows into a tree, which provides branches for nests for the birds. Is the church like this image of the kingdom of God?

It is easy to find parallels to the church of nesting places. Nests are associated with eggs and young birds awaiting a feeding parent. Visions of daring and first flight are common to our experience. For many, the church is the place one returns to raise children. It is a place of nurture, exploration of our faith and trying out new experiences. There is often a lot of encouragement at church that is intergenerational. Everybody treats us as if they

are a part of our family. This is not a bad image of the church at our best.

But there is another passage of a tree from Revelation that is the focus of this Sunday's message. It is an image that I want us to give considerable thought to as a congregation. Barbara Shively already has already come up with some inspiration and creativity for creating a new banner for Easter. I ask you to read this text everyday as part of your daily prayer time: The Revelation to John 22:1-2 .

Chris C. Nettles

**God Is Changing Us With
30 Minutes of Prayer Everyday
“Praying for Our Community”**

Barbara Drake’s sister died suddenly and Barbara was able to attend services held this past weekend in Arizona,

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

Unity Hixinbaugh is under a doctor’s care for pneumonia but is still at home,

Jill Field’s grandmother in Utah has throat cancer -- they removed a lump and will begin chemotherapy, Frances Lowe is on the road and is in New Orleans,

Jim Copenhaver,
Madlyn Hatzler,
Reba Mathis,
Arlene Jones,

Irene Wilkman in Camarillo,

Pearl Haynes is home now and receiving 24 hours care,

Martin Christopher & Nathan Ryan are making progress @ Riverside County Hospital

CWF is collecting Campbell Soup Labels and used eye glasses

Join Us for a new Study:

Is The Bible True?

Wednesday March 18th 10 AM @ FCC

Led by Farolyn Hanscom

Our Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 93

7-12th Youth Group: 11 youth & 2 adults

Loch Leven Work Day: 25

We served 35 at our Homeless Feeding



**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

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 12

8:30 AM Sally Randall’s surgery UCI

9:00 AM Quilting

7:00 PM Choir

SUNDAY MARCH 15

9:15 AM Adults Church School

10:30 AM Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder

Monday March 16 Youth Group @ 6:30

Tuesday March 17 9:30 AM Joy Group @ Farolyn Hanscom’s House.

Wednesday March 18

10 AM New Bible Study @ church

1 PM Mary Rebecca @ church

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Franklin Stuart

SONG LEADER Mary Stuart

COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Dorotha McCarver & Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY Barbara Drake

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

“The Guernsey Literary
Potato Peel Society”

By Mary Ann Shaffer

Discussion & Breakfast 8:30 AM

March 28 @ CoCo’s on Central

