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Texts for Sunday John 10:11-18

**REGIONAL CMF RETREAT
@ LOCH LEVEN
Friday-Sunday
May 1-3**

Franklin Stuart, Steve Gray & Adam Gray are going from FCC
It's not too late to join these men The church will pay half of
the \$100 registration.

First Sunday in Worship



Nathan, Martin, Cheri & Marilyn

**SERVICE PROJECT:
YOUTH ARE AVAILABLE TO DO FREE YARD WORK**
Call Scott Field to schedule

FROM THE MINISTER

For the past 50 years Morris McCarver has taught a bible class on Sunday mornings at FCC. He first taught in the sanctuary before the fellowship hall was built. At that time the class was known as the Wife and I Class (probably not spelled right), then Challenger's Class. With a new building and a growing congregation, Morris taught as many as 200 plus each Sunday. He has used the Uniform Bible Lessons, which are an ecumenical effort to study the same Bible texts in all churches at the same time. The cycle covers the bible every 6 years, making Morris well into his 9th journey. For the past nine years, as Morris's eyesight failed him, he has had to depend on Dorothea to read the lesson early in the week and assist in the research. She says she has learned a lot from the weekly preparation too.

For the first 35 years the classes he taught used a lecture model due to the large number of participants. In the past 15 years Morris' teaching style changed to a more interactive

teaching style. But what has not changed is his ability to teach us about our faith. Morris has a way of using his Oklahoma wit, Bible knowledge, and coaching ability, to make sense of the bible and inspire the faith of all. We are privileged to have Morris as one of our teachers. He can rest assured, that when his time to move to his next teaching assignment comes, he will hear loud and clear: "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master!"

For now, you can find Morris ready to lead the lesson each Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 in the Challengers Class. Please join me in thanking Morris and praying that he is able to continue to help us understand and apply the scriptures to our lives.

Chris C. Nettles

Honoring 50 Years of Teaching @ FCC



Morris "Coach" McCarver

"Praying for Our Community"

Shirley Baker has shingles,
 Sally Randall will have a test at Parkview on
 Tuesday on her swallowing ability,
 Reba Mathis, Pearl Haynes,
 Gene Cramer is improving but still sore,
 Dee Owens is home receiving Hospice Care with the
 help of her sister,
 Prayer for Robert Shively, minister of a
 new church start in Oakland.

New Lights & New Flooring



Jesse, Maria, Steve, Adam, Bob
 (Not pictured Vicki & Chris)

We thank those who were present on Saturday, April 25. The lights are in, and the flooring has a good start. Stop in to the chapel to take a look at the progress. And we want to invite you to participate in this project. We have scheduled a second round on Saturday, May 2 at 9 a.m. Don't be shy. Come and help.



Al & Genevieve

MAY 3RD IS FOOD SUNDAY

Dennis & Colleen Livermore's grandson has joined the US Marines. Write him a note of encouragement.

Recruit Livermore, William M
 1st Bn Delta Co Platoon 1062
 4000 Midway Ave.
 San Diego, CA 92140-1061

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

8:30 AM Regional Boundary Training @ FCC
 10 AM Bible Study

THURSDAY 30

7:00 PM Choir

FRIDAY MAY 1

10:00 AM Church Women United
 6:00 PM CMF Retreat @ Loch Leven
 begins with dinner

SATURDAY MAY 2

9-11:30 AM Laminate Floor Clinic in Chapel
 10:30-12:30 Homeless Meal Cooking & Serving

SUNDAY MAY 3 Food Sunday

9:15 AM Adult Church School
 10:30 Worship

10:45 Worship & Wonder

MONDAY MAY 4

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group
 6:30-8:00 PM New Beginnings
 Leadership Training

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Scott Field
 SONG LEADER Ernie Garcia
 COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta
 HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
 Dorotha McCarver
 HOSPITALITY Gladys O'Neil

Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 72
 7-12th Youth Group: 9 youth & 2 adults

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 4- Al Bondesen
- 12- Jim Brading
- 16- Kim Rader
 Lee Tillinghast
 Morris McCarver
- 17- Laurie Coates
 Gail Mac Millan
- 20- Wanda Baumer
- 23- Melody Rose Abernathy
- 27- Jered Tillinghast
- 30- Wilma Swanson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 4- Mike & Debbie Rader
- 7- Ernie & Vicki Garcia
 Jill & Scott Field
- 14- Lynn & Bruce Cooper
- 16- Farolyn & Richard
 Hanscom
- 28- Mike & Debbie Snow