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Texts for Easter Sunday Mark 16:1-8

**Thursday April 9 7:00 PM
Last Supper With Jesus Communion Service**

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM Flower Cross
9:15 AM Adult Church School Classes
9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Worship & Wonder

NEW BEGINNINGS

Tuesday April 14, 6:30 PM in Koinonia Classroom



Scott, Cheri, Matthew, Lindsey, Kim, Debbie & Mike

FROM THE MINISTER

When we think of those who have died, often it is as if time slows down and we can remember almost every second just before. In most of our daily life, we don't pay much attention to the faces of those around us. But, when death is near, we seem to concentrate on every breath and study the faces of those we love. While we know that we will see them on the other side, we are not sure what kind of body they will have. Will it be like the one we are most familiar with or something quite different?

This same kind of remembering went on for the early church. A few remembered every word Jesus said before he died. In time, those who remembered his death and those who saw the resurrected Jesus were gone and the next generation brought memories not tied to sight but to the heart. We carry the same memories of Jesus with us -- the living Christ. We will remember this week Jesus' last days before his death. Some will read again some of the accounts of his last words, his arrest, trial and execution. Some will find it too painful and will want to read aloud the accounts of Easter or the upper room.

We are the church and what we know is not a historical record, but a meshing of the accounts of others and our own experiences. The power of Easter

is the affirmation that God has and will change death to life, sorrow to joy and disease to healing.

We take such an affirmation into our lives and we take it with us as we remember the accounts of others. Without that experience and belief, the accounts of others prove nothing to us or anyone else. We can't prove Easter, all we can do is share what we know so far in our lives.

Chris C. Nettles

Join Us for a new Study:
Is The Bible True?
Wednesday, April 15
10 AM @ FCC
Lead by Farolyn Hanscom

“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat”



Lynn, Barbara, Maria & Diana

Donations Please

Please donate candy, plastic eggs, et. for our Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Easter Sunday. Bring them to the church office during the week, or early Sunday morning. Thank you.

DISICPLE WOMEN

There are boxes set up on the table in the Fellowship Hall for all donations for our May Baskets: Please reference attached insert for Safe House, Born Free and Horizon House. All items due by May 1st.

“Praying for Our Community”

Gene Cramer was hospitalized at Riverside Community after he fell at home,
Jesse Delaney’s brother died as the result of a car accident in Pennsylvania,
Sally Randall was moved to Reche Canyon Convalescent for speech therapy,
Nancy Warkentien, Barbara Ku,
Judy Rizzo’s sister, Janet, who lives in Arizona, is having bypass surgery April 7,
Pearl Haynes,
Sandi Smith’s back pain,
Frances Lowe’s trailer burned after a tire blew -- he was treated at a hospital an released,
Unity Hixinbaugh,
Jill Field’s grandmother,
Madlyn Hatzer, Reba Mathis,
Lisa Villa’s grandmother died,
Robert Shively, minister of a new church start in Oakland,
Genevieve Bain’s back pain,
Irene Wilkman in Camarillo,
Nathan Dornan is still in the hospital
We thank roger Moore for transporting our sanctuary flowers arrangements on Sunday mornings into the church.

We thank Jesse, Brian and Brandon Dulaney for taking the Sneeze Guard to Loch Leven Church Camp.

We thank the Friendship Group for all their hard work cleaning out the pantry and kitchen cupboards. God Bless you

“Christian Friends,
Thank you so much for the cards and E-Mails during the last difficult weeks of my mother’s life.”

Barbara Ku & Family

Youth Events

Sunday, April 19th 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 25th, they will be having a barbecue at Scott & Jill Field’s home in Moreno Valley. Then they will be going to car races nearby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY APRIL 9

9:00 AM Quilting
7:00 PM Communion Service
7:30 PM Choir

SUNDAY APRIL 12 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Flower Cross
9:15 AM Adult Church School
9:30 Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 Worship
10:45 Worship & Wonder

MONDAY APRIL 13

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

TUESDAY APRIL 14

6:30 New Beginnings Meeting at church

SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2009

WORSHIP LEADER Mary Stuart

SONG LEADERS

Sherry Nettles & Cathy Losee

COMMUNION PREP Linda Brandt

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Linda Brandt & Shirley Baker

HOSPITALITY

Sandi Smith

Vital Statistics

Worship Attendance: 82
7-12th Youth Group: 7 youth & 2 adults