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**Texts for Sunday Mark 5:21-43**

**Linnea & Natalie MacMillan**

Go to Mini Camp  
Wednesday-Saturday At  
Loch Leven Church Camp

**Honoring Those who Have Served for the Most Years So Far**

Barbara Drake 1936, Genevieve Bain 1940, Stella Fife 1945 & 1998, Larry Randall 1947, James & Wanda Copenhaver 1947 Morris & Dorothea McCarver 1947, Mary Collier 1948, Marilyn Rader 1955, Sally Randall 1956, Alice Estep 1956 & 1996 Roger Moore 1957, Shirley Baker 1958, Lucian & Emily Nelson 1959, Joyce DeWitt 1961, Unity Hixinbaugh 1961, Peggy Guzzetta 1965, Kathy Garvin 1965 & 2006, Lily Taka 1965, Madlyn Hawley Hatzer 1967, Paul Mozingo 1967 & 2000 Shirley Virag 1968, Mike Rader 1972, Barbara Shively 1973 and Scott Copenhaver 1975.

**Autumn Graduates Patriot High School**



**Autumn Albin's family who came to worship**

**FROM THE MINISTER**

Sunday we recognized those who had been members of First Christian for 40 plus years. (The list is included on the front of the Christian.) Two of the last three, represent a larger group than mentioned. They are the children born into First Christian church or raised in the church. They were here from birth or during the time they made a commitment to accept Christ, which is reflected in the dates mentioned. We have hundreds of church members, who grew up here and accepted Christ, but at some point in their lives quit coming to church. And as far as we know they never made a commitment to another congregation. We know some of them because they are the children of our active members. They are part of our extended church family. Occasionally we have some contact when a parent celebrates some life event or dies. Occasionally we get a donation of some tangible gift, which adds to our ministry. Sometimes we still send them the Christian and often they keep in contact through the online Christian.

It is easy to see the church as those who are here on any given Sunday, but the church, Christ gathers is much larger. They may seem invisible,

but their faith and faithfulness is still strengthening their lives. Is there some way to re-engage them in ministry? That could be another part of New Beginnings as we wrestle with what it means to be encouraging the faith of one another. The way we have used church membership, has sometimes become a way to exclude one another rather than encourage the faith of us all. This will require us thinking outside the traditional ways of being and doing church. **Chris C. Nettles**



**Bruce restored his 1923 International**

### **WE ASK PRAYER FOR**

Unity Hixinbaugh for continued healing,  
Shirley Baker is hoping to be  
back in worship next Sunday,  
Jane Spinney,  
Alice Estep's health

### **PROPERTY MINISTRY UPDATE**

Remember this Saturday the back parking lot will be closed all day so we can have the asphalt sealed and parking spaces re-stripped.

**We thank Lester Nettles** for painting the storage shed off the parking lot, the walls in the nursery playground & the choir room.

**We thank Jesse & Brian Dulaney** for patching the wall in the Chapel conference Room.

**We thank Roger Moore** for disposing of the old light fixtures.

**We thank John & Nancy Bracey** for donating 22 gallons of paint.



**Lester Painted the Library Patio Wall**

### **WELCOME**

**Lester Nettles** was welcomed into FCC. He transferred his church membership from Little Farms United Church of Christ. Lester has been worshipping with us for almost 3 years.



**Steve & Claudia's New Truck**

Claudia Gray will retire July 15<sup>th</sup>. She has served as director of the Special Education Local Plan Area in East San Diego for a number of years. During the week she has lived in their 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel in El Cajon and spent weekends with Steve. That means, Steve's bachelor days are over!

### **THANK YOU**

Sherry & Chris Nettles would like to thank all those who helped us celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A special thank you to Lynn Cooper, Cathy Losee, Sandi Evelynveer and Claudia Gray.

### **SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2009**

WORSHIP LEADER Mary Stuart  
SONG LEADER Cheri Copenhaver  
COMMUNION PREP Barbara Watson  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY  
Dorotha McCarver  
HOSPITALITY TIME: Steve & Claudia Gray

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **WEDNESDAY JUNE 24**

10:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Lydia Group @ Vicki Garcia

#### **SATURDAY JUNE 27**

Back Parking lot closed for repair  
8:30 AM Women's Book Club @ CoCo's on Central discussing "Here If You Need Me" plus the lives of the participants

#### **SUNDAY JUNE 28**

9:15 AM Adult Church School  
10:10 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 Worship  
10:45 Worship & Wonder  
11:40 AM Hospitality

#### **MONDAY JUNE 29**

6:30-8 Youth Group  
6:30 PM New Beginnings Leadership  
Training in "Chapel Conference Center"

### **Vital Statistics**

Worship Attendance: 74  
Youth Group Attendance:  
2 adults and 5 youth