



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we live into the truth of the Easter declaration – “Christ is risen” – we also live into the command that the women and disciples received, “Go and tell.” We are a sent people. We have received good news to share.

We are called to open the gospel to Carson City and beyond.

This is a strange and uncertain time . We are coming through the mire of a pandemic that has included mandated isolation.

Restrictions are beginning to lift. People are beginning to gather again. We have been through a divisive election and it looks like the issues are continuing into this Spring. The woundedness and rawness of isolation and the tension of opposition are evident. The return to “normalcy” is not going to be a straight line.

It is into that mix we are called to open the gospel to Carson City and beyond.

People are flooding into the area from California. Traffic at the south end of town is beginning to resemble what we saw in San Diego. The changes we have seen in our two short years here have been dramatic; I can only imagine what it looks like to those of you who have lived here for an extended period of time.

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All of which is to say: we need to be looking outward to see where God is going to lead us in mission and ministry. We need to think in terms of “to whom have we been sent to share the gospel?” ***Because*** we are sent to share the gospel, there are a couple of things we should keep in mind:

1. **We have to intentionally share the gospel.** Being commanded to share the gospel means it is not a natural or intuitive thing to do. If it were that simple, no command would be necessary. Obedience to that command means we have to intend to share what we know. We have to be prepared and we have to look for opportunities.

Sharing does not require you to have memorized all 66 books in both the King James and New Revised Standard Versions. You need not have written a commentary. Sharing involves looking at your own life with eyes to see where you experienced God’s grace, God’s mercy, God’s direction, God’s intervention, God’s redeeming power, God’s opening doors, and all sorts of other kinds of things. You are not God’s defense attorney, nor do you need to argue someone into salvation (you can’t). Your credibility is not the foundation upon which you are standing; you are standing on God’s credibility and the sure and certain hope of what God has done in Jesus Christ. You are a witness – and only a witness.

2. **Sharing the gospel takes effort.** You will not always have a welcoming or open audience. Rejection is part of the life of discipleship. However, you never know when your faithfulness will bear fruit in the life of someone else *down the line* or out of your sight. You may or may not see the result of your obedience in going and telling. In a recent episode of Dan Skinkis’ “I’ve Got A Story To Tell,” Dan talked about a man

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who remembered years later the faithful efforts of a woman seeking to share the gospel with him; and it was only at that point that he was ready to receive Jesus. To her, the effort must have looked futile. To God, it was seeds planted.

3. **Sharing the gospel requires going out to engage people we do not already know.** This is not as difficult as it once was – with so many new people arriving in this area. How we see, welcome, and treat those who are arriving will make a big difference. Think about it: there will be abundant opportunities at all the community events that will be re-starting. The bike races, the Levitt-Amp concert series, the wine walks, the symphony on the capitol lawn, and all the other times when people will gather together; those will be opportunities to meet and fellowship with people outside your immediate friend circle. Each will be an opportunity to serve as an ambassador for Christ – learning about them and beginning relationships where the love of Christ can be expressed.
4. The goal is to make disciples who – themselves – go and tell. And this brings us to this month: Pentecost.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended and gave the disciples the ability to speak in many languages. They spoke **about** God's mighty deeds of power. God worked in the listeners so that many believed. Those believers then went out and shared. Thus began the church.

Just as someone opened the gospel to each one of us, so now it is our turn to open the gospel to others. Please be praying for God to prepare you, equip you, and empower you to go and tell someone about the grace and love you have received in Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ,

Bob Davis

On Good Friday, Pastor Bob spoke at the 25th Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Service where several local pastors spoke on the "Seven Last Words of Jesus." People have asked to have a copy of what Pastor Bob said—"The Third Word" is included herein as the insert.



TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR
JUNE
Is May 14

Send your info / articles / submissions to margo@fpccarsoncity.org

Congregational Giving—General Budget

2021 Projected

	Budget Need	Given	Difference
<i>March 18, 2021</i>			
Yr. to Date	\$164,005	\$119,708	- \$ 44,297
Current	Income	Expense	Difference
	\$119,708	\$129,739	- \$ 10,031
TO DATE			
ECO Dues	Income	Expense	
	\$ 2,520	\$ 5,200	

Thank you to all who have kept up with your pledges and offerings to FPC.

Please continue to mail these to:
First Presbyterian Church
306 W. Musser St.
Carson City, NV 89703





Family Ministries



Exciting things are happening in Family Ministries!

Nursery and Sunday school are fully open.



First – third graders should go straight up to class when you arrive.

Fourth – sixth graders will stay in service for worship time, and will be dismissed mid-service, prior to the sermon.

Aunt Betty's Studio has taken off and is such an exciting ministry opportunity to share the gospel far beyond the walls of FPC. Be sure to check out all the great programs we are creating that are available on our YouTube channel: Dan Skinkis with "I Have A Story to Tell," Curt Spradley with "I'll Never Forget It," Faye Wheeler with Hymn Sing, music videos, interviews with covenant partners in our congregation including Cecelia Stansbury and Shirley Parks, and much more to come! And be sure to like, subscribe to the channel, and "ring the bell" to get notifications when new videos are posted.

Now that the weather is so beautiful, and everything is opening up, we have the opportunity to meet for outdoor events. **STAY TUNED!!!**



We need you!

Whether your talent lies in guiding children, being involved in video production, or leading a group in an outdoor adventure, we can use your gifts. Contact Sherri at sherri@fpccarsoncity.org to receive the support you need to make things happen.



First Presbyterian Church staff and officers will NEVER contact you via text or email seeking money. We will NEVER ask you to personally front money for ministry, mission, or compassionate purposes. We have the Deacons' fund that has been specifically designated to address these kinds of events. So, if you receive something purporting to be from us — particularly on a weekend or during a time when the office is not open — please contact the person directly by the phone number in the church directory to confirm what is going on. We want to discourage those who would seek to take advantage of the trust and fellowship we have in Jesus Christ.

**Wear RED for
Pentecost on
May 23!**

Thank You! and...“Summer Camp”?

I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the folks who have made the vocal and instrumental music possible throughout this last year or so as we've sheltered from the pandemic! Your dedication has been phenomenal! The Chancel Choir and the Praise Team as well as those of you who have filled in the gaps as members have had to drop out for a variety of reasons, have stayed the course so that our worship service, whether live or taped, has continued to be enhanced by the music we are called to bring to the Lord. I also particularly want to thank the Chancel Choir for coming back to finish their regular season early this month!



We are now moving into a transitional time with a bit of twist. In the past, the choir would retire for the summer season. In the interest of keeping our voices prepared to sing whenever we are called upon, I would like to have a Men's Group and a Women's Group which will alternate each month during the summer. This is totally voluntary and each group will meet twice during the month that they sing, with one Sunday presentation following. Think of it as a sort of summer camp for choir! We always welcome new folks, so if you would like to try out choir and see what we do, with no obligation except the two rehearsals and presentation each time, we would love to have you join us! Of course, if you can do only one of the group presentations during the summer, that is totally fine as well.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know so I have an idea how many pieces we can prepare for the summer; and more importantly, how many singers I have so that I can choose appropriate music for the voices involved. I believe this can still allow some choral music for the summer months and some vacation time away for the participants. The schedule is shown at the end of this article.

We are always looking for folks to bring instrumental music to our services as well. Please contact me if you play an instrument and would like to make a musical offering to the Lord. We will work together to make that happen.

Lastly, in May we will be learning a new praise song for this congregation. "God of Wonders" talks about how big God is, while still speaking of the intimacy that God has with us. It hints at the brokenness we each experience and how God can come alongside us if we just call His Name. We all have this tendency to sin, but we have a God who is greater and who can forgive that sin as we confess and turn away from it and toward God.

You may have heard this song over the years on a Christian radio station. It has been around awhile. Praise Team will be singing it as a special song for our Music Sunday celebration on May 2nd. Listen closely, as later in the month we will use it as a praise song for our celebration of Pentecost Sunday.

Gratefully,

Karen



“SUMMER CAMP” CHOIR SCHEDULE

May— Men's Group -

Wednesday, 5/12 & 5/19 @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
Presentation on Sunday, 5/23 - Special Music

July - Men's Group -

Wednesday, 7/7 & 7/14 @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
Presentation on Sunday, 7/18 - Offertory

June—Women's Group -

Wednesday, 6/2 & 6/9 @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
Presentation on Sunday, 6/13 - Offertory

August -

Women's Group -

Wednesday, 8/4 & 8/11 @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.
Presentation on Sunday, 8/15 - Offertory

FULL CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS begin on Wednesday, 8/25 @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Tentative return to worship date is 9/12/21.



ZEPHYR POINT CONFERENCE CENTER WORKDAY

Saturday, May 8, 2021 8 am – 4 pm

We have scheduled a Spring workday at ZP! Meet at the Zephyr Point Maintenance Office at 7:30am for coffee and donuts; lunch will be provided by Zephyr Point. Contact Grace or Bob Speicher if you would like to join the work group.



DRUM ROLL PLEASE

You are an amazing generous church family. Our campaign was \$3,000. After many checks, coins and PLEASE- \$2,530.00 for this mission cause. You are choices with support instead of aborting their



BABY BOTTLE UPDATE

goal this year for our Life Choices Baby Bottle bills being counted, you all gave- DRUM ROLL helping women to see that they have good precious babies. You also are helping to support the mobile unit that we all got to see and tour.

Thank You from your Mission Committee

NORTHERN NEVADA DREAM CENTER / BLUE BARREL

The needs of our community for assistance continues. You have graciously helped us with brown bags and food for the Dream Center mission cause. We want to thank all of you for these ongoing contributions. In May, these items can still be brought in and placed in the blue barrel in the narthex or dropped off at the office if you're not yet attending church. However in May, we would like to also ask for toiletries and paper goods-toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, cleaning supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc. All will be distributed by volunteers to hotels, apartments and homes of folks in our neighborhoods.



Thank You from your Mission Committee



WE STILL NEED YOUR PICTURES!! Every few months, we will set up the camera and you can have your picture taken here at church **OR** you can submit a photo to margo@fpccarsoncity.org **OR** bring a favorite photo to the office to be scanned.

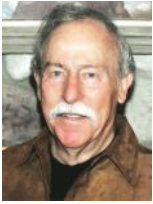
Church Picture Directory Options

- 📁 You can download access to the complete online picture directory to your computer (go to www.members.InstantChurchDirectory.com), or by downloading the Instant Church Directory app to your phone or tablet. Instructions for doing this are available in the Narthex, the church office, or on the website under About Us/Church Directory. *Sign-in requires that you use the email on file with the church office.*
- 📁 A names-and-pictures-only directory is available on the FPC website (FPCCarsonCity.org) under About Us/ Who We Are. This is a less secure option, so it is being limited to ONLY names and pictures.
- 📁 If you would like to be able to print the current complete picture directory yourself, contact the church office (775-882-1032) and a pdf of the current directory can be emailed to you to print out at home.
- 📁 If you would like a nicely printed and bound copy of the directory, go to High Sierra Business Systems at 2814 N. Carson Street. They have agreed to provide printing on-demand using the most recent file provided to them. Contact them for current pricing options.
- 📁 There are still a lot of you without pictures! You can submit a picture to be approved/used through the online access or send a picture to the church office so it can be included. JPEG files work best if you are emailing the picture, we can also scan a picture if it is a good, clear photo. If you are unable to leave home, contact the church office and arrangements can be made for someone to come to your home.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Names removed for privacy

Requested as of 04-21-2021



The Celebration of Life for Tom Ercanbrack is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 1:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church Carson City! Deana invites you to join her and the family for a time of celebrating Tom's life. **God is good!**



MAY
BIRTHDAYS

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Active-Duty Military in Our Prayers:
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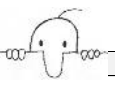







***Help keep this Active-Duty Military roster
as current as possible.***

If someone is no longer on active duty and it is appropriate for their name to be removed from this list, please contact Margo in the church office. Likewise, if someone is now on active duty and should be added to the list, let Margo in the office know. Our military deserve all the love, support, and prayers we can give them!



MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am COMMUNION WORSHIP Nursery and Children's Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship - east lawn	3 11:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library	4 8:30 am SON Rise Women's Bible Study - location varies - contact church office	5 8:00 am Men's Bible Study - Mallard's 9:00 am Grace Notes Rehearsal 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group - FH & Zoom 6:30 pm Pastor's Study Group - FH & Zoom	6 8:00 am Wilson Men's Fellowship - Mallard's 	7 6:30 am Men's Berean Bible Study - Library OFFICE CLOSED	8 am - 4 pm Zephyr Point Work Day  11:00 am Vocal Rehearsal
9 10:00 am WORSHIP Nursery and Children's Sunday School 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship - east lawn 11:30 am Deacons Meeting - Fellowship Hall 	10 11:00 am Women's Bible Study - Library 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	11 8:30 am SON Rise Women's Bible Study - location varies - contact church office 1:00 pm Memorial Service Tom Ercanbrack 5:30 & 7:00 pm Committee Meetings	12 8:00 am Men's Bible Study - Mallard's 9:00 am Grace Notes Rehearsal 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group - FH & Zoom 6:30 pm Pastor's Study Group - FH & Zoom 7:00 pm Men's Group	13 8:00 am Wilson Men's Fellowship - Mallard's 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study Group	14 6:30 am Men's Berean Bible Study - Library Dance Like a Chicken Day 	15
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FH=Fellowship Hall

FLC=Family Life Center

For more information about FPC activities, please contact the church office 882-1032

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This Month's Sermons

- May 2 "A Priestly Order"
Genesis 14:17-24
- May 9 "Righteousness Reckoned"
Genesis 15:1-21
- May 16 "Not Forgotten"
Genesis 16:1-61
- May 23 "The Rushing of a Wind Blowing"
Pentecost Acts 2
- May 30 "An Everlasting Possession"
Genesis 17:1-22

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