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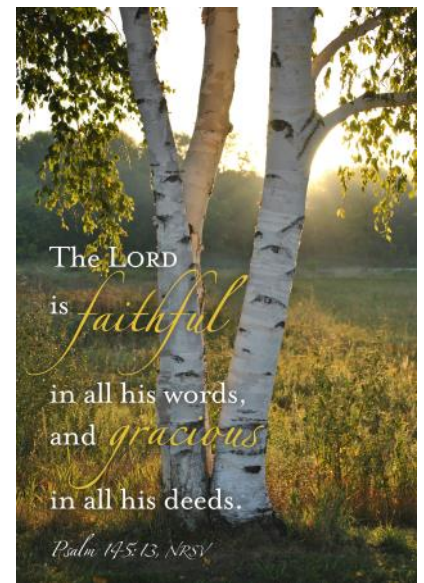
## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

September always feels like a turning point. Summer is concluding, schools have begun again, and the rhythm of autumn is already drumming in our souls. New classes, new opportunities, and new projects are all in sight.

Before we get there, I want to reflect a little bit about giving thanks for God's faithfulness in getting us here. Let me encourage you to look with eyes of faith to see where and how God has been active. This is not an exhaustive list, it is simply a quick ten:

1. We have been receiving into our fellowship new covenant partners regularly.
2. We have been celebrating baptisms – people professing their faith and rejoicing in their inclusion in the family of God.
3. We have welcomed home and had tremendous fellowship with those whom God has called to the foreign mission field. What a joy to hear the reports of how God has been bearing fruit through their obedience. We have been able to support them, cheer them on, and commission them back to their ministries.
4. We are seeing more people getting involved in worship and mission. Consider how many people have been on the chancel during worship, leading in liturgy or music. Think of those who have stepped up to preach.
5. Through some of the video and YouTube projects, we are having individuals sharing their faith by telling their own stories, offering their musical gifts, and sharing Scripture as part of the "Great Cloud Of Witnesses" project.
6. We have been asked to take a lead in producing a video for a community-wide effort to reach out to those who have been isolated and feeling the anxiety and weight of separation.
7. We have been blessed with a surprise grant that covered a good portion of the costs of the major roof repair.
8. Financially, at the end of July (the last full month reporting at the time I am writing), we were in the black. Our income exceeded our expenses. We are still learning about budgeting in a pandemic time, but the session and staff have been prayerfully diligent about being good stewards.
9. Our attendance and coffee hour participation have been solid.
10. The language of "Opening the Gospel to Carson City and Beyond," has begun to take root in the consciousness and conversation of our people. It is so exciting for me to hear people talking about, "Hey, we could do this; it would be a great way to open the gospel to this community."



Again, this is just a quick ten. I hope you will tell me yours. The point is this: even in these hard times – and, make no mistake, these *are* hard times – God has shown himself faithful and active.

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*From the Pastor's Desk (continued)*

With that in mind, it is important to remember to trust that God will continue to be faithful as we head into the Fall and Christmas seasons. (Yes, I wrote it: Christmas). We are planning two tracks of ministry because of the uncertainty of COVID restrictions. There are plans for the more-traditional larger group things – and – plans to continue developing the video projects that involve fewer people at one time, but more in the long run.

So, as we look forward, let me just note a couple of things. Labor Day has been such a traditional marker of the turn from Summer to Fall. It will feel familiar to have a number of classes commencing.

Bill Rose will be leading a Sunday morning Adult Education class in the Fellowship Hall. It is the video series from the same team that produced "The Story." It is called "Believe" and it focuses on three aspects of a life of faith: think, act, and be. It is good introduction for the new believer and a great refresher for the seasoned veteran. It starts 8:30 a.m. on September 12.

The Pastor's Study will be looking at the Holy Spirit, utilizing Francis Chan's "The Forgotten God" as a text. We did a heavy Christology study with Hebrews in the Spring, have been deep in the sovereignty of God in our Genesis sermon series; and we are due for an exploration of the person, work, and movement of the Holy Spirit. Chan's book is a personal and accessible read about a life in tune with the Holy Spirit. We will be meeting Wednesday morning, in-person only, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.; and Wednesday evening, in-person and via Zoom, in the PresbyPod Studio (upstairs) at 6:30 p.m. beginning September 8.

There are other Bible Studies, breakfast groups, and opportunities to be involved in growing in faith. There are opportunities to help grow and support fellowship events. There are opportunities to lift your voices in musical praise. There are opportunities to serve and support mission. There are...well, you get the idea. If you have been waiting to get involved, now is the time to step forward.

Friends, let me just close this message with a word of exhortation: it is always easier to remember God's faithfulness and to see it as we look back. It is the challenge of faith to continue to walk forward in trust, particularly in times where uncertainty and difficulty and our culture would all tell us that God is not around. We are people of hope. We have good news to share because we worship and serve a faithful God. Let's be those who bless the community into which we have been sent by opening the Gospel to Carson City – and beyond.

Your brother in Christ,

**Bob Davis**



**TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR**

**October**

**Is September 17**

Send your info / articles / submissions to [margo@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:margo@fpccarsoncity.org)

**Congregational Giving—General Budget**

2021 Projected

	Budget Need	Given	Difference
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*August 15, 2021*

Yr. to Date	\$338,259	\$250,453	- \$ 87,806
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Current	Income	Expense	Difference
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	\$250,453	\$268,542	- \$ 18,089
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**TO DATE**

ECO Dues	Income	Expense
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	\$ 2,740	\$ 5,200
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# FAMILY MINISTRIES

Welcome Fall!

We have wrapped up summer, and with it so many fun times. But the gatherings aren't ending just because we have to say goodbye to long, warm days. There is plenty more to look forward to!



**September 18**  
Sand Harbor  
Beach/Kayak Day  
(Subject to Change)



**October 15**  
Star Wars Movie Night  
Come in Costume!

**October 16**  
Lattin Farms in Fallon  
Corn Maze, Hay Ride,  
Picking Pumpkins,  
Make your Own Scarecrow



On August 6, we had tickets to an Aces game at Greater Nevada Field in Reno. The smoke kept many of us away. But for those who braved it, it was a lot of fun!



WE'VE HAD ANOTHER PRAISE-FULL MONTH OF MUSIC  
LED BY THE PRAISE TEAM.—THEY ARE DOING A GREAT JOB!

THIS MONTH WE ARE INTRODUCING YOU TO  
JOHN SHOAF AND MARY BERGE



### JOHN SHOAF

John Shoaf plays acoustic and electric guitar on the Praise Team, as well as the trumpet. He grew up in the San Francisco Bay area in a musical family. His mom plays piano, and his brother and sister both play guitar. He learned to play the trumpet in the sixth grade but is a self-taught guitar player. In high school, John was in the choir and then played in a rock cover band in college. He attended Stanford and (WOW!) played in their marching band.

During this time, he participated in amateur musical theater and met his very talented and lovely wife, Melissa (to whom he has been married for 34 years). His favorite theater role was *Nicely, Nicely* from "*Guys & Dolls*," because he got to sing the song, '*Sit down, Sit down.....*' He also played Bob Cratchit in "*A Christmas Carol*."

John had a career in finance and banking but in 2005 decided to take a year off and went to New Zealand with Melissa. Although his parents were not believers, John became a believer while he was in New Zealand. There, he attended the Anglican church and at some point felt called to be ordained as a priest in the church. He served in a parish there and then returned to the US after a total of 10 years in New Zealand. He served in an Episcopal church here in Nevada and then came to FPC where we are so blessed to have him and Melissa a part of our church family.



### MARY BERGE

Mary Berge was born in Boulder, Colorado. From a very young age she wanted to play the guitar. Although she was too little to play at around age 7, she did learn to play the violin. She was determined to play the guitar though, and finally began playing when she was in the 7th grade.

Her family moved to Nevada in 1978 and after graduation she became a teacher (her mother is also a teacher), teaching 2nd and 4th graders. She loved teaching kids and being able to teach all subjects made it that much better.

Mary enjoys life and says she is a "*natural born otter*" - She loves to play. When she is not skiing, rock climbing or bicycling, Mary can be seen and heard playing the guitar, banjo, mandolin (and who knows, she probably can play the bagpipes and the Kazoo). You might also find her eating a hot fudge sundae, in between takes of the "Mary and Sherri" Show.

She started attending FPC in the 80's after being introduced to the church through a friend who was the youth pastor at the time and she has been here ever since. Her parents, Don & Donna Hataway are also members, as is her husband Bill's mother, Elaine. Mary is thankful for her family, but has a special place in her heart for the brother who donated a kidney to her 30+ years ago. Mary's fun expressions and laughter always bring smiles to our faces and listening to her play the guitar is inspirational.



Names removed for privacy

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**

Requested as of 08-25-2021

Please pray for these families: JNames removed for privacy

**Missions and Missionaries:** The Larsons in Brownsville, Texas; KBNR, and their quilting ministry

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY**

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**ANGEL TREE with PRISON FELLOWSHIP IS HAPPENING AGAIN THIS YEAR AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED STARTING IN OCTOBER!!**

Several volunteers are needed behind-the-scenes to prepare for and carry out the Angel Tree event.

Here's where you can help:

**End of October through November 12** - FPC receives information about eligible recipients in October. We need 3-4 volunteers to contact caregivers and confirm whether the family is participating this year or not.

**November 14 and 21** – volunteers are in the Narthex to hand out the request “ornaments” and track who takes each request

**Mid-November through December 5** – volunteers receive and track the purchased gifts being returned and follow up on any outstanding gifts

**December 13-17** – volunteers help distribute the gifts to recipients who pick them up at the church

Contact Sharon Hughes to volunteer and secure the date or activity that is best for you.





## STUDY OPTIONS

**Join one of the Bible Study classes!**

**Some are ongoing (but you are welcome to join), some are picking up where they left off before summer, and a couple are new studies!**

### **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS:**

“BELIEVE” by Randy Frazee. Weekly, **beginning September 12 at 8:30 am** in Fellowship Hall—led by Bill Rose. “Grounded in Scripture, *Believe* is a spiritual growth experience that helps Christians of all ages think, act, and be more like Jesus. This class is 30 weeks in total.” There will be breaks between each 10 weeks.

- ⇒ 10 Key Beliefs of the Christian Faith
- ⇒ 10 Key Practices of a Jesus-follower
- ⇒ 10 Key Virtues of a Person Who is Becoming More Like Jesus

### **TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN’S GROUP—SON Rise Bible Study—8:00 am**

The location and topic varies—please contact Barbara Kowal for more information

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN’S BIBLE STUDY and THURSDAY MORNING MEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

Held at Mallard’s Restaurant at the golf course at 8:00 am—please contact Bob Stroh for more information

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING AND EVENING PASTOR’S STUDY**

**Beginning September 8** we will meet Wednesday morning, in-person only, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am; and Wednesday evening, in-person and via Zoom, in the PresbyPod Studio (upstairs) at 6:30 pm. We will utilize Francis Chan’s “THE FORGOTTEN GOD” as a text. Chan’s book is a personal and accessible read about a life in tune with the Holy Spirit. Contact Pastor Bob to be added to the list for the Zoom link at [pastorbob@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:pastorbob@fpccarsoncity.org).

### **FRIDAY MORNING MEN’S BEREAN BIBLE STUDY**

Held in the church Library at 6:30 am—please contact Mark Jones for more information.

### **MONTHLY THURSDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Held in the church Library on the **2nd Thursday of each month** and led by Lynne Weaver. We will resume our study on Joseph on Thursday, **September 9 at 1:30 PM** in the Library. We are on lesson 6 which covers Genesis 40:1--41:32. All ladies are invited—even if you have not been participating in this study so far, you are welcome to join us and we’ll get you up to speed! Contact Lynne Weaver for more information.





There is still time to join in!



## ZEPHYR POINT FALL WORK DAY

Saturday, September 11

Join us to spend an enjoyable day at Lake Tahoe. Various maintenance projects are always in need of volunteer help – carpentry, gardening, staining, demolition, and more.

Coffee and goodies available at ZP on Saturday morning at 7:30 am. Work will begin about 8:00 am; work all day or until you are tired! Lunch will be provided.

See Grace or Bob Speicher for more information.

## COME ONE—COME ALL! IT'S THE RETURN OF THE DESERT SCHOONERS!



For food, fun and fellowship join the Desert Schooners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 28, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a sack lunch, but drinks and dessert will be provided. We will discuss plans for the upcoming year and suggestions for the old sanctuary. For any questions, comments or concerns, call Sandy Ehresman, Wagon-master,



## Choir Rehearsal Resumes

### *Do you love to sing?*

Choir resumes, Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm in preparation to sing at our Sunday services, September 19. If you love to sing, come join us. We are excited to see returning choir members and to welcome new singers. Please contact Jacque Dyer for more information.

## Christmas Concert

Our choir will be joining with Trinity Lutheran Church Choir in Gardnerville and Voices of the Sierra (a community choir) for a Christmas Concert. All choir members and other singers are invited to join in this season of joy. Rehearsals are Sundays at 2pm, starting at 2 pm at both FPC and Trinity Lutheran (alternating)

**The first rehearsal is at FPC, 9/12.** There are two performances, Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 at FPC & Sunday, December 12, 2:00 at Trinity. More information to come. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jacque Dyer.



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**This Month's Sermons**

**September 5**

**No Other Gospel**  
**Galatians 1:1-10**

**September 12**

**They Glorified God**  
**Galatians 1:11-24**

**September 19**

**The Truth Of The Gospel**  
**Galatians 2:1-10**

**September 26**

**Saved By Faith**  
**Galatians 2:11-21**

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