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SIX TRUTHS TO ENCOURAGE YOU DURING PASTORAL TRANSITION

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Somewhere right now a church is losing its lead pastor. For whatever reason, this man is leaving, the church has moved into a time of transition, and the members feel like they've had the wind knocked out of them. He has loved them, fed them, and protected them. He has doctored their wounds and rejoiced when they rejoiced. But now this man is [gone], and sadness and discouragement well up. If your church is in this scenario, I simply want to hearten you with six biblical truths.

1. GOD WILL BE WITH THIS CHURCH AT ALL TIMES.

You are not forsaken. God is with your congregation. "I will never leave you or forsake you," (Hebrews 13:5). Pastors will come and go. **Only God will never leave us.** And the presence of God is more vital to the life of the church.

2. GOD IS IN CONTROL.

God "works all things according to the counsel of His will" (Ephesians 1:11). Do you believe that? This pastoral transition is not happening outside of the will of God. God is working this according to the counsel of his will. So the question is not, "Who is in control?" **God is in control.** The question is, "Will you rest in him by trusting him?"

3. GOD PLANS GOOD OUT OF THIS TRANSITION.

It might not feel good right now, but God has promised that he works all things together for the good of his people (Romans 8:28). Is your church part of his people? If so, this transition is included in "all things"? Therefore, you can rest assured that **good will come from it.** That's how awesome God is: even those things that don't feel good are used for good. It might not be the good you have in mind, but it is good. Therefore, walk forward in faith.

4. IT'S OKAY TO WEEP.

While good will come out of this pastoral transition, that doesn't remove the deep sadness. Losing your pastor hurts. I'm reminded of how the Ephesian elders wept at Paul's goodbye: "And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship" (Acts 20:36-38).

I believe the Ephesians knew that God would be with them, that he was in control, and that he was going to bring good out of this transition. Nevertheless, they wept. And it's okay to weep. It's actually a way of saying thank you to both God and your pastor.

5. MINISTRY MUST GO ON.

Notice what the Great Commission does not say, "Go therefore and make disciples ... if you have a pastor."

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One church that I used to work with lost their pastor. When I'd call their lay leaders about a ministry opportunity, their answer was always, "Well, you see, we just don't have a pastor right now." They had forgotten that ministry must continue in the interim. The Great Commission doesn't include any conditionals.

Does ministry become a bit harder without a pastor leading? Probably so, but if he was a good pastor, he will have obeyed Ephesians 4:11-12 by equipping the saints for the work of the ministry. In the interim, you and the lay leadership of the church must make sure ministry continues. Get to work!

6. THE CHURCH MUST NOT SCATTER.

Jesus promised the flock would scatter at his crucifixion (Matthew 26:31). For a season, that's exactly what happened. The same often happens in churches during pastoral transition. Because "their" pastor is no longer there or ministry begins to lag, folks trickle out. Some reasons for going might be legitimate, but this may also be the time in which the congregation should most strongly gather together for support and encouragement. Recognize the temptation to scatter and work more diligently to stay bound together in unity and love. This will be a season of testing for you. I know you didn't ask for it, but with God's help, you'll endure it.

For churches currently in this situation: May the interim bring blessings you never expected, and I pray that God provides a new pastor for your church soon.



Please note that the office will be closed for Independence Day, TUESDAY, July 4th



TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST
Is July 17

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



Thank you to all the kind people who sent me cards, called, and prayed for me over the past few months.

It was a great source of comfort to me.
Ruth S

Congregational Giving—General Budget

2023 Projected

| | Budget Need | Given | Difference |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <i>May 20, 2023</i> | | | |
| Yr. to Date | \$311,314 | \$149,035 | \$162,279 |
| <u>Current</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| 4/17-5/20/23 | \$ 17,689 | \$ 11,157 | \$ 6,532 |

| <u>ECO DUES</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| To Date: | \$ 2,270 | \$ 5,200 |

THANK YOU, ALL!!

Family Ministries

Let's give a HUGE shoutout to

Troy Stansbury

for taking on the fun, game time that our tweens/teens love!

Recording audio tracks



Aunt Betty's Studios Youth Group is in full swing!

We meet every other Thursday evening at 5:30 to enjoy a meal, devotional, game time, and learn and work in Aunt Betty's Studios.

To get involved, email Sherri at sherri@fpccarsoncity.org

Editing



Cornhole!



Come to the Water

Music selection is an opportunity to fill the soul with life. Music is a wellspring, a fount of blessing, full of promise, and flowing with life. For those who are weary or wounded, music's words can be a source of wonder and healing. The choir is currently working on a music anthem called "Sacred Waters." It was written to show us how the word of God is like a wellspring for all who are seeking and thirsty, and they are able to draw from the well that will never run dry. Singing and worshipping our Lord go hand in hand. Music is a source of prayer and praise that is sung together as one, unifying our Love of God and what He has given us thru his son, Jesus Christ. In the song, it talks about going to the water to be restored, drinking from the fountain and thirsting no more; how Jesus is reaching out to us, teaching us with Love overflowing, faith ever **growing and to come, know** the goodness of the Lord. This powerful piece of music is not only beautiful, but it is fulfilling to sing and hear. The Word of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, is where the sacred waters flow.



June's music is filled with Love and Praise. The hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Glorify Thy Name," are among the favorites that will be sung, lifting our souls to gladness. Our benediction response for June and July is "To God be the Glory," praising our Lord and Savior. The Praise Team will be singing, "Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone," and "Christ the Rock." These two pieces are sung as a foundation of our beliefs, and fill us with the Holy Spirit when we hear the sung words as a congregation. "O Happy Day" will be introduced and later sung as a hymn by the congregation, rejoicing and celebrating Jesus.

The music over the next couple of months will be uplifting and inspiring, bringing us all together, closer to God and the Holy Spirit. We look forward to sharing this music and hope it fills your soul. Gather together as a congregation in the same pool of water, deep with forgiveness, rippling with grace. Wade in the water, wash in the waves - God stirs the water in marvelous ways!

Blessings,

Stewart

LIFE CHOICE'S BENEFIT CONCERT WITH SELAH

From Carnegie Hall to Carson City Community Center

Yes, the 11 GMA Dove Award winning music of Selah is coming to
Carson City on Thursday, June 15th!

This group has sold over 4 million albums. You can experience their amazing music in person by pre-purchasing a ticket from Charlene Rodman for \$15.00.

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex or call Charlene

Individual tickets at the door are \$25.00.

If you would like to meet the group, VIP tickets are available for \$45.00.

All checks are made out to Life Choices. Doors open at 6pm and the show will start at 6:30pm.

This is the 40th Anniversary of Life Choices mission in Carson City. Let's celebrate with them!

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 05-18-2023

Names removed for proviacy † Fire and Law Enforcement, First Responders, Front-line Caregivers; our Local, State, and National leaders



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Ruth Pintar
May 15, 2023



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**CHURCH GARAGE SALE—Friday, June 2 AND Saturday, June 3
9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Donations of items to sell will be accepted
May 29 thru June 1,
10 am – 1 pm in the Family Life Center.



Seeking VOLUNTEERS to:

- ⇒ Receive and price donations: May 29 – June 1 from 10 am – 1 pm
- ⇒ Set up tables and racks: June 1 at 9 am
- ⇒ Set out donations for sale: June 1, 11 am – 4 pm
- ⇒ Help at Garage Sale: June 2 and/or 3 - shifts: 9 am – 12 noon and 12 noon – 3 pm
- ⇒ Break down and dispose of unsold items and set up for Church on June 3, starting at 3:15 pm

Please contact Grace Speicher to volunteer 406-431-9073 or see her at church.

All proceeds go toward the preservation of the Old Sanctuary.



**COME TO THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL!
July 22—details to follow**

Who will win the “Best Ice Cream” this year?

Entertainment will be provided by the Carson City Community Band!

More details coming soon

July 31—August 4

Save these dates for an evening



Details coming soon!

FRIENDSHIP SUPPERS (OR BRUNCH OR LUNCH...)

Do you have a special summer garden or yard that you'd like to show off?

Why not share it with us by hosting a *Friendship Garden Party*? Our next Friendship Supper will be held on **Friday/Saturday August 4 or 5**. You could have a brunch, luncheon, or supper. Some have shared that it is difficult to go out in the evening so we thought that this would be fun to give a choice of having an earlier get together.



We will be announcing sign ups and more details in the coming weeks. If you are interested or have questions, talk to Sandy Ehresman or Diane Young.



Mission Potluck Picnic - Friday June 16th at 6:00 PM

For many years FPC, through your Mission committee has supported "Frontera de Cristo" (Frontera), a bi-national Border Ministry, based in the sister cities of Douglas, Arizona, and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. Frontera de Cristo works to build relationships and understanding across borders.

Our southern border with Mexico and what is happening there has been and continues to be a popular controversial topic on both the news and within our political arenas. We have a wonderful opportunity on **Friday, June 16th at 6 PM** to share in a potluck on the east lawn and then a presentation in the Sanctuary to break bread with and hear directly from Frontera's U.S. Coordinator, Mark Adams, and his wife and mission co-worker, Miriam Maldonado Escobar. They have lived and served on the border since 1998.

Your Mission Committee hopes that this opportunity will help us think about what it means to act biblically and theologically when borders divide. We want to invite all who wish to develop a greater understanding of border realities, the phenomena of migration, and our connection to one another across borders to come with ears to hear and hearts to be opened.

Frontera de Cristo is best described by their own statements: "Our Mission: To support local ministries in their work to serve migrants and community members; Our Vision: To establish greater understanding through relationships, trusting that hope will emerge from despair; Our Values: To love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God.

"By demonstrating gospel values in all that we do, Frontera de Cristo seeks to build relationships that demonstrate God's will, and build bridges rather than walls. So many people are migrating, seeking refuge and fleeing extreme poverty and violence. Our goal is not only to address their immediate needs, but also to address the root causes of mass migration, creating safe and prosperous opportunities that allow our sisters and brothers to stay in the land they call home, if they so choose.

"Through the building of community-driven partnerships with ministries and secular organizations in Douglas Prieta, we offer shelter, resources, education, emotional support, medical care, and new solutions. Our hope is that everyone we meet knows they are made in God's image, they are worthy of respect, and they are welcome here.

"People often see borders as nothing more than division, but at Frontera de Cristo we see a place of encounter. Discerning God's will for us, we serve migrants and community members on both sides of the border.."

Come and join us for a time of fellowship and opportunity to learn more about this border ministry. The Mission Committee will provide drinks for the potluck and we would ask those who attend to provide the following based on your last name: **A-F: Salad / G-L: Side Dish / M-S: Main Dish / T-Z: Dessert.**

We may also be joined by another group which we are hosting as they bicycle across the United States. The North Team from the *Journey of Hope: The Ability Experience* ride will be spending the night in the Family Life Center as they ride through Carson City on their journey to Washington DC. We again this year are providing them a place to sleep and shower for this one night and will be following them during their ride with prayers for their safety and the projects they take on. "The Ability Experience is committed to using shared experiences to support people with disabilities and developing the men of Pi Kappa Phi into servant leaders." We have invited these young men to join us for dinner and the presentation, depending on their final schedule.

"Each year, more than 100 men embark on a cross-country trip to test their limits, spread awareness, and celebrate the abilities of all people. With three routes kicking off on the West Coast, teams spend the summer crossing the country over a combined 12,000 miles with an arrival at the Capitol Lawn in Washington DC to mark the end of a life-changing event. Along the way, the team spreads the message of disability awareness through local media and makes stops at partner organizations where we deliver joy to our friends from the disability community."

FPC has hosted these young men for the past several years in support of their organization, activities, and goals. Check them out at <https://abilityexperience.org/journey-of-hope/>

This will be a great event. If you have any questions, contact Rob Scanland or the office.

JUNE

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  |  | | | 1 9:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – 10:00-1:00 GARAGE SALE DONATIONS- FLC 7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary | 2 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library  9:00 am – 3:00 pm 6:30 pm: Prayer Group – Library | 3 |
| 4 8:30 am: Adult Sunday School – Fellowship Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Gathering – room by Nursery 9:45 am: Grades 1-3 Sunday School 10:00 am: Communion Worship followed by Coffee Fellowship | 5 9:30 am: Quilters Group – Fellowship Hall 11:00 am: Women's Bible Study – Library 5:30 pm: Prayer Group – Library | 6 8:30 am: SON Rise Women's Bible Study – Location Varies <i>National Yo-Yo Day</i>  | 7 9:00 am: Men's Bible Study – Mallard's 5:00 pm: CIRCLES Mtg – FLC & Library 7:00 pm – Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary | 8 9:00 am: Wilson Men's Fellowship – | 9 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 am: Berean Men's Bible Study – Library | 10  |
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July

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