



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"...the desert shall rejoice and blossom" *Isaiah 35:1b*

I was raised on loving the desert. I grew up by the ocean, but the desert has long held a strong attraction for me. The smell of the creosote bush after the rain is right up there with fresh brewing coffee for me as one of the great fragrances of life awakening.

And so when we heard there was a big bloom taking place in Death Valley we found a time to sneak away for a few days to marvel at this. We took hundreds of photos and the scene just took our breath away. To see the carpet of yellow and purpose springing up out of the fields of rock and sand took me to Isaiah 35 where God declares that he will restore Israel. The power in this metaphor was not lost on me. What I was seeing seemed impossible. The restoration of what God intends could SEEM impossible unless we forget who we are dealing with.



We have just come through Easter in which God has shown us that he DOES cause the desert to blossom with the impossibility of new life. As we head into spring, how can we show this to those who do not know about it, but need to know new life? How do we take people to "Death Valley" and show them that the impossible DOES happen because of God's immeasurable love?

I think the answer is simpler than we know. We invite them. We come along side people whose lives are just like ours and we tell our story about how God brought to life a blossom when there had only been death. Maybe we tell about how God healed us (and is HEALING us) when someone died or when we were deeply disappointed or our heart was broken or rage threatened to consume us. And the way we tell this story is to begin with THE ONE who is the story. We begin by letting Jesus make us whole.

I know this can seem impossible in itself. But it begins as we let our hearts go to that place where Jesus can encounter us and show us that it is HE that meets us and nothing; no one less. Think of how Jesus may have had to take something out of your life in order to put in what we really need. Ponder that. Because as we give room to see that God takes away in order to add we really have the BEST to share with a hurting world.



Death Valley is the lowest place in this part of the world but the Sea of Galilee is three times lower! Jesus came to the lowest place on earth to show that the "desert CAN bloom". He did this by giving himself away for us. He calls us into the low places so that we can see the impossible BLOOM in our midst. He does this so that we have something to invite others to experience new life.

My prayer is that in this crazy time in history we would learn what it means to give our "Death Valleys" to Jesus so that HE may work through us to show new life to someone else. This is the only thing that really matters. We can trust HIM on this.

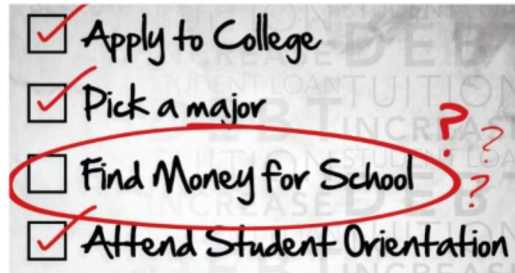
Traveling with you in the desert for His glory,

Bruce

LOTTIE SCOTT

Memorial Youth Award News

Youth award time is right around the corner. Are you graduating from high school this year? Do you know that your church has a memorial youth fund?



The Lottie Scott Memorial Youth Award Committee invites all graduating high school seniors from this congregation to apply for an award.

You are eligible to receive this award if you have participated in Sunday School, youth groups or other areas of church activity. Applications may be picked up from the church office and need to be returned by **Monday, April 11, 2016.**

All award amounts are based on available income. Awards are in the amount of \$500 for graduating seniors.

Lottie Scott Scholarship Committee:

Betty Anderson, Diane Young, Cecelia Stansbury and Bette Denning

BELIZE MISSION TRIP

In May, I will be part of Belize Dental and Construction Mission. We will again be in Seine Bight, an improvised, subsistence fishing village in southern Belize. There we will help work on Leysi's house. She is a single mother of five children and her home is in desperate need of repair. There are numerous structural issues, rotten floor boards and unsafe steps. Please keep us in your prayers as we repair Leysi's home; and share the Compassion and Gospel of Jesus with the people of Seine Bight. And please consider donating to the building supply fund. Past Belize Missions have been a tremendous success thanks to your prayers and support. Thank you for being part of this effort!



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

~Michael Klug



THE KING'S KIDS: APRIL



...Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.' Luke 18:16

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE: The Parable of the Vineyard Workers



A farmer needed workers for his vineyard, so he hired men to work – all throughout the day. When it came time to pay their wages, the vineyard owner paid the workers in backwards order from when they were hired (workers who worked fewest hours were paid first, etc.). Each worker received 1 denarius. When he paid the workers who had worked ALL DAY, they were upset that he paid them 1 denarius - just like the rest. Jesus said, "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Big Idea: God's love can't be earned, but He gives it generously to everyone who believes in Him!

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE: "A WALK THROUGH THE KING'S BOOK"

We'll learn about God's plan of Redemption, as we *experience* HIM, His Story, and Community.

- April 3: "Galilee Breakfast" (Jesus meets with His disciples after His resurrection)
- April 10: "You Go, and I'll Come Again" (Jesus' Great Commission & Ascension)
- April 17: "Fire From Heaven" (The Holy Spirit Comes)
- April 24: "Blind Eyes Opened" (Paul's Conversion)

KING'S KIDS VERSES FOR APRIL

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Luke 10:27
"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God." 1 John 3:1

SAVE THESE DATES: JUNE 20 – 24 VBX, CANDY KINGDOM

Where kids experience the sweetness of Jesus' love.
Registration begins late in May. Watch for further information.

FEAR OR FORGIVENESS?

In my life, I am not always faithful to the God who has been faithful to me. I hope that doesn't shock anyone. I'm as human as the next person. That might not seem like such a big deal to some, but because of our fallen nature, we can find plenty of ways to be distracted and pursue our own wants and ways. In doing so we leave behind the "protective umbrella" that God has extended over us. When we get too far afield from the Father and run into trouble, it's easy to then replace God with fear. Fortunately, we can always repent (turn around and ask for forgiveness) and reenter that communion with God. He's not the one who has left, but we have left, and we must ask Him to be merciful to us and then accept His forgiveness in order to be made right with Him.

This last step, accepting His forgiveness, is a hard one for me. It means I must humble myself and recognize the damage that has been done in my relationship with the Father, based on my actions - not His. I'd much rather hang on to the sin (even after I've asked for forgiveness!) because it means I think I still control the outcome. Some may say, I haven't really repented until I can accept the Father's forgiveness. And I have to ask, if I won't forgive myself, after the Father has forgiven me, have I built an altar to the Father (a remembrance for what He has done for me) or an altar to my sin?

Is it not enough that Jesus had to die for our sins and be raised again so that we might have a right relationship with God? Does He need to continually die for those things that I will not forgive in myself? There was one death, one resurrection and one life of a sinless man/God that will save us. And NO other. We cannot have loving relationship with others until we have loving relationship with God and His peace within ourselves. That means we need to accept the gift of forgiveness which is freely offered to us in Jesus Christ.

Choosing forgiveness,

Karen



MEN'S CHORUS IS SCHEDULED for Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and Wednesday, April 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Men's Chorus is scheduled to bring the offertory to our services on Sunday, April 24th. We have had to cancel in the past because there were not enough men to make up the parts. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Karen at 775-721-3549. Please consider joining us.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY HAS MOVED LOCATION & CHANGED THEIR START TIME

Thursday morning Allen Wilson Men's Fellowship is now meeting at 7:00 a.m. at Joanie's Creekside Cafe, 1795 College Pkwy., corner of Goni, Road just east of Interstate 580. This group has just begun the study of 'The Mind of Jesus' by William Barclay.

CAPITAL CITY CIRCLES INITIATIVE

This month, we are supplying the meal for Capital City Initiative on Wednesday, April 13th.

Please see Dawn Berger during coffee hour on April 10th to sign-up. Five main dishes & five salads are needed. Each main dish & salad should serve ten individuals. Food will need to be delivered to St. Peter's Church no later than 5:30 p.m. Thank you for your continued support!

MAY 2016 TRUMPET DEADLINE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

Have something written or a photo to share?

Please send your articles to Dawn Berger:
dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

CAPITAL CITY CIRCLES INITIATIVE is looking for a few more adults to help with childcare on Wednesday nights. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Siles, Circles Program Manager, at 775-883-6506 or 775-315-9469.

COME TO THE LOW POINT FOR THE HIGH POINT

Hi friends! In my Trumpet article this month I mentioned the Sea of Galilee being one of the lowest points on earth, but it is also where Jesus spent the majority of his ministry. The first time I was there I was astounded at the beauty of the place and then deeply moved by the reality of what Jesus did. In all my Christian experience nothing has pulled everything together the way being in Israel has. I want YOU to experience this. If you are able please consider it. We still have room, but the registration deadline is May 29th. If you have questions or would simply like to talk about the trip in general please see Nancy or me. We have brochures and pictures for you. This is an experience that is safe and fulfilling. Come to the low point for a high point and let Jesus say to you as you sail on the Galilee, "Peace, Be Still".

Faithfully,
Bruce



Ken Pearson walking where Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?"

THERE'S NO FREE LUNCH!

Oh yes there is!

On Saturday, May 7th those who sign-up (and show up) for a one day mission work party at Zephyr Point on beautiful Lake Tahoe, will enjoy an "all you can eat" lunch, courtesy of Zephyr Point staff.

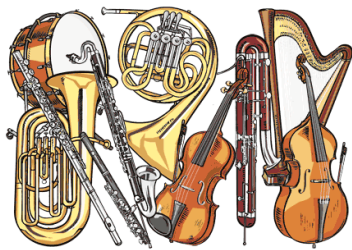
The sun will be shining as we celebrate on of God's beautiful works at the lake. Come, bring family and friends to work together. We have projects for all ages and stages, from muscular "hunks" to dainty "dolls".

If you are up for it, a late afternoon dip in the refreshing waters of Lake Tahoe will be available.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Questions? Please see or call Dave Bress at 775-883-0224.

DESERT SCHOONERS APRIL MEETING

Come join the Desert Schooners on Tuesday, April 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch.



Dessert and drinks will be provided. If you choose not to attend the meeting portion please feel free to come at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy the 16 musical piece from the Carson City Symphony.

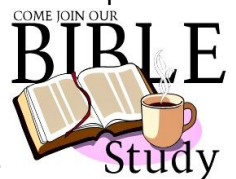
For more information, please contact Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE study that meets in the Library at 6:30 a.m. will begin their new study April 5th. This nine week study will be on book of Philippians. Please call Charlene, in the office, 775-882-1032 x215, if you would like a book.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study will meet April 14th. Bible study begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Church library. The April lesson is in Chapter 5, Ruth.

For information, please contact Charlotte Fenlon at 775-885-8894.





Grace Works

Save the Date: May 14, 2016

So you can't be a missionary in Ethiopia, Belize or the Dominican Republic, but you can be part of a nationwide movement among churches to show the compassion of Jesus in our local community. We call it "GRACEWORKS, SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE."

Saturday, May 14, 2016, we will set aside the day in Jesus' name, leave our home and serve our community in a variety of ways. There will be a breakfast/worship gathering to start the day. This year GraceWorks will have fewer projects.

The projects will include:

City of Carson Linear Park Cleanup

Comstock Mobil Home Park Assistance to Residents

Fremont Elementary School Habitat

Greenhouse, Gardening for the community

Praise Team Music and Worship at several assisted living and retirement centers

For those who prefer not to do physical labor, there might be two project options: a food packaging project organized by FISH, and separately, a Concert of Prayer.

It is our prayer that through this service, God will transform our lives, through His grace, to be more like Christ. We also pray that those we serve will be blessed.

"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings" 1 Peter 4: 10 from the Living Bible.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of March 13, 2016

Please pray for these families: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Active Duty Military: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

In Memoriam: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

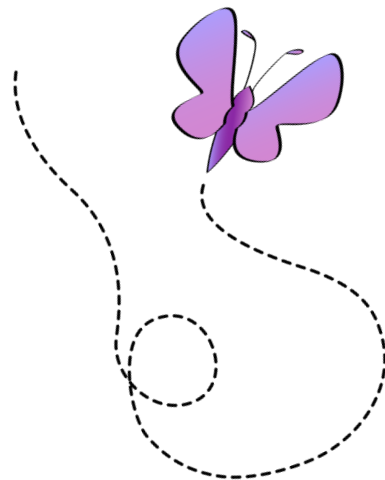
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Tom and I would like to thank you, our church family, for all the prayers and support during this difficult journey of recovery. We so appreciate your encouraging words and your love.

Sincerely,
Tom and Deana

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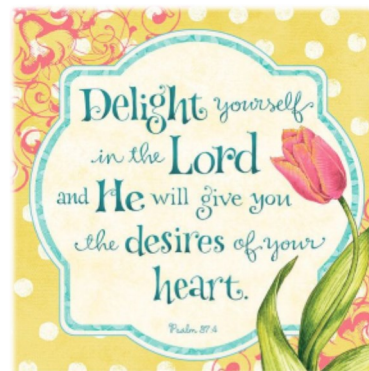
April Sermons

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April 10 – “Patience” Believe, Chapter 26

April 17 – “Kindness/Goodness” Believe, Chapter 27

April 24 – “Faithfulness” Believe, Chapter 28



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