



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"A PLACE WITH EVERYTHING"

As you receive this we are about to celebrate Easter. We will stay with one service so that we can join TOGETHER. That still leaves room for all of us to bring LOTS of our friends and family. Let's pack the sanctuary to the walls and resound with "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" at 10 am.

And as we gather, particularly with many who may not be as aware of the promise of the resurrection, I hope we will be discovering how complete the Gospel is. What I mean by complete is that because of what God did in Jesus Christ; because he defeated death, HE is all we need. But have you noticed that is NOT how we function in our culture? With each passing generation we seem to be needing more of this and that in every facet of life; socially, emotionally, recreationally and technologically. It is wearing us down. Our families are exhausted. We don't have time for what really matters because we have come to think that EVERYTHING matters and that NOTHING can be dropped.

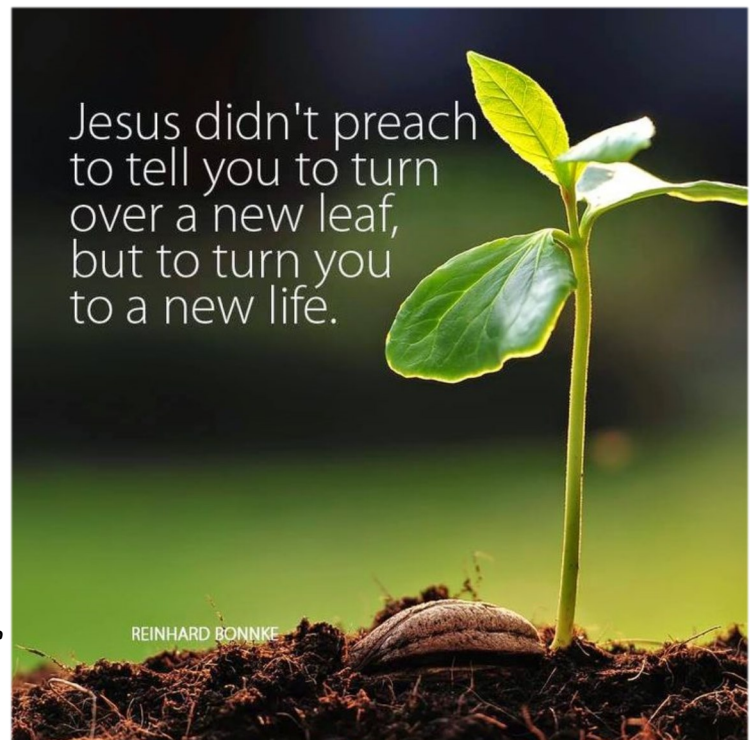
But you know what? It can. LOTS of stuff can be let go. And here is something that is key: *"It's when you don't have to give up anything than you can manage everything."* Easter is a time of remembering we have been given a new life; one life. The only thing we have to give up is the old life. And when we have done this there is only the new life left to manage. And the best part is that Jesus offers to do this for us through his Holy Spirit. I think we get lulled into thinking we need more when we need less. I get particularly concerned for families and young people because they get so saddled with the expectations of the world that they end up too exhausted for the things of faith; the things that really satisfy.

Our role as the body of Christ is to model a new life that is free from the baggage that is so piled on today. We say, "No" to a lot in order to say "Yes" to the best that Christ has for us and that means leaving a lot more room for God to lead us and love us.

To paraphrase the workshop picture, "Jesus didn't die and rise again so we could turn over a new leaf, but to give us a NEW LIFE." I hope this will be your experience this spring. I pray that we will all discover together that in Christ we have EVERYTHING we need and nothing that we don't.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Bruce



SPRING MISSION WORKDAY AT ZEPHYR POINT

Saturday, May 12th, 2018

May 12th is this year's annual Spring Mission Day at beautiful Zephyr Point. A day in which we paint, garden, build and rake pine needles. A time of fellowship in one of God's most beautiful landscapes, Lake Tahoe.

As usual, lunch will be provided free in exchange for our labor. A new wrinkle this year is breakfast! Mark Ellander, our ZP boss, is cooking a full meal, pancakes, eggs, sausage and coffee. Breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m. and the cooking stops at 7:45 in order for work to begin at 8:30.

This will be a day full of fun and fellowship as we continue to enhance the grounds and facilities at Zephyr Point. Sign-up starts April 8th. Any questions can be asked at the sign-up table, see Bob or Grace Speicher or Jan or Dave Brees.



PRAYING THE PSALMS

The Women's Bible Study group who meets in the church library every Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. will be starting a new study mid April.

Would you like to join us in a new nine week study called "Praying the Psalms"? This is a book that would need to be ordered, so please let Charlene Rodman know if you would like a copy. Approximated cost is \$9.00. Her number is 775-781-7875 or see her at church. We have fellowship, prayer, coffee and study time each week. All are welcomed!

SAVE THE DATE—GRACEWORKS

GraceWorks will take place Saturday, May 19th. Watch for further details in the weekly worship bulletins and the May newsletter.

Dear Church Mouse,

I know Deacons serve the members of the church in a variety of ways. What do the Elders do?

Sincerely,
Learning the Ropes

Dear Learning,

What a wonderful question to contemplate over cheese and crackers! The Elders are elected by the congregation. They head different committees, turn in budgets for each committee, and must agree to anything happening in the church. In short, they oversee the running of the church. Elders should be peace makers, prayer warriors, teachers, leaders by example, and decision makers. As you can see it is a position that is not to be taken lightly. Prayerfully consider joining the Elders, or Deacons, as the church is always looking for a few good mice to fill these important rolls.

Happily Yours,
The Church Mouse





THE KING'S KIDS



...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

Bible Story: looking at what it means to give God EVERYTHING we are and have:

Some rich men gave a little of their money to the Temple offering. The widow gave two pennies – everything she had.



The rich ruler asked Jesus what he had to do to gain eternal life. Jesus told him to sell all he owned and give the money to the poor. Because his priorities were confused (the dizzy glasses), he was sad as he walked away from Jesus.

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



As we continue our look at God's Super-Heroes, we'll be looking at JESUS – the GREATEST Super-Hero! Our Spring lessons will center around Jesus' miracles and teachings. We'll talk about how we can take what we've learned from JESUS into God's City (our homes, our schools, our play-places) as WE become God's Super-Heroes!

KING'S KIDS – MEMORY VERSE(s):

“Be alert. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Let everything you do, be done in love.” - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Jesus said, “I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except by ME.”
John 14:6



HELP NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!

Plans are getting underway for this summer's G.E.M. (God Everyday with Me) program. Do YOU know of places nearby that give tours (i.e. bakery, restaurant, farm, etc.)? Do YOU know people who might give us an interesting talk (i.e. weaver, potter, etc.)? Do YOU have a skill you could share with our kids & help them learn (i.e. yo-yo; juggling; fishing)? Would you be willing to be a driver or alternate driver? PLEASE TALK with NANCY!



A LITTLE MORE SINGIN' AND PRAYIN'

Psalm 34: 1-4 - ¹"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! ⁴I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears."

While reading my devotional the other day I was struck with how often I see the solution to a problem I've encountered as something I need to do. The devotional essay was making the point that we often do not continually praise the Lord. And I wondered—how would my life change if instead of complaining about something, I praise God for it?

As you receive this month's newsletter, we are completing the Lent and Easter commemoration/celebration. I think at this time of year it's easier to remember to praise the Lord. We have the disappointment of the crucifixion, the exultation of the resurrection, the re-appearing of Jesus to His disciples, and His ascension to Heaven where He prepares a place for us. Our minds are on everlasting life. But how do we handle the "ordinary" times, the difficult times of illness, despair, loneliness, and other times of our everyday lives? Our joy and hope is in the Lord! I find myself praying throughout the day when things are difficult. I need to praise throughout the day as well, and I don't always do this. It's a habit I need to cultivate. Sometimes in the mundane, I have difficulty wrapping my brain around heaven and our hope there.

Psalm 34 is of David and probably written as a reflection on a time when he was dealing with Abimelech. Some think this might have been the king of Gath or Achish, or that the word Abimelech was a title like Pharaoh or Caesar. In any case, David, fleeing from Saul ran into the Philistine army, who hauled him before Abimelech. David feared Abimelech and devised a solution to his problem: he would feign madness. Abimelech drove him away. In retrospect, David repented of his actions and in Psalm 34: 4, David talks about "seeking the Lord" and the Lord delivering him from his fears. David, a king, a musician and a mighty man after God's heart says in the last verse of this Psalm: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned."

David learned who to turn to when in distress, danger, fear as well as times of joy, plenty, and blessing.

In verse 3 where it says to "magnify the Lord", the dictionary of our day misses the point. There the word "magnify" means to make something larger than it is, or exaggerate it. The word implies that we are making more of something than it really is. But I don't think we can ever exaggerate Who God is, nor can we adequately explain Him or define Him. He is already much, much more than we are able to understand as humans! So the call of Psalm 34 is to point to God, praising Him and exalting Him in all situations and continually throughout our days. That's actually a LOT more singin' and a LOT more prayin'!

God changes our outlook when we magnify, boast, exalt and seek Him. He works on our hearts to bring about the change we need and to draw us closer; in order to live in His Kingdom. As Tommy Walker says in his song, "You turned my mournin' into dancing again!"

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name forever!

Karen



2018 THE ROAD TO THE CROSS THANK YOU

This year we chose to call our Stations event on Good Friday, March 30th, **The Road to the Cross**. And once again I was overwhelmed by the response of our church as you stepped up to plan, set up and share this event with our church family and community.



ROAD to the CROSS

We had new folks and those who have helped in the past participate. Sigrid and Ron Hobbs remain our guiding light on all of the set up and take down. Joel Kirk did a wonderful job clearing the sanctuary so that our team could come in on Friday and set up. Paul Weaver again put together our sound and this year added some slides from the movie,

“Passion of the Christ”. Pat Angel-Skinkis, Barbara DeWitt, Carol Bauer, Harry Krupp and Bob Stroh did a marvelous job of distributing our posters and letters to churches and businesses from Reno to Dayton, Carson City, Minden, Gardnerville and Incline Village. KLove came aboard this year with our announcement as did Pilgrim Radio.

Thank you to all of our Station coordinators and our volunteers including our greeters and Station #15 ladies who shared material and their witness with those who came out of this event wanting more information and “the rest of the story”. Thank you to Candi Euler who scheduled our coffee cart crew. It was a welcomed addition this year. And thank you to all who donated materials and cookies for this day.

Again the best part of this Good Friday event was the fellowship, sharing and caring throughout this special day. Lives were touched and hopefully changed by an introduction to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and what He did for each of us on the Cross.

Thank you All,
Charlene Rodman, Coordinator

FEBRUARY 2018 LETTER

Dear Prayer and Financial Support Team:

We rejoice with God, our Father for your faithfulness to Him and us in the year 2017. God has granted us so many blessings. We count it a real privilege to partner with Him and you in reaching a lost world for His Kingdom.

The ladies quilting team from Brownsville, Texas made 41 quilts this year, nine of those quilts delivered to Chiapas, Mexico with our church mission team in July. In addition we made 50 receiving blankets for a project in SE Asia.

Don has been busy with both KBNR and KBNJ assisting in repairing air leaks in the tower and keeping the station on air by wiring all essential electric circuits so they could be switched to the generator during Hurricane Harvey.

God is using KBNR in Brownsville to touch and change countless lives. Only God knows how many people have come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior through KBNR over the years.

Thank you for your prayers and support used to proclaim the Good News to a lost and hurting world.

Don and Dolores Larson
Brownsville, Texas



Desert Schooners APRIL Meeting

Come join Desert Schooners at their monthly meeting, April 24th, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. A presentation will be provided by Ron Roberts. The title of his presentation is “Grandmas Trunk.” For more information, please call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.



April

BIRTHDAYS

Names omitted in online version for privacy.



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ANNIVERSARIES

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ZEPHYR POINT PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER



Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe has an opening in their Guest Services Department. This is a full time position with benefits. Applicants must be a Christian with good computer skills and be willing to work either a Saturday or Sunday. Please contact Rose at (775) 588-6759 ext.110 for more information.


ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 03-18-2018

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April Sermons

April 1: Easter Sunday "April Fools?" John 20:1-18,
1 Corinthians 4:9-10

April 8: "A Healing Hike" Luke 24:13-35

April 15: "Shortcuts?" Romans 6:1-14

April 22: "Why Grace?" Romans 7:7-8:1

April 29: "The Impossible Possibility" Romans 8:1-17

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in
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one
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ACTS 4:12, NIV

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