



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"TELLING THE STORY"

I had something happen recently that caused me to realize how easily I take for granted the most essential thing in life. Here's what happened: One of my closest friends whom I have known since we were in Sunday school called and said, "I need a little direction. My pastor wants me to talk to a men's group about my faith story." I said, "Yeah, so?" He said, "So what do I tell them? How do you do this?" Two things came to mind: first, how infrequently we get asked to just come out and tell this story, and two, how *do* we do it? What do we say?" So I said, "Well, in your case it seems to me you would say something like, 'I got to live every boy's dream; I got to play in Yankee Stadium. I made it to the Major Leagues, but nothing, not even hitting 714 home runs compares to what it means to know what God did for me in Jesus Christ.'" He laughed and said, "Now you're going too far!" He was kidding. But isn't that like us to not realize that NOTHING that we could ever have or experience in this life will be greater than knowing the saving grace of Jesus Christ and what it means NOW as well as FOREVER?

Do you know how to tell your story of being found by the love of Jesus? Do you know how to explain in spontaneous words what this means for you on a day to day basis? Can you tell someone what it means that Jesus died for us? Keep it simple. Tell what that means for every day challenges. Tell the story of the hope this gives beyond this chapter.

I think often we get caught flat-footed on this because we don't really know how the reality of God's love for us exceeds all the things of this world. And I think this is because we try to compare God's love to things IN this world. There is no comparison, but that doesn't mean we can't know the reality of God's love. And interestingly we can know God's love because it IS greater than anything this world can offer. Yet even while we are here we can know it. It really is mysterious in this way. But that doesn't mean it isn't real. In fact, because God's love IS mysterious it is greater than the things in this world that we think are so concrete.

CS Lewis described this so well, I think, when he said,

Now Faith, in the sense in which I am here using the word, is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods. For moods will change, whatever view your reason takes. I know that by experience. Now that I am a Christian I do have moods in which the whole thing looks very improbable: but when I was an atheist I had moods in which Christianity looked terribly probable. This rebellion of your moods against your real self is going to come anyway. That is why Faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods 'where they get off', you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist, but just a creature dithering to and fro, with its beliefs really dependent on the weather and the state of its digestion. Consequently one must train the habit of Faith.

The first step is to recognise the fact that your moods change. The next is to make sure that, if you have once accepted Christianity, then some of its main doctrines shall be deliberately held before your mind for some time every day. That is why daily prayers and religious readings and churchgoing are necessary parts of the Christian life. We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither this belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in the mind. It must be fed. And as a matter of fact, if you examined a hundred

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people who had lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?

From Mere Christianity

His point is that telling the story comes from knowing THE story and how it claims us in our “lower” story. We become anchored to rather than drifting from THE story of God’s love for us that came into this world to take us out and beyond this world as we live in the daily experience of telling “the old, old story of Jesus and his love.” May this be the place in which we grow in our ability to do this for God’s glory.

Maybe it starts with just inviting someone to church. Don’t be surprised if they say yes and don’t quit asking people if one person says no.

Gratefully yours in Christ,
Bruce





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

We had a blast at our summer G.E.Ms (God Everyday (and everywhere) with Me) experiences!

G.E.M. #1: "Who floats your boat?"

Bible Parable: Jesus calms the storm

Experience: Kids constructed their own wooden boats and sailed them down the stream.

Lesson: Jesus wants to be our Lord and lead our lives!



G.E.M. #2: "The GREATEST Treasure"

Bible Parable: Treasure in the Field

Experience: Kids experienced the story with their own "fields" & treasure.

Outing: Nevada State Museum Silver Mine (focus on sacrifices made in 1800's)

Lesson: WE are God's treasure and He sacrificed ALL to buy us back!

G.E.M. #3 "The BEST Soil"

Bible: Jesus' parable of the Soils

Experience: Greenhouse Project – Kids sorted out Red Wiggler worms for the compost project.

Lesson: Jesus wants our lives to grow in knowing and loving Him!



A HUGE thanks to the following leaders & chaperones:

Deana Ercanbrack, Dede Stevens, Katie Gorton, Cheryl Gorton, Mary Berge, Ron & Sigrid Hobbs, Timothy Plummer, Ron Roberts, Derwin Brown

God's Rest -

Dearest Church Family.

This summer owing to surgery and recuperation, I have been pondering God's rest. Isaiah 30:15 says in part, "This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: 'In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength...'" and in Isaiah 30:18 it says, "Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

As I have had much time to ponder these things, I have found your prayers, love and blessings through the many cards you sent and the texts and calls you made to check on me. God is showing me how much He loves me through the work you are doing.

Many thanks to all of you at First Presbyterian Church and beyond for allowing yourselves to be used by God's grace in my healing journey. Lord willing, I will be back among you worshipping soon!

Learning to rest at God's pace!

Karen



So as you can see the walkway Project is in full swing and going well. It's going to be a 7 week project. We are hoping to have it completed around August 11, 2017!

We have around 182 pavers this round and will continue to add more once a year. So if you didn't get one this time then there will be another chance next year.

We have raised \$118,979.00 so far and we are close to completely paying for this amazing project.

Walkway Cost Summary

Architect	\$12,500.00
Permits & Fees	\$550.00
Contractor	\$114,562.00
Pavers	\$5,979.00
<u>Engraving</u>	<u>\$4,675.00</u>
Total	\$137,841.00
Remaining Costs	\$18,862.00





GraceWorks

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are currently in need for a member of the First Presbyterian Church to serve on the GraceWorks Steering Committee, along with our other faithful member Carol Wilson. The Steering Committee is made up of members from each of the actively participating churches that annually put on GraceWorks events. The Steering Committee meets five or six times a year to pray, plan and facilitate GraceWorks here in Carson City. It is really a blessing to serve with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters; helping our community and neighbors, whether they are next door or on the other side of town. GraceWorks allows us to be a missionary right here at home and to share God's love with everyone around us. Please prayerfully consider serving on behalf of FPC on the GraceWorks Steering Committee. Please contact Pastor Bruce or Carol Wilson with any questions and/or with your offer to serve.

Thank you and grace be with you.

The GraceWorks Steering Committee

ZEPHYR POINT WORK AND FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND WILL SOON BE HERE

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 29TH—OCTOBER 1ST

Come join others from FPC for fun, fellowship and friendship as we enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe. We will begin the weekend with dinner and an evening with Paul Weaver; Saturday will be a day of work and fellowship followed by an evening with Kit Lefevre; we will conclude on Sunday after a service with Dan Skinkis and lunch. Zephyr Point Conference Center has reserved cabins for FPC to use that weekend. Meals will be charged for those you participate in. If you do not want to stay the weekend, but would like to join in on Saturday - GREAT! There are various meal options. Stay tuned; more to come. Scholarships available.



Lynn Hunter R.N. and Rex T. Baggett M.D. have made themselves available to provide home health counselling for church attendees. Dr. Baggett and Ms. Hunter will be happy to provide their knowledge to facilitate care of medical problems or provide advise regarding making the most of your contact with your own physician.

They are not providing care in place of your doctor. They want to explain and reinforce the patient/physician relationship already established and help others establish themselves with doctors where needed. If you have a need for advise and/or counselling regarding medical matters please contact the church office regarding times you would be able to receive Dr. Baggett and Ms. Hunter R.N. in your home.

2017 Lake Tahoe
Christian Women's Retreat
"Extreme Makeover God's Edition"



Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

September 15-17, 2017
Zephyr Point Conference Center

Our Speaker:

Danna Demetre

Most women welcome makeovers - of their homes, hair, body, finances and more. But, who can we trust to ensure that our makeovers turn out the way we hope? God! We can trust the "Master Makeover Artist" to know exactly what we need.

In her transparent and very real style, Danna Demetre will share her own God-managed makeovers and provide scriptural and practical teaching that will help you experience a profound makeover in five key life areas: Body - Mind - Material - Relational - Spiritual dimensions.

Join us for a
life-changing retreat!



An Invitation to...

**"Extreme Makeover -
God's Edition"**

September 15-17, 2017

Registration

- ◆ \$180 due by August 15, 2017 but sign up early as space is limited and early registrants get view rooms
- ◆ No refunds after September 1st
- ◆ You will receive e-mail confirmation of your registration
- ◆ Make checks payable to:
Lake Tahoe Christian Women's Retreat

- ◆ Send registration to:

The Village Church
736 McCourry Blvd.
Incline Village, NV 89451

Accommodations:

Rooms in the new Tallac Center
2-3 people per room.
Each with a private bath

Worship and Music:

Led by Julie Elias

Julie is an accomplished Christian artist. She combines popular worship songs with lesser known gems to bring a unique approach to worship through music.

For further information, contact:
The Village Church 775.831.0784 or
Michele Young 908.768.1822

Web Site: www.TheVillageChurchNV.org

Lake Tahoe
Christian Women's Retreat
Registration Form

Please return this registration form with your payment. The **REGISTRATION FEE OF \$180 PER PERSON** includes all meals, sessions, and room charges.

(No refunds after September 1st)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CHURCH _____

ROOMMATE PREFERENCE (if any):

Please consider me for a
Partial Scholarship. (Maximum \$90).

I wish to contribute to the **Scholarship Fund** and have included an additional
\$ _____

**Thank you
for helping others attend!**



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 07-16-2017

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**SEPTEMBER TRUMPET DEADLINE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH**

Have something to share?
Please send articles to Dawn Berger:
dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

NewsLetter DEADLINE



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The Deacons will not meet in August. Monthly meetings will resume Monday, September 11th.

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10:00 AM

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Trumpet & Sunday Bulletin articles can be sent to dawn@fpccarsoncity.org and may be edited for space. See calendar for due dates. Trumpet mailing prepared by a team led by Bette Denning and Linda Poole.

August Sermons

August 6: "To Tell the Truth" Exodus 20:1-17

August 13: "Loving What God Gives" Exodus 20:1-17

August 20: "Trusting God; Leaving Home" Exodus 20:1-17

August 27: "Which Door?" Deuteronomy 30:15-20

MY CUP IS OVERFLOWING

Once again I come with a grateful heart. Thank you for the special gift of \$200 that you gave me through the church. You know who you are even if I don't. I want you to know how thankful I am for your kindness. God works in mysterious awesome ways. I plan to go to Idaho to see a dear friend and view the solar eclipse in August. Guess how much my ticket is - your right \$200. Thank you for helping me go on this adventure.

Love you all,
Charlene

See us and
"Like" us on

