



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"DISCOVERING CHRISTMAS"

Every year it seems there is a lament about how early Christmas music starts or stores put out the "Christmas stuff". And it seems ironically every year Christmas gets buried more and more under the stuff of our culture because candidly, our culture is more and more hostile to what Christmas really means. Our economy would virtually collapse without what Christmas has become and yet the central meaning of Christmas is pushed more and more aside, if not denied all together.

This year I want to discover Christmas again. And I hope that as I do someone else who has never really known what Christmas means will get to do the same. For this to happen I know I need to make some changes. I need to discover what I have buried; the wonder of God coming to earth looking for "poor, ornery people like you and like I". So as I do this uncovering I think of a place where it is ironically Christmas all year. Christmas carols are sung every day. "Silent Night" is sung for hours by thousands of people. There is a restaurant called "The Christmas Tree" open every day. And get this; the town is less than five percent Christian! The rest of the people are Muslim. The town is of course, BETHLEHEM. It is a noisy place with dusty, narrow, crowded streets bustling with the busyness of life, but Bethlehem is like here too. For all the things that say, "Christmas" the meaning can get lost because the wonder of Jesus is not known.



How can this be uncovered and discovered again? We need to stop. We need to sing, even and especially if we don't think we can. We need to pray. And we need to let Jesus BE our life. We need to let him decorate our lives with who he is: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Do you know this? Do you need to re-discover what this means? Who do you know who needs to know this?

As we prepare to "Come to Bethlehem and see" these are questions we need to take time to ponder each day in the journey to Christmas. My prayer is that as we do we will begin to make it Christmas all year long. What if, because we did this, someone else came to know Jesus? How about if we made every day of this season a time to recall the words: "How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in."

Let's discover Christmas again. Look through this issue of the Trumpet and find the many ways available and let's be sure someone we know gets the best Christmas ever.

Yours in Him whose birth the angels sing, on bended knee, before Christ the King,

Bruce



IMACTING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

Following God's Call

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, I would like to thank everyone at First Presbyterian Church for their love and support throughout the last two and a half years! Personally, I feel that my character and relationship with Christ has grown tremendously. I have learned so much from the youth, Pastor Bruce, and from so many of my new friends at FPC. In ministry, I felt empowered by all of this support. There were many days and nights filled with fun, laughter, relationship building, evangelism, discipleship, and outreach. I trust and believe that God has used this youth ministry to impact many young people's lives. All praise belongs to our Savior Jesus Christ!

In the last few months, God has been nudging on my heart that my life and ministry was changing. After sharing this with Pastor Bruce and others...and through a lot of prayer and seeking God's will...God has made it clear to my family and me that He is calling us to serve in a different capacity. In short, God is calling me to oversee the youth and children ministry at Common Ground Church here in Carson City. The Pastor and many families there are close friends with us and we are excited to join them on the ministry team.

Humbly in Christ,
Timothy Plummer and Family





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

DECEMBER 3rd: ADVENT WORKSHOP 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

A make-it-take-it workshop for kids to celebrate Jesus' birth, while making Christmas decorations and crafts, decorating cookies, and listening to a Christmas story.

And we'll end our afternoon with pizza.

YOU are welcome to join your kids!

Bring friends and kids from your neighborhood!



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

The King's Kids are excited about lighting the Advent Candles in Worship each Sunday, during Advent! It'll be like a mini-pageant each week!

Then, as we continue our look at God's Super-Heroes, we'll look at the Super-Heroes of the Christmas story: the prophets, the angels, the shepherds, and Mary & Joseph. We'll talk about how we can take what we've learned from their examples of Faith-in-Action into God's City (our homes, our schools, our play-places) as WE become God's Super-Heroes!

KING'S KIDS – ADVENT MEMORY VERSE(S):

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16



A MOST DIFFICULT TIME FOR SOME -

Of late, I have found myself in an interesting headspace. Carl and I are doing surprisingly well though our bodies are not quite where we think they should be. We are aging. There is a real grieving in this aging process! But we try to look forward to what we CAN do instead of what we are not able to do. We ignore the pain, if we're able and move on. But a lot of folks have more than this to contend with and it can be relentless. They have poverty, illness and depression. There are broken relationships, monetary worries and for some devastating life changes that are none of their doing. The Bible speaks of the "trials in this life" with which we will be visited.

It can be overwhelming in ordinary times. Now let's see these issues through the bustle of the holiday season! We need to slow down and not hurry through Advent (anticipation season) and Christmas. We need to really see other persons' struggles as if they are our own for we all bleed, we all breathe, we all can hurt.

But, thanks be to God, Jesus came to lift our hearts to Him! He came to live with us, even in our pain. He will show us how to have His joy beyond our circumstances. We are instructed to "lift up my (our) eyes to the mountains--where does my help come from? My (our) help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121: 1-2) He also came to call us to live to help others. We need to get past our own agendas to care and respect others enough to respond in love whether they do or not.

Lord, give us Your heart for those who are struggling. Sharpen our listening skills, may our heart hear their need. May we reach out and offer to help as You would. For You have done this for us and you intend for all to be drawn to You.

Gratefully,
Karen

VOICES OF THE SIERRA CHOIR Celebrates the Season with Concerts



Join the Voices of the Sierra Choir as they perform a trio of concerts at Hilltop Church. Hilltop is located at 3588 Romans Road, Carson City. Several members of our congregation sing with the choir. Tickets (\$6 each) can be obtained the day of the concert at Hilltop Church. Refreshments will served.

The concerts are on the following dates:

- Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 17, 3:00 p.m.



Thank you Kay Glanzmann for sharing your gifts with us! The Church was decorated exquisitely with all the fall harvest décor.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. - 1 Peter 4:10



COMING...DESERT SCHOONERS CHILI COOK-OFF Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

Mark your calendars! You don't want to miss all the fun.

We need your help with Silent Auction items and Raffle prizes. If you have something to donate please contact Jenny Scanland at 775-297-2061.

More information coming next month.

**CAPITAL CITY
COMMUNITY BAND**


FREE CONCERT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017
3:00 P.M.

BOB BOLDRICK THEATER
CARSON CITY COMMUNITY CENTER
851 E. WILLIAM ST., CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**A TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
MEMORIES OF WW I AFTER NEARLY 100 YEARS
A SALUTE TO OUR SERVICEMEN
MUSIC FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

RICHARD DOEDE, DIRECTOR

"WE ARE IN OUR 40TH YEAR!"



Next Concert: Annual Support the Band, Sunday, January 28, 2018 3:00 p.m. @ First Presbyterian Church, King & Division Streets, Carson City.

Website: <http://cccb.weebly.com>

Women's Thursday Bible study will begin a new study on January 11th on the Women of the New Testament. We meet at 1:30 p.m. in the library. If you are interested in coming please call Lynne Weaver at 775-883-1775 for more information.

Women's Bible Study



The Pastor Search Team wants you informed. Please talk with them informally or at one of the various focus group meetings they will be hosting. The team would be very grateful if you would read the books they are using as their guides: NEXT: Successful Transitions in Pastoral Ministry, and The Pastor Search Workbook. Both are available for you to borrow at the information booth in the narthex.



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Thank you!
Your Search Team



ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

The Deacons place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship services in memory or honor of your loved ones. These will be acknowledged in a bulletin insert. The deadline to order plants is Tuesday, December 12 and the cost is \$10.00 per plant. People who wish to take their plants may do so after the Christmas Eve services. Place this completed form in the offering plate along with your check marked "Poinsettia" or bring it to the church office. Thank you for helping.

Your name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ I will pick up plant after the Christmas Eve services.

_____ Deacons may deliver plant to someone.

_____ Number of plants ordered (limit of 3).

\$_____ Amount enclosed



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 11-19-2017

Names omitted in online version for privacy.



Dear Church Mouse,

I was wondering what duties the deacons perform at the church?

Sincerely,
Wants-to-Help

Dear Wants-to-Help,

The deacons serve a 3 year term. FPC has divided our lovely city and surrounding areas into 13 zones. Each deacon is in charge of one zone. Besides checking with members in their respective zones via all types of greeting/bereavement cards, phone calls and visits to shut-ins, the deacons organize and deliver the church flowers, set and clean-up monthly communion and even provide communion to any home bound member. The deacons host two deacon Sunday's a year, provide and arrange the Thanksgiving Sunday, 4th of July BBQ, and provide refreshments or meals at memorial services. They help any member in any and every task they can when called upon. The deacon budget is 100% funded by the church family and not part of the general budget. Nominations for new deacons are being gathered now and I hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to serve.

With much love,
The Church Mouse



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018

Trumpet Deadline

Friday, December 8th

Have something to share?

Please send articles to:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

YEAR END GIVING

We are so grateful for your generous hearts in giving to the mission of First Presbyterian Church in 2017. It has been a year of many blessings.

We would like to remind you that if you are giving in December and would like your donation to be credited to calendar year 2017, your gift must be in the church offering by the morning of Sunday, December 31, 2017, or postmarked by December 31, 2017.

Thank you again for your gifts to this church!



KOCHSMEIER CHRISTMAS

Open House

Sunday, December 17th 2:00-4:00 P.M.

2018 GIVING ENVELOPES

This is a reminder that if you have a contribution number between 1 and 100 you may pick up your new 2018 **BLUE** envelopes mid-December in the narthex. Some notes:

- If you have had envelopes but do not want them in 2018, please notify Stacey Warwick at the church office as soon as possible. Your giving number will then change.
- If you did not have envelopes in 2017 but want them for 2018 please notify Stacey as soon as possible.

PLEASE DISCARD YOUR 2017 PINK ENVELOPES.

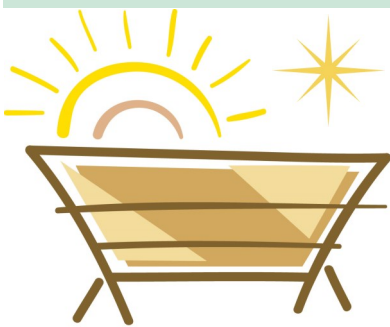
2017 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION DUE

Do you lead a ministry group or help spend the church's money? In preparation for the Annual Report, church officers, group leaders, staff and other members of the congregation that serve at First Presbyterian Church will need to submit their year-end report. In order to allow sufficient time to assemble the Annual Report, we ask that your submission be received by Thursday, December 28th. Please email your report to dawn@fpccarsoncity.org. You may also deliver your information to the Church office via a flash drive.



NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Reminder as we get close to years end; the Church office is closed Fridays. We will also be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. The Church staff wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, December 24th

Christmas Eve Morning Service at 10:00 A.M.

Candlelight Service at 7:00 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

And...Bring a Friend!



December 2017



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1
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library
9:00 AM Exercise Lite

2

3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM NURSERY
10:00 AM Impact Youth
10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM Advent Workshop

4
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
6:30 PM DEACONS
7:00 PM Praise Team

5
7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - LA Bakery
7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library
7:00 PM Men's Chorus

6
8:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY
11:30 AM PRAYER
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM Men's Chorus

7
7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe

8
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
Jan/Feb 2018 Trumpet Deadline

9

10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM NURSERY
10:00 AM Impact Youth
10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC

11
9:00 AM Exercise Lite

12
7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - LA Bakery
7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library
8:00 PM MISSION COMMITTEE
7:00 PM ALL COMMITTEES

13
8:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY
11:30 AM PRAYER
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM Women's Choir

14
7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe
1:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library
7:00 PM Women's Choir

15
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library
9:00 AM Exercise Lite

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17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM NURSERY
10:00 AM Impact Youth
10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC

18
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
7:00 PM Praise Team

19
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7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library
5:30 PM SESSION

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8:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY
11:30 AM PRAYER
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM Praise Team
Circles Dinners

21
7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe

22
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library
9:00 AM Exercise Lite

23

24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM NURSERY
10:00 AM Impact Youth
10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

25
OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
Joy to the World
Christmas

26
7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - LA Bakery
7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library

27
8:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe
9:00 AM Exercise Lite
9:00 AM Grace Notes
10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY
11:30 AM PRAYER
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

28
7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe
Annual Report Information Due

29
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library
9:00 AM Exercise Lite

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31
8:45 AM Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM NURSERY
10:00 AM Impact Youth
10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC

CHOIR AND PRAISE TEAM WARM-UP
December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

- Praise Team - 5:45 p.m.
- Choir - 6:30 p.m.





24th Annual
Women's Christmas Tea
and Holiday Boutique

Saturday, December 2nd ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm

At the Village Church In the Fireside Room

Music by the Barefoot Duet

Come prepared to enjoy a delightful "English" tea complete with homemade finger sandwiches, cookies, candies, tea and coffee. Plan to shop the bazaar for specially selected treasures to enhance your home for the holidays. But most of all come to enjoy this incredible time of fellowship.



ATTENTION TRAVELERS

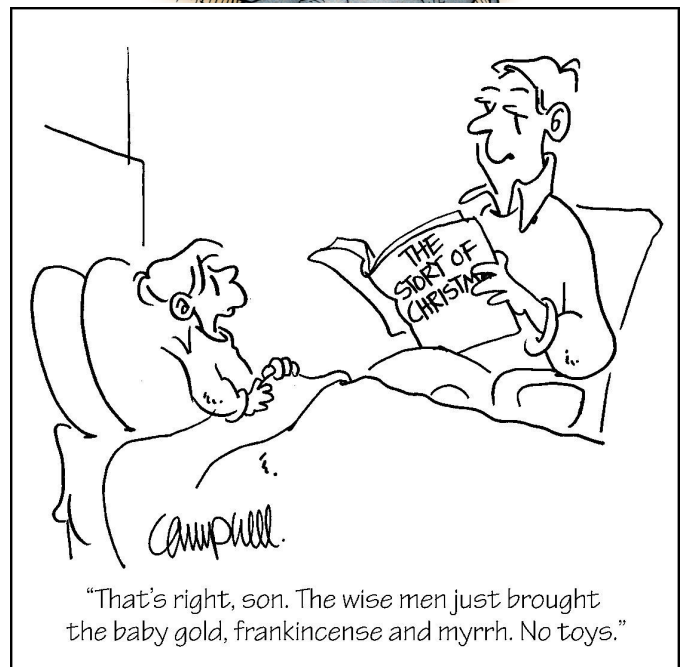
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ADDRESS MOVERS

Did you know that each month we mail you our Trumpet to keep you informed about the activities of the church? However when you leave the area for a period of time the Post Office returns your newsletter to the church and we are required to pay for its return. At that time we take you off the mailing list until we are notified of your return. That notification sometimes doesn't happen and you are then missing out on the church news.

Please notify us before you depart as a "snowbird" or just for a few weeks or months away so that we can either forward your Trumpet to the new address or stop it for the time that you are away.

We would appreciate your help with this as you make your travel plans any time throughout the year. If you are moving it is also important to call the office or e-mail your change of address to stacey@fpccarsoncity.org.



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December Sermons

December 3: "Learning to Wait" Mark 13:24-37 First Sunday in Advent

December 10: "O Come Let Us ADORE Him" Advent Music Sunday

December 17: "Who the Messiah Is": Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

December 24: 10:00 AM – "Dark No More" Isaiah 9:2-7
 7:00 PM Candlelight Service – "Heaven Came Down" Luke 2:1-20

December 31: "After Christmas, What?" Luke 2:22-40

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 A SON IS GIVEN**

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