



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

Oh the Places We Will Go"

When I was a little boy there was a man who lived near our elementary school who wrote books that we all read. Not only did they help us learn to read, they captured our hearts and minds. They took us to places we never imagined. The man's name was Theodore Geisel. You know him better as "Dr. Seuss".

As we enter a new year I am thinking about all the places WE will go as we read God's word that invites us to places we could never go except HE sends us. It's no accident, remember? In the book, "Oh, the Places You'll Go" we are told, "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" This is what Jesus told us when he gave us our mission statement; the great commission. He told us we would do this because we would go in HIS authority.



This is exciting, but as a mentor of mine once said, "Being a Christian in word and deed is glorious and perilous." In Dr. Seuss' book he said, "You'll get mixed up, of course, as you already know. You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act. Just never forget to be dexterous and deft. And never mix up your right foot with your left." As we look out to where God is calling us and consider what Jesus invites us to do we need to listen to him so we don't get lost in the world of ways. We really do need to know our right from our left. I knew that everything I really needed to know I learned in kindergarten!

But we aren't kids anymore, (most of us!) and truth be told, Dr. Seuss really wrote his books to speak to adults. We have a grown up calling to take hold of what God has given us to do and to use the gifts he has given us to show people the way into knowing Jesus.

Many people do not know the places they CAN go as they enter relationship with Christ. But we do because we have the gift of belonging to him. We have it because it has been passed on to us and we in turn get to pass it on to someone who hasn't read the book yet. You and I may be the only Bible someone ever reads and we get to be people who show the places like hope and healing and forgiveness that people are longing to know.

There is a temptation to think we can't do this. But because Jesus is the one calling us and sending us we can. This I read as a child: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." But because we go in Jesus' name we are NOT on our own. HE will equip us as we use the brains he gave us. He will pour into us the resources needed to speak and act in his name to do what he wants to happen to us and through us every day; every year, this year.

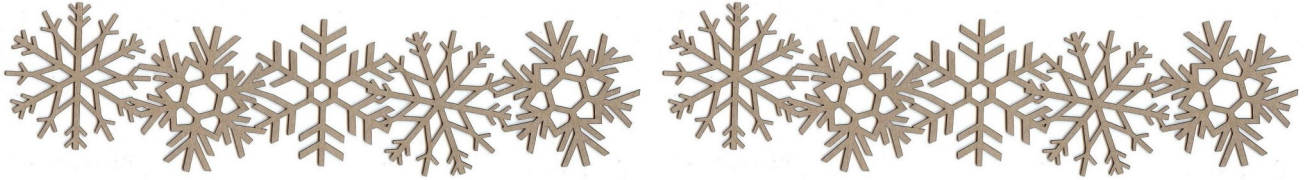
So let's go! Let's enter and live this year with the confidence that we do go nowhere by accident; that because

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Jesus lives in us he does want to do something through us for his glory. And let's laugh. Let's laugh like children growing up at just how amazing it is to discover the places we will go as we go in his name to do God's amazing will. Let's support one another. Let's urge one another on. Let's encourage the new faces and cheer for those who have been in the journey a long time. Let's say to one another what Jesus says to our hearts because he loves us with his life: "Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away!"

Thankfully discovering God's will with you,
Bruce



KING'S KIDS AND YOUTH PAGEANT

"WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR MIND, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH"





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: When Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple, Simeon and Anna recognize Him as Messiah!



ADVENT WORKSHOP: We had a fun time making Christmas decorations!



KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE:

As we enter the new year, we'll be continuing our journey with the Israelites. We'll see how God's faithfulness was with them, and we'll continue to talk about how God is faithful to us!

GOOD OR BEST? –

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” Psalm 90:12

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” Psalm 91:1

I’m not sure why this time of year always comes as a surprise to me. But, for some reason, especially this year, it seems that we have arrived faster at this turn of the calendar. Some would say it is because a year’s time is proportionately smaller in relation to my lifespan. That is true, but I’m not so sure it’s the whole story.

As the Music Director at First Church, I often find myself working several months ahead of the current date in order to plan for the various musical offerings that will occur each week. In this way, I am projecting into the various liturgical seasons the church celebrates each year. For instance, at this point, I am planning into Lent so that those who are involved in our musical groups will be prepared for their appointed Sundays (or Wednesday or Thursday as the case may be). Because of this, as I’m working through the church year, I will have my head in different months and seasons. And so, I think my year seems to move a bit quicker than it does for others.

Thus, we find ourselves in a new year already. Advent and Christmas are finished and we are staring at Ash Wednesday (March 1st this year). When I am moving in the rhythm of God’s time, I am at peace and tasks get finished as they need to. When I am trying to move to the rhythm of the world, my plate gets far too full, and I begin to feel like I can’t accomplish anything. So I guess, it makes sense for me to stick with God’s time and critically look at every opportunity that comes my way in order to evaluate which category it falls into -- God’s opportunity for me to serve Him or the world’s demand on my time. That sounds a little like the difference between what is best and what is just good.

God has made us for His purposes. When we are about them and not our own, we will be centered in His will and experience His peace. When we are caught by the world and its purposes, we will not know peace or rest as we are pursuing that which will not hold up to the scrutiny of time or God’s judgement.

There’s a hymn that we often sing about this time of year called “Another Year is Dawning” (Frances Ridley Havergal / Samuel S. Wesley).

“Another year is dawning; Dear Father, let it be, in working or in waiting, Another year with Thee”

So, though there are good causes and concerns that the world has (and some not so good, obviously), I want to be about my Father’s business, go wherever He sends me and serve His purpose. For 2017, my desire is to filter all those things that can crowd my life through God’s vision -- for me, for my family, and for His music program, as we collectively try to live the Gospel in this corner of the world.

Gratefully,

Karen

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

For years the women of the First Presbyterian Church have had many women organizations. Now we have just a few opportunities. We invite any women to meet for a Bible study once a month, the second Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Church library. We use the programs provided by Life-Guide Bible Study. This is also a way to meet new women and to get to know each other better.

God used the women in the Bible to spread his word, now we have the same opportunity. Please join us if you can.

Blessings, Charlotte Fenlon (775-885-8894)



ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting

For the purpose of:

- Receiving the budget set by session,
- Electing nominating committee, and,
- Vote of pastoral terms of call.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

DESERT SCHOONERS

The Desert Schooners holds their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. This is a potluck so please bring favorite dish to share. Punch and coffee will be provided. Stan White, Development Director at Zephyr Point Conference Center will be our guest speaker. Please bring a friend!

If you have questions, please call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.



Jesus was born to mend our relationship with God the Father. What better way to celebrate this perfect gift than to give a gift that will help heal the relationship between a parent and child! Angel Tree gifts were distributed to 33 children the week of December 12, 2016. The Mission Committee would like to THANK YOU for your love and generosity by giving the child of an incarcerated parent the joy of Christmas. **Angel Tree** is a program of **Prison Fellowship** and focuses on transformation in the lives of the children of prisoners by fostering reconciliation between the child, prisoner-parent and family.



CONGREGATIONAL Financial Update General Budget as of December 18, 2016

- Receipts: \$593,245
- Expenses: \$516,747
- Difference: +\$23,952

MARCH 2017 TRUMPET DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Have something written or a photo to share?
Please send your articles to Dawn Berger:
dawn@fpccarsoncity.org



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

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Requested as of 12-18-2016



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DESERT SCHOONERS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2017

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Judging - 6:00 p.m. Dinner

YEEHAW! Entertainment **Bluegrass Band "The Back Forty"**

Huge Raffle & Silent Auction

All Are Welcome! Soup is a serving alternative.

Childcare Through Age 4



First Presbyterian Church
Corner of N. Division & Musser St.

Watch for Chili
Sign-up's
Coming Soon

STEWARDSHIP

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

The 2017 Per Capita Apportionment is \$50: \$35 per member for NV Presbytery and \$15 for ECO.

Per Capita Apportionment is paid each year by all Presbyterian congregations, based on the number of Active Members in the congregation for NV Presbytery and according to the 2017 church budget for ECO. The Nevada Presbytery portion will stay in NV Presbytery ONLY, none will go to General Assembly. This is our last year to pay NV Presbytery per capita.

Per Capita is the first major expenditure for First Presbyterian Church each year, this year amounting to \$10,363.50 which includes a 10% discount if we pay our total Per Capita by February 15th. Every member is encouraged to contribute their personal Per Capita Apportionment. If you received a box of offering envelopes, there is a canary envelope for your per capita donation. Special Per Capita envelopes are also located in the pews or **mark your check "Per Capita"**.

The **Per Capita Apportionment** for 2017 is \$50 per active member of First Presbyterian; for a family with two active members, husband and wife, Per Capita Apportionment for the family would be \$100 (\$50 x 2).

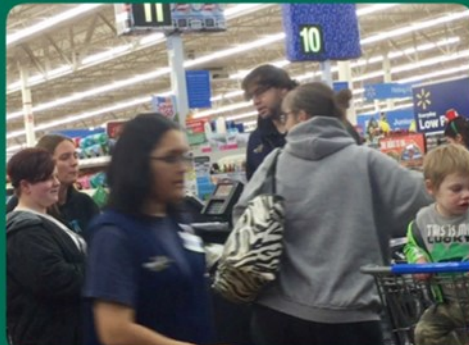
NEED 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES? PLEASE CALL CHARLENE AT THE OFFICE.



Business at the LiFT Christmas Tree Lot was the best it has ever been! Our first order of 680 Christmas Trees arrived on black Friday and our amazing group of volunteers had them all unloaded in one hour. We began selling trees right away and we never looked back. We bought 150 more trees in the process just to get us through December 18th. By December 20th we had no more trees left and the lot was all cleaned up!

I want to praise God and thank everyone who was a part of this amazing opportunity! We had close to 100 different volunteers this year! Together we helped LiFT many people throughout our community!

As business grows at the tree lot, so does the OUTREACH! This year we helped youth & kids from the following organizations: First Presbyterian Church, LifePoint Church, Carson High School, Carson Middle School, Jacks Valley Elementary School, the Sunset Apartments, China Springs Youth Camp, and Kitemu Harvest Time Church in Uganda. We also donated 30 Christmas Trees to families in need and bought 10 families groceries. Our gratitude goes out to these community partners who help make this Outreach a success through their generous donations: Al Fiegehen & Don Lehr (Ormsby House), Florence Fence, Ahern Rentals, Summit Septic, and the many individuals who made monetary donations to the LiFT Christmas Tree Outreach!



BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2017

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advanced for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

May 19 through May 27 we can live these words from *Ephesians* in Seine Bight, Belize by helping with much needed dental services and construction projects. You do not need to be a dentist or contractor to help. If you have ever built a tree fort or done handyman work around the house you are more than qualified for the construction team. While the dental team needs dentist and hygienists, they also need people to help keep things organized. Last year team members ranged in age from 14 to 70.



I like bananas, I know that mangos are sweet, I like papayas, but nothing can beat the sweet love of God.

These words are to a song that the children in Seine Bight sing. Please pray about joining the mission team and helping spread the sweet love of God. In addition to the dental and construction work, there will be worship and fellowship with the local church, and a chance to explore God's glorious creation in Belize.

If you are interested, please contact Michael Klug at kmklug@att.net.



And now these three remain:
faith, hope, and love. But the
greatest of these is love.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13

Thank you for your many prayers as well as your love and concern for me during my recent accident. Your phone calls, cards and safety gifts were greatly appreciated.

Duane Glanzmann



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

January 26, 2017 ~ 5:30-7:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran School invites you to attend our Open House and Information Night to learn more about the opportunities available for your child.

- Tour our campus
- Learn about our curriculum
- Visit with the classroom teachers
- Visit classrooms as they display student projects
- Gather information about tuition, and fees
- Learn about our Middle School Program
- Secure answers to your questions



**You Only Get One Chance at Your Child's Education, so please
consider Bethlehem Lutheran School.**

Preschool – 8th Grade

1837 Mountain Street, Carson City - 775-882-5252



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January/February Sermons

January 1: One Service, 10 AM – “A New Day” II Corinthians 5:17

January 8: “Enjoying God” – Nehemiah 8:9-18, I Peter 4:13

January 15: “Trimmed and Burning” – Luke 12:35-40

January 22: “Faithful to the Master” – Luke 12:41-47

January 29: One service, 10 AM – Annual Meeting – “The Great Divider” – Luke 12:49-59

February 5: “God’s Way with Us” – Luke 13:1-9

February 12: “The Narrow Door” – Luke 13:22-30

February 19: “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” – Luke 14:15-24

February 26: “Being a Disciple” – Luke 14:25-33

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