



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "Turning the Corner"

We have just been through celebrating the wonder of Emmanuel; God with us and the gift of God coming to us in Christmas, but the reality is that it is still winter. A carol that we don't sing much we are reminded of our hope in the midst of this waiting time:

*In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow  
In the bleak midwinter, long, long ago*

*God, heaven cannot hold Him nor the earth sustain  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

With cold and snow and dark still upon us how do we "turn the corner" to the hope of the Gospel? Lent comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 10. We begin to make this turn by turning who we are over to Jesus and letting him lead us when we might rather hide out. Turning the corner means doing just the opposite of what we might WANT to do. It might mean turning off a lot of the stuff of life in order to hear the voice of God's Holy Spirit that wants us to come to a new place of knowing God's shaping presence.

This is an invitation to learning. Learning comes from the discipline of listening. But contrary to popular opinion, we can't hear God without turning off the competing sounds and learning to let the directions settle in our souls. How often do I stop to listen to God in his word; to his Holy Spirit speaking in the Bible to how I am engaging life? I know the answer is "not enough". I have lived just long enough to think, "I've done this before" (you know, the seven deadly words) and without asking God what I need to learn THIS time I proceed. That is NOT how to grow or turn a corner.

We are entering a new year. It is time to turn a corner with the awareness that every turn belongs to God; every turn is different and God has something NEW he wants us to learn. May we do this together as we head into Lent; as we approach Easter; as we LET God take us apart and put us back together for his glory. May we be open to being made new in this new year by the surprise of God's grace that makes all things new.

Learning with you in Christ,

**Bruce**





*Youth Christmas Party*



**IMPACT Youth Group Dinner, Worship,  
Christmas Stocking Mission Outreach  
Assembly, White Elephant Gift  
Exchange, Fellowship & Fun!**



# THE KING'S KIDS: JANUARY & FEBRUARY



*...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*

**ADVENT WORKSHOP:** Lots of fun making Christmas crafts, decorating sugar cookies and being together!



**PAGEANT: "JESUS, I AM IN!"**



## Community -

I have been so privileged recently to participate in a number of events that have affected our larger community of Carson City. Recently our church was the host for a fundraising event that benefited FISH. First Presbyterian, along with other groups pulled out all the stops to make sure that folks had a warm place to participate in the Empty Bowls project. The project seeks to raise funds that are then donated to help FISH (Friends in Service Helping) to feed the folks in our community that are in need. Our holiday outreach to the local schools, was another opportunity to show the love of God to a different group of folks from Carson City. Lastly, our Youth Director staffed and ran two Christmas tree lots during this Advent season. The tree lots helped to raise funds for our Carson City youth in need.

All these projects took many folks with many hands to make them successful. As members of our church stepped forward to make these events happen, I realized how like a first century church we are becoming. The Christians of the first century after Christ rose and ascended into heaven were meeting and doing life together.

I don't know about you, but I get excited when I find that with just a little effort I can make life better for someone else! Think what we could do with many hands working toward the same goal. Remember the story in Nehemiah when the wall of Jerusalem needed to be rebuilt? Each man and his household worked toward that goal and the wall was rebuilt in 52 days! What an impact we could have in this community if we continue in the momentum that's been established this Advent /Christmas season.

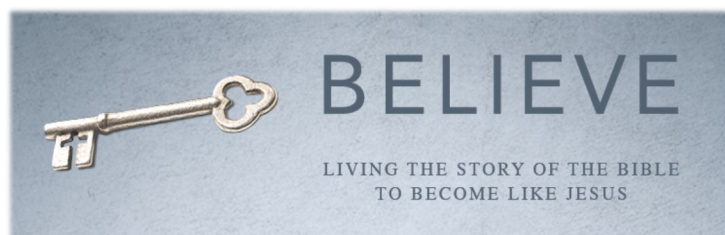
Randy Frazee writes about this in Believe, Chapter 16. "One of the marked differences between the church and rest of society is the call to live for others." Looking at the new testament churches, they lived in a hostile culture, they banded together, looking out for one another, providing for each others' needs, loving each other with an agape love, praying, meeting and playing together. This was attractive to others who didn't have a faith community in their lives.

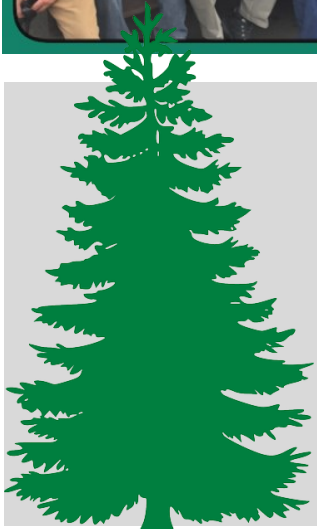
So much of what we see happening in our society today boils down to the isolation of the individual and the lack of recognition that humans were created to be in community both with God and others. We cannot expect society to want what we have unless we reach out to invite them in and what they see on the inside of our church community is caring, loving, and concern for others. Individually, it might mean coming alongside a neighbor who is needing someone to listen, or a ride to the doctor's office, or -- you fill in the blank. What each of us needs, in order to fill the need is simple: a caring heart, a listening ear, and wanting to make it better for someone else, letting them decide how far to take it. Pray for that person that God would work in their heart. Pray that our motive is pure as God would have it be. As the Body of Christ, we can support each other in individual efforts and come together for broader reaching efforts. As we see this happen, may we be rejoicing that God is using us and that seeds are being planted. We may never see the harvest, but if we're faithful to do what God has called us to do, He will be faithful to see the work to completion.

So, "let us not become weary in doing good. Let us keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Let us not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. And do not forget to do good and to share with others for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 13: 1-3; 15-16)

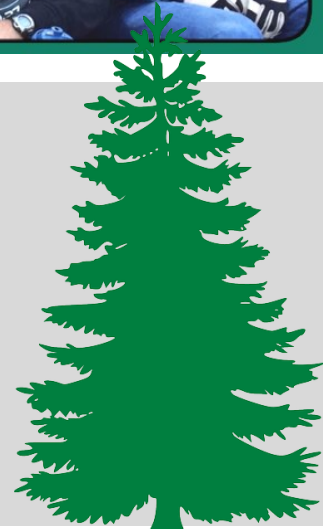
Here's to a new year filled with God's blessing of motivation to do for others,

***Karen***





700+ LIFT Christmas Trees  
sold to benefit  
local youth!





## January Birthdays

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

### ON OUR PRAYER LIST Please pray for these families:

Requested as of 12-20-2015

Names omitted in online version for privacy.



## February Anniversaries

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. - John 3:16*

## DESERT SCHOONERS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

# CHILI COOK-OFF



DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016

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

*YEE HAW!!*

Entertainment - Bluegrass "BACK FORTY"

- ◆ HUGE RAFFLE
- ◆ SILENT AUCTION

Childcare Available Thru age 4

All are welcome to attend. Soup is a serving alternative.

Look for Chili Sign-up's Coming Soon.

## STEWARDSHIP

### PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

The 2016 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 2016 church budget for ECO. The Nevada Presbytery portion will stay in NV Presbytery ONLY, none will go to General Assembly.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. Every member is encouraged to contribute their personal Per Capita Apportionment. If you received a box of offering envelopes there is a blue 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 2016 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 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES? PLEASE CALL CHARLENE AT THE OFFICE**

**LIVING PROOF**  
*live*



**BETH MOORE**  
WORSHIP BY TRAVIS COTTRELL

**RENO, NV**  
JAN. 29-30, 2016 | RENO EVENTS CENTER  
Starting at \$59

LifeWay Women | events  
LIFEWAY.COM/LIVINGPROOF | 800.254.2022  
Events subject to change without notice. Sales tax applied to event cost, if applicable.

## A THANK YOU

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who donated scarves, hats and gloves to Scarves of Love. So far, we have passed out nearly 100 items to the homeless and less fortunate. We will continue our mission through February and again next winter.

Carol Allen

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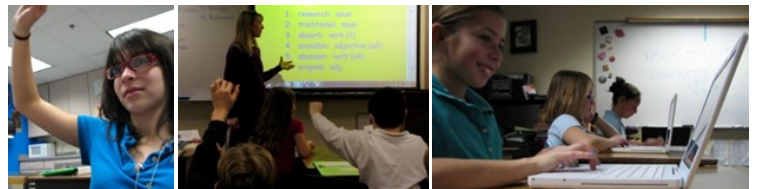
The Desert Schooners will have their first meeting of the new year, January 12th, in the Family Life Center. It is a potluck so bring a favorite dish to share. Punch and coffee will be provided. Timothy Plummer, Youth Director, here at First Presbyterian Church will be our guest speaker. Bring a friend! The lunch will start at 11:30 a.m. For information, please call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.

## BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**January 28, 2016 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.

1. Tour our campus
2. Learn about our curriculum
3. Visit with the classroom teachers
4. Visit classrooms as they display student projects
5. Gather information about tuition, and fees
6. Learn about our Middle School Program
7. Secure answers to your questions



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

**Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**1837 Mountain Street, Carson City ~**  
**882-5252**  
**[www.blcs.org](http://www.blcs.org)**

## WOMEN'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study will meet January 14 and February 11. Bible study begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Church library. Their study book is titled *WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT*. The January lesson is on chapter 2, Sarah and Hagar with the February lesson in chapter 3, Mariam. For information, please contact Charlotte Fenlon at 775-885-8894.



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/delivered to 42 children the week of December 14, 2015. 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.



## ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

followed by the  
Annual Congregational Meeting

For the purpose of:

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



# Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

### A GRACE NOTE NOTE

Grace Notes would like to thank all of you for your support and encouragement in 2015.

It means a great deal to us to know that our music serves a purpose in the congregation.

While we enjoy being together to learn new music and be in each other's company, it is our desire to serve Christ and present the Gospel to those we play for.

If any of you would like to play the bells with us, we are in need of one or two more ringers. You would need to have minimal ability to read music and be available to rehearse each Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

If this is something you would be interested in, please talk with Paul Weaver at 775-883-1775.

### CONGREGATIONAL Financial Update

#### General Budget as of December 17, 2015

- Receipts: \$483,900
- Expenses: \$500,050
- Shortfall: (\$16,150)

### MARCH 2016 TRUMPET DEADLINE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Have something written or a photo to share?

Please send your articles to Dawn Berger:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

# January 2016

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1 OFFICE CLOSED

Happy New Year

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## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE & SOUP SUPPER FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

Soup supper begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Watch the Sunday bulletins for sign-ups. Please join us for worship service at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a season of preparation for Easter.

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January 31 – Believe Chapter 18 “Offering My Time”

February 7 – Believe Chapter 19 “Giving My Resources”

February 10 – 6 PM Ash Wednesday Soup Supper,  
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