

# The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

#### "WATCHING THE SIGNS"

This comes from the "You're not gonna believe this file" but I saw this sign on my way to a recent retirement seminar and knew I had to share it with you. I think it is a good reminder that if you want to make God laugh tell him your plans. I also think that it tells us that as people who know we belong to God's promise, the road goes ever on and God carries us on it.

It seems we are always encountering change. We are in a new year in which we know we will be facing some changes as a congregation, but what is essential to always remember, though the seasons and our situation change, *God's steadfast love endures forever*. It is as we dwell in this that we not only find ourselves secure, but we are enabled to risk ourselves for God's glory. *Please plan to make January 20 a HIGH PRIORITY as we welcome Pastor Bob Davis to preach for us as candidate to be our next installed pastor.* 

So, as we enter this time I want to give you some encouragement that will keep the reminder of God's faithfulness daily in front of us as a sign-post on the road of changes. Please be prepared to embrace the changes GOD is orchestrating. This will NOT be a time of "brace for impact" but rather a time of joyful adventure as we discover God taking us places HE knows we need to go. As part of the "equipment" for this I want us to take some maps that will help to read the signs; maps I have person-



ally benefited from. First, start a read through Bible program. I recommend Biblegateway.com. They have lots of ways to do this with virtually every version of the Bible to choose from. It's FREE. You can do it on your tablet, computer, or phone. If you don't use a computer, get a hard copy from Biblica.com or Amazon.com. Second, get a copy of Charles Spurgeon's "Morning and Evening" edited by Pastor Alistair Begg. (You can also get this daily for free on line at truthfor life.org) There is a short, rich reading with which to begin and end your day. (Available from TruthforLife.org or Amazon.com) And third, read the devotional called "Tabletalk" from Ligonier Ministries. We have copies at the church or you can subscribe for a nominal contribution.

I know many of you have a great devotional pattern set up. I'd like to encourage us all to try a year of all being on the same road, similar to when we went through, "The Story". There is a power in this reading the same map when we are in a transition. I also think these are exercises that will strengthen us individually and as a body in ways that bring a joy and strength that will carry us well in this next chapter.

Finally, I want to encourage us in this so that we may experience the power of being anointed; chosen, and blessed by God to bless the world. Here is an excerpt from "Morning and Evening" that speaks to this:

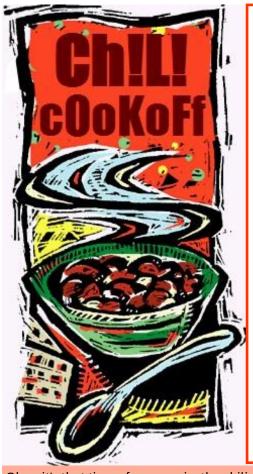
All good things are found in the divine Comforter. Matchless consolation, infallible instruction, immortal quickening, spiritual energy, and divine sanctification are all

mixed with other excellencies in the heavenly anointing oil of the Holy Spirit. It imparts a delightful fragrance to the character and person of the one upon whom it is poured. Nothing like it can be found in all the treasures of the wealthy or the secrets of the wise. It is not to be imitated. It only comes from God, and it is freely given, through Jesus Christ, to every waiting soul. Let us seek it, for we may have it, even this very evening. O Lord, anoint Your servants.

My great desire is an echo of Paul's: "I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, to that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:18-19

Joyfully traveling with you as God takes us on His road home,

#### Bruce



# DESERT SCHOONERS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 2, 2019
In the Family Life Center

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Judging ~ 6:00 p.m. Eating

Huge Silent Auction (donations needed)
Huge Raffle (donations needed)

See donation information article below.

Bluegrass Entertainment by: "The Back Forty"



# ALL ARE WELCOME

Thru Age 4

# Look for Chili Cook-off sign up's soon!

Okay, it's that time of year again, the chili cook-off is coming up fast! The Desert Schooners are again holding a wonderful silent auction and raffle! What we'd like to ask from you is any large baskets that you have left at home that



you would like to donate to put them on the stage in Family Life Center. And gather up some wonderful things or purchase silent auction items for donation. The ingathering for those items will be Friday afternoon and evening February 1st! It will start at noon on Friday and end at 7:00 that night. Please do not bring any items in the next day, as we will have already set everything up Friday night. Also please do not leave items in the old sanctuary. If you have already dropped items in the old Sanctuary please take the time to pick them up and bring them back on Friday the first. We have some wonderful items planned and are looking forward to a very fun evening at the chili feed!

Yours in Christ, Jenny and Krae



# 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

### THANK YOU for your support of OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (Samaritan's Purse)



We filled 98 shoeboxes with Christmas joy, sharing the GOOD NEWS of the SAVIOR!

# ADVENT WORKSHOP: KIDS (top 9 photos) and HELPERS (bottom 6 photos)



#### **KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE**

Experiencing GOD... Experiencing the BIBLE... Experiencing COMMUNITY



## **Memory Verses**:

"Be alert. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Let everything you do, be done in love."

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

"Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In ALL your ways acknowledge Him, and HE WILL direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:5,6



#### THE TRUTH OF THE PSALMS -

In the Book of Psalms, one finds laments, lyric poems, praises, worship psalms and nature poems. As stated in previous articles, one will find a worthy way of viewing all of life through these writings. A review of past ideas regarding the Psalms: they are in the center of the Bible; they consist of lyrical poetry; they are the "hymn book" of Israel, if you will; they show us how to rightfully handle situations that we encounter in life; and they teach us about God's character. Also, no matter what subject they begin with, they become God focused sooner or later. The truth is the Book of Psalms has application to our lives today.

Walter Breuggemann, an Old Testament scholar and commentator has described the Book of Psalms as one of orientation, disorientation and new orientation. In his words, "Human life consists in satisfied seasons of well-being that evoke gratitude for the constance of blessing, (orientation). Human life also consists in anguished seasons of hurt, alienation, suffering, and death. These evoke rage, resentment, self-pity, and hatred, (disorientation). Finally, human life consists in turns of surprise when we are overwhelmed with the new gifts of God, when joy breaks through the despair, (new orientation)." The last category, new orientation points to what God has done and is doing in our lives and the lives of others. You'll notice that the orientation psalms can be one of almost complacency, while the disorientation psalms will likely be those of uncertainty and change (something we humans don't like very much), but the new orientation psalms promise to rightfully place our focus on God and what He has done.

I think one of the reasons we don't read Psalms and the truth contained therein is because we would rather see ourselves as masters of our own lives. And that is the deceitfulness within us. We have never been in that position, no matter how much we try and believe that is the case. God reigns over all, is in all situations we encounter as humans — whether we acknowledge that or not. So, in reading the Psalms, we come face to face with our own frailties and attitudes that push God away. As Tim Keller puts it, "only those who know that salvation comes by sheer grace, not our efforts, have the inner dynamic of grateful joy that empowers the greatest efforts. So the joy of the Lord is our strength." And "Help me to remember that my salvation in Christ is complete—so the great work is already done, the great debt already paid, the great disease already healed. That enables me to take on all lesser tasks and challenges with confidence and joy. I put myself in your hands—work through me. Amen."

The Getty music organization has taken on the challenge of producing new songs for each Psalm in the Bible. This has been done in the past, resulting in the Psalter that was used in the church many years ago. The Getty project seeks to bring the Psalms forward to the modern day without changing the meaning of them in any way. This will help congregations to learn the Psalms more easily as they are again set to music, and it will help individuals to internalize God's Word much better, having sung through it. The project will take five years to complete. In coming days we will begin singing some of those Psalm "songs" as a congregation.

As we begin a new year, may we make it a priority to study God's Word, through reading and singing His songs.

Gratefully,

# Karen



When parking for Sunday worship and other Church events please do not park in the Methodist Church parking lot across from our main entrance on Division Street. Additional overflow parking is available in our lot on the northeast corner of Musser and Nevada Streets. If you have questions, please ask an usher/greeter.



#### **WELCOME MARGO**

I am so blessed and excited to have been chosen for this position as part of the church staff! I have felt a call

to use my administrative skills in service to God and the church for many years and this is a great opportunity to do that. My vision for this position is to carry on with the Lord's work of the church in the Carson City area, assisting with reaching out to the community to help people find their church home and bring them to a relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Most recently I was part of the Elections staff at Carson City. If you came to vote in the recent Primary or the General elections in Carson City, you may have come by my office. Prior to Carson City, I was with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno for several years as a Sr. Administrative Assistant in the Child Welfare department.

I moved to Reno in 2004 from the San Diego area where I had worked as a grant writer for the Monarch School, a school for homeless children. Prior

to that I wrote grants for HomeBase Youth Services, a residential shelter for 18-21 year-olds in Phoenix, AZ. Other parts of my career life have been a wide variety of administrative/executive assistant work

My connection with this church is due in large part to the presence of my brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Lynne Weaver. I became a member in 2011, and am the Deacon for Zone 4.



# Job Opportunity at Zephyr Point Conference Center

Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center has a job opening. The position is for a part-time Human Resource Coordinator and pays \$16-\$17 per hour. Candidates must have payroll, insurance, and employee benefits experience.

Contact Rose Fagerhaug at (775) 588-6759, ext. 110 for details.

#### TWO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

There are 2 upcoming Congregational Meetings. The first one will be held on <u>Sunday, January 20, 2019</u>, to vote on the call of Pastor Robert Davis after hearing his candidating sermon. The purpose of the second meeting, <u>Sunday, February 10, 2019</u>, is to receive the 2019 budget and vote on the pastoral terms of call. Both are immediately following worship service. Please plan to join us for these important meetings!

# Thank You for Sharing Jesus' Love!

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 50 children the week of December 17, 2018. 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.





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# ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 12-16-2018

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# MARCH 2018 TRUMPET DEADLINE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Have something to share?
Please send your articles to
Margo Weaver:

margo@fpccarsoncity.org



The cookie exchange was so much fun. Lots of cookies and other goodies and fun visiting with one another. Hope that you will join us next year.

# Coffee Candi & Princess Sugar Cookie



# **Belize Mission Trip 2019**

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

This coming spring, we have the opportunity to live out these words.
Another mission trip is being planned to share God's love with the people of Seine Bight, a poor fishing



village in southern Belize. This year's mission trip



will be the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>nd</sup> of May. There are several opportunities to serve: Pastor Jim needs handyman work around the local church; and the dental team needs hygienists, someone to check in patients and someone else to teach

proper tooth brushing at the school. The mission trip is hard work, but rewarding. There is also fellowship with mission team members and worship with the people of Seine Bight at the local church. If you are interested, please contact Michael Klug at kmklug@att.net

#### **ECO 2019 DUES**

First Presbyterian Church's dues for our denomination, ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) will be \$15.00 per member for 2019. Our dues go to help with the Administration of our denomination. They help churches with health, pension and retirement benefits. They also provide training sessions and our Annual Convention, in Colorado Springs, CO in January. Our mission committee can access information from them in times of disasters, as to how we can help and partner with churches in need.

We pay these dues on a monthly bases. Our estimated 2019 dues will be approximately \$5000. There will be a gold envelope in the giving envelope boxes, in the pews and in the narthex or just drop your check in the offering plate and memo it <u>ECO Dues</u>.

Thank you for helping with this special offering and all of FPC's mission in 2019.



Have a healthy, blessed New Year!

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you have two or three hours in your week and would like to volunteer in the church office? We have always been blessed with many volunteers who do a variety of things for the church, but volunteers like to go on vacation and others just want a break – so we would like to add a few names to our volunteer list.

Specifically, we need General Office Volunteers to help with office phones, greeting of visitors and possibly light typing tasks. This would be for three hours in the morning or afternoon. It helps the church office staff immensely to not be interrupted by answering phones or directing visitors, so this is a valuable service area in the life of our church. We also need volunteers who may not want a regular schedule in the office but would be available as needed to substitute for those volunteers who cannot be in the office for a day or short stretch of time.

Please call Margo Weaver in the church office at 882-1032 x212 (Monday through Thursday) if you would like to volunteer or discuss the volunteer options further. Thank you!

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL is having an open house January 31, 2019, 5:30-7:00 PM. While touring their school and meeting their staff, you will be able to see Science & History projects, art work, and other academic presentations. They offer Preschool through 8th Grade and are located at 1837 Mountain St., Carson City, NV ~(775) 882-5252, www.blcs.org







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# January/February 2019 Sermons

January 6: "But What About Now? John 11:1-27

January 13: "New Year, New Life?" John 11:28-44

January 20: "A New Chapter" Pastor Bob Davis Candidacy Sunday and Congregational Meeting

January 27: "Is He Lord?" John 12:1-11

February 3: "Losing Leads to Keeping: John 12:20-36

February 10: "Rejecting & Receiving" John 12:36b-50 and Congregational Meeting

February 17: "The Way, the Truth, & the Life" John 14:1-14

February 24: "The Comforter" John 14:15-31



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