



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "LEARNING TO BUILD FROM JESUS"

I come from a family of builders. My grandfathers were both carpenters. One worked on the Hearst Castle! My parents built the house my sister and I came home to when we were born. They did it after work and on weekends. Mom did the plumbing and pounded nails with Dad. And they weren't all THAT unusual. They needed a home and building one made the most sense *because they could*. My sister and I were raised living this way...if you could, you did. And this was not just about money. It was about the satisfaction of knowing that you had participated in what became yours.



For all but three years of his life Jesus lived this way. He made things with his hands. He was a craftsman far longer than he was a teacher. And yet so much of what he taught came out of what he had made and learned as he labored. So much so that what he said astounded people with its authority. "We've never heard anything like this!" they said. What Jesus said was his. He had lived it and he lived the message all the way to the cross. He showed us how to build a relationship with God because he was God.

This summer I want to encourage us all to learn to be relationship builders from Jesus. On our Wednesday mornings and evenings we will be "Driving Through the Bible History" with Dave Stotts and we will learn how trustworthy the biblical stories are. Our Children will be in their Vacation Bible Experience June 20-24 as they explore the "Sweet Truth of God's Kingdom". Be sure to sign up your children, grandchildren and neighborhood children. Sunday mornings we will be discovering God's faithfulness as we learn from Jesus in Luke how to build a house of faith that will last.

Building God's house in God's way is discovering a way different from the world. We live in a push button world, but learning to build Jesus' way is a "long obedience in the same direction." It is realizing we don't build by the "codes" of the world. In fact, to truly follow Jesus is to reject a lot of ways and materials because we build "on the cornerstone that the builders rejected."

Last summer I encouraged us to build a "Welcome Wagon" with a "Welcoming Team". As part of learning to build from Jesus we need to take our welcoming ministry to a new level. We need YOU to be part of this every few weeks by staffing a booth that specifically welcomes new comers. This can make such a HUGE difference in how people experience the Gospel. The reality is that new people are coming through our doors every Sunday and they need a special touch from us. As we welcome them with information; a smile, directions, recognition, perhaps a coffee mug, and coffee from our new coffee village we say, "We REALLY are glad you are here and we want you to be part of us."

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Our name "IMPACT" stands for our mission and ministry; to impact our lives and those around us through building relationships, evangelism, missions, and spiritual formation.

**FCA Campus ministry @ cms | a ministry planted through impact**

**NEW SUMMER EVENTS:**

# Put on Faith and Love

by Youth Pastor Timothy

The title above came from what the Apostle Paul tells us in 1Thessalonians 5:8, "But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation." (NLT)

I am blessed to be in this position as Youth Pastor. I give Him all the praise and glory for the relationships being built, the students' growth in their faith, the support from the church and youth leaders, and most of all for the IMPACT Christ is making in so many lives.

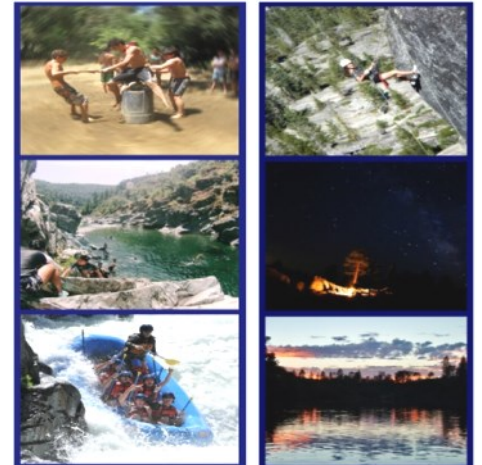


**YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT**

This Summer, our focus will be on deepening relationships and living with God's armor of faith and love. We will be taking students on a mission trip, serving at outreach events, going to summer camps, and having fellowship on Thursdays to name a few.



**SAN DIEGO MISSION TRIP (7/31-8/5)**



**ROCK N WATER H.S. SUMMER CAMP (6/26-7/1)**



# THE KING'S KIDS: JUNE & JULY



...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 BIBLE EXPERIENCE: God sends an angel to rescue Peter from prison (Acts 12)



The Christians met every day to pray. Peter was put in prison for teaching about Jesus. While the guards slept, an angel led Peter out of prison. When Peter came to the door of the home, they didn't believe it was him. Finally they were convinced it truly was Peter! There was confusion at the prison the next morning as they wondered where Peter was!

## **KING'S KIDS SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE: "WAY TO GO TOURS"**

**begins Sunday, May 29, through September 4<sup>th</sup>**

The kids need **YOU** to volunteer to teach **ONE** Sunday during the Summer!

(Lessons are **VERY** leader-friendly, and you can "co-teach"!)

See Nancy at coffee-time, or give her a call, to sign up!

Needed for "Way to Go Tours": "vintage" suitcases



## **CANDY KINGDOM** (Vacation Bible Experience): JUNE 20-24 (evenings)

*Where kids experience the sweetness of Jesus' love.*

Kids ages 4 through kindergarten: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kids entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**REGISTER YOUR KIDS RIGHT AWAY!** (coffee-time or at the church office)

\$12 per child / \$24 family maximum (scholarships are available)

## **DECORATING NIGHTS** for **CANDY KINGDOM**: June 13, 14 & 16 (6:00 – 8:30: just "drop in")

COME help us "create" our Candy Kingdom! No great artistic abilities are needed: come help cut and pin.

**Kids will be savoring Jesus' love at the...**

Gingerbread Cottage; Lollipop Garden; Chocolate Patch; Peppermint Forest; and Jellybean Beach.

**NEEDED FOR VBX: YOUR PRAYERS and items for decorations/props** (i.e. yard candy canes; etc. - CANDY theme; volunteers to make homemade vanilla ice cream for midweek special) **Please see Nancy!**



## HUMILITY, Part II –

Last month, I shared a little of my story with you regarding how I came to First Presbyterian Church. This month, I would like to explore the humility theme a bit further.

**Humility allows grace to happen** - both to the humble and the person interacting with the humble. We are free to show God's love when we are not focused on ourselves, but focused outward on others. It takes us down paths that we might never have gone, but for the grace that God has shown us.

**Humility builds perseverance** - by allowing the liberty of patience to occur in our lives. You've often heard "don't pray for patience as you will have to exercise it!", but when we are expecting to have patience and "have it right now!", we are not setting aside our claim to control. Hence, we are trying to wrest that control from God instead of allowing Him to show us what He wants. Patience or perseverance will serve us much better than the world's (and our) demands for immediate results.

**Humility leads to peace** - I don't know about you, but it surely is a weight off my shoulders to know I don't have to solve all of the problems of the world. When I leave that to God and I pray for His will to be done, it means I am allowing Him to be God -- because I am not! And in accepting His sovereignty (His reign over all), I am able to relax in His love for me. This generates peace within me.

**Humility paves the way for love** - It is loving another person or group enough to serve them. If we are truly available to God, He will use us wherever He needs to. It means that we have ceded our need to be in charge. Practically speaking, it might mean giving up an evening for rehearsal so we can play/sing on Sunday. Or it might mean signing up for the coffee cart or providing a service to our congregation in the coffee hour, or ushering or serving on session. Or serving others in the community because God loves us and we want others to know that love as well.

**Humility develops our heart for others** - we know we don't have all the answers, but that doesn't mean that we can't reach out to another and express our concern, condolence, love, or share how a similar situation has affected us. It means engaging in conversation and being real with each other. It's compassion for others, if you want to look at it that way.

**Humility led to the cross** - for Jesus. And it leads to the cross for us as well. In Philippians 2: 2-8, Paul tells us that we need to imitate Christ's humility. We can do this by putting others first. That in itself will mean we put our interests last, thus crucifying our own desires in order to fill the need of another.

I don't always get this right, but when I take a moment to consider what I'm called to do as a child of God, and a daughter of the King, I have to say that humility goes a very long way to bringing others to Christ. If we're the only Jesus that someone ever sees, as the song says, what are they seeing when they look at us?

Gratefully,

***Karen***

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Please contact me personally and let me know you will be part of this new team. It will be FUN and meaningful.

Summer time is a good time to learn to do things in God's way. It is a time to turn off the distractions and take the time; all the time that is needed to listen for God's way in all the ways of our lives. When we do this it will change everything; our families, our work, and all our relationships. Most of all it will build the most important relationship we can ever have. I pray we will all make this a priority this summer.

Faithfully learning with you from Jesus,

***Bruce***

## LIVING THE BRAVEHEART LIFE ~ Book review by Paul Weaver

This is the title of a book in the church library. It was written by Randall Wallace who wrote the screenplay for the movie "Braveheart". In doing so he found his own connection with William Wallace, the leading character of Braveheart. He also found his own connection with how to live the Braveheart life in the sight of God. It is not a real autobiography but rather conveys, through many stories, observations on how to live life full of meaning and assumes the presence of God in your life. It talks about five archetypes in modern day lives of both men and women. He describes them as Father, Teacher, Warrior, Sage, and Outlaw and illustrates them with his own life stories and those of William Wallace. The last section of the book is entitled "Outlaw Christianity".

In the introduction to the book he writes: "Here, around this spiritual campfire of ours, beneath the stone carved with the word FREEDOM! I want to share some of the stories that shaped Braveheart and what they have taught me about the Braveheart Life. There is power in stories. But of far greater power to you are not my stories but yours. Which stories shape your life? What do you really believe when asked to lift the swords in your life or lay them down. What makes you who you are?"

This book is not a fast read because it will cause you to reflect on who you are, what you believe is worth dying for, and how you fit into God's plan for you and your family and friends. Towards the end of the book is a poem (see below) by the author that expresses his faith:

### A Poor Girl's Child

Long ago and far away, a poor girl's child was born  
Shepherds watched all through the night,  
And kings came Christmas morn.  
A distant angel dressed in white said, "Jesus is his name."  
And since that dark, cold, lonely night,  
The world was not the same.

He grew to tell us, "God is love, so love your fellow man."  
He said a child could come to God—that anybody can.  
Though human hearts grew cruel and cold,  
His soul was not for sale  
To his birth we brought him gold  
And to his death a nail.

And so we hung him to a cross, and filled God's heart with pain  
Yet in his dying, death was lost, and it was life we gained.  
And when they put him in the ground  
They swore that he was dead  
Those who knew him swore, he lives.  
They died for what they said.

Long ago and far away, a poor girl's child was born  
Shepherds watched all through the night,  
And kings came Christmas morn.  
So if you ask me why I cry, and bow my knees to him  
It's because I cope through Jesus' hope  
And see God's face in him.

## REMINDER: CHANGE TO SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship hour begins June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have **ONE** worship service at 10:00 a.m. through September 18<sup>th</sup>. We return to two worship services, 9 & 10:45 a.m., September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### DESERT SCHOONERS ON SUMMER BREAK

There will be no regularly scheduled Desert Schooners meeting in June, July or August. They will resume their regular meetings September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please see page 7 for information about Desert Schooners Summer Picnic/Potluck.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place following worship on June 19<sup>th</sup> to hear a recommendation from session to build a covered walkway on the east side of the building adjoining the lawn. Renderings will be available in the narthex starting June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Special  
Congregational  
Meeting





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## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 05-08-2016

**Please pray for these families:** Names omitted in online version for privacy.

**Active Duty Military:** Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Please pray for family and friends.



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# FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE RENO ACES

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Las Vegas vs. Reno | 7:05 PM

Infield Reserved Seats \$16

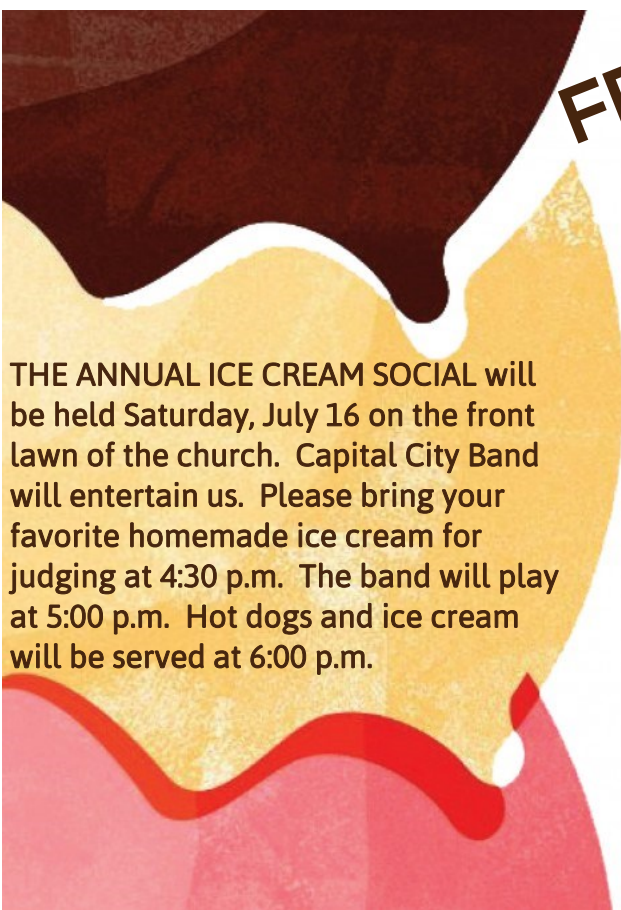
JOIN THE RENO ACES COACHES & PLAYERS THEY CELEBRATE FAITH THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER! DIFFERENT TOPICS COVERED AT EACH EVENT.



4:30 PM—PRE-GAME CONCERT

4:45 PM—ACES COACH & PLAYER TESTIMONIALS  
CONCLUSION Q & A WITH ACES COACHES & PLAYERS  
POST GAME FIREWORKS

Sign-up by calling the Church office at 775-882-1032 or in the narthex on Sunday morning. Deadline to reserve & pay for tickets is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.



THE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL will be held Saturday, July 16 on the front lawn of the church. Capital City Band will entertain us. Please bring your favorite homemade ice cream for judging at 4:30 p.m. The band will play at 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs and ice cream will be served at 6:00 p.m.

# FPC ICE Cream Social

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Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

**DESERT SCHOONERS WILL HOST THEIR SUMMER** Picnic/Potluck August 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. at Norma Summey's home. Bring your choice of meat to grill and a side dish, salad or dessert, to share. Drinks will be provided. All are invited. You need not be a member, we're all family! For more information, please contact Norma at 775-267-1917

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### SUMMER PAINTING

If you need interior or exterior painting on your home this summer I know a great painter who is very good and reasonable! Let me know. **Bruce**

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### June / July Sermons

- June 5: "Always Enough" I Kings 17:8-16
- June 12: "Orange Blossom Faith" II Corinthians 2:12-3:1-3
- June 19: "Thanks Dad" Luke 15:11-32
- June 26: "Camping with Jesus" Luke 4:1-13
- July 3: "Some Homecoming!" Luke 4:14-30
- July 10: "Power!" Luke 4:31-37
- July 17: "I Choose YOU!" Luke 5:1-11
- July 24: "Raising the Roof" Luke 5:17-26
- July 31: "Here Comes the Groom!" Luke 5: 33-39

### AUGUST TRUMPET DEADLINE Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Have something to share? Please send articles to Dawn:  
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