June/July 2017

From the Pastor's Workshop

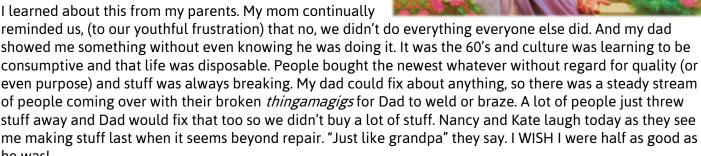
## "Putting the Pieces Back Together"

Can someone explain to me how it got to be summer already and in 2017? I often feel like Rip Van Winkle; that I have fallen asleep only to find a LONG time has passed. It's not that I am oblivious to the constant changes in culture and values, but I just can't get over how the world seems to change just for the sake of changing.

This summer we are going to go back and look at the "Foundations of our Faith" in "The Perfect" a series of sermons and worship experiences based on God's call to holiness, "The Ten Commandments". In this we will

reflect on how these show us our need for God's grace, but also how they are far more attainable because of God's grace in Jesus Christ. If you are traveling remember you can keep up by listening to the sermon at fpccarsoncity.org the day or so after each Sunday.

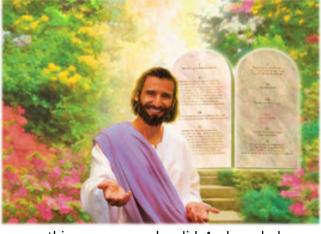
One of the constants we will explore in this series is how impatient and forgetful God's people were and are. Moses went out to listen to God and almost as soon as he did the faith of Israel disintegrated into pieces. A lot of this had to do with simply failing to remember how things work; what it means to be connected to God out of obedience.



My point is that as God's people we are NOT like the acquisitive and disposal culture that surrounds us. We are to be different and to realize that as we are God holds things together with a way of life made to last; forged by his faithfulness and call to trust him to put the pieces together when it seems life has fallen apart. This is what we will explore this summer.

Be sure to look at your church calendar for the many events taking place this summer that will help hold you together and to which you can invite others: Adult Sunday school on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the ice cream social, the construction of the walkway project, volunteering in the office or with Sunday school or as a greeter. God wants to hold all the pieces together. Let's celebrate that we get to grow in learning this.

Gratefully yours as God puts us together,



#### Bruce

## Unchangeable or Unremarkable?

I've come to love the word "unremarkable" in the last few months. Last month I alluded to some health difficulties that Carl and I have been journeying through. After many tests and scans, both Carl and I came up with generally "unremarkable" findings in our results. The tests were clear and there was nothing to "remark" about.

Both of us are dealing with life-long diagnoses, but there are things that can be done to help us in the journey. For this we say "Praise the Lord!" for we are very grateful to Him. I will be in and out of service for June and July as I will be having surgery in mid-June. We are very grateful for all your prayers and for the word "unremarkable"! And we are grateful to a faithful God who is working out His good plan in and through us.

Having said all that, I have to pause to reflect whether I'm putting too much faith into "unremarkable" findings and not enough faith into the unchangeable God who works out our concerns. Isaiah 40 says we are like the grass and flowers. We are not meant to live forever. God, who created us has given us a finite time on earth. John Piper is so helpful when he tells us "The design of God in our (affliction) is not to train us in the rationalistic, human calculation of odds. The world gets comfort from their odds. Not Christians." In the book of 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1, Paul, writing to the church at Corinth talks about the difficulties that he experienced in Asia. In verse 4 He speaks of the God "who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God". Verse 9 states "We felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead." And verse 10 says, "He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us".

It boils down to whether we trust God or not. When we are afflicted, I believe that God's aim is to knock out the supports we have put in place of Him. He wants us to trust Him only! God prepares our hearts for the journey. He provides the doctors and medicine. Life might not be what we would want -- we always want smooth sailing -- but when we put our trust in the unchangeable God, we cannot fail. As He has created us and knows everything about us, it is in His character to love us and not turn from that love. Even in our affliction, He provides for us and prepares us for the next part of the journey. He keeps our head above the waves and holds us fast, even when WE waver!

So whatever you are facing today, be strong in trusting the Lord, He is in charge and He knows your need. In all our afflictions, may we focus on God and His unchangeable nature and not our circumstances! "My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Gratefully,

Karen

**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 in September.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our summer worship schedule will begin June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have <u>ONE</u> worship service at 10:00 a.m. through September 24<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE (Sunday mornings, starting June 4)



<u>"SON-Harvest Farms"</u> (learning to CULTIVATE the Fruit of the Spirit) We need YOU to volunteer to co-teach ONE Sunday this summer!

The curriculum is fun and very user-friendly! See Nancy.



## KING'S KIDS SUMMER G.E.M.s (**G**od, **E**veryday with **M**e):



Something new this summer! Going beyond the walls of FPC for experiences that connect everyday Life to our everyday relationship with Jesus.

G.E.M. #1: "WHO Floats YOUR Boat?" Thursday, June 15: (9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)

Kids MUST be pre-registered to participate!\* (Experience is free!)

Meet at church. Bring a sack lunch. Build your own boat and sail it!

G.E.M.#2: "The GREATEST Treasure" Thursday, June 22: (9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)

Kids MUST be pre-registered to participate!\* (Experience is free!)

Meet at church. Bring a sack lunch. Tour the silver mine at the Nevada State Museum.

G.E.M.#3: "The BEST Soil" Thursday, July 6: (9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)

Kids MUST be pre-registered to participate!\* (Experience is free!)

Meet at church. Wear tennis shoes and dress for sun! Bring a sack lunch.

Harvest and water crops at the Greenhouse Project.

G.E.M.#4: "GOD'S SWEET Story" Thursday, July 20: (9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.)

Kids MUST be pre-registered to participate!\* (Experience is free!)

Meet at church. Bring a sack lunch. Tour the Kimmee Candy Factory (Reno).

Register your kids, grand-kids and friends ASAP – at coffee-time or at the church office! Let Nancy know if your child will need a ride to the church!

Needs: Are YOU willing to be a chaperone/driver for a G.E.M.? See Nancy!!!!

## CAMP ZEPHYR DAY CAMP: (Weekly, June 19 - August 18)

You don't need to look too far from home for an incredible summer experience!

At Zephyr Point, kids experience fun at the Presbyterian conference center at Lake Tahoe.

Activities include: swimming, canoeing, nature hikes, archery, group games, crafts, fun skits, singing and worship.

Each day, campers will hear Biblical story lessons which share the message of God's love for every child.

# CHOOSE the week that's best for YOUR child, and register on-line:

http://www.zephyrpoint.org/programs/family/camp-zephyr/ Zephyr Point's bus will pick kids up at our church the following weeks:

Week Two: June 26-30 and Week Six July 24-28

More information to come, as it becomes available. Scholarship money for Day-Camp is available!

#### RETIREMENT THANK YOU

There are not enough words to thank all of you for my wonderful, fun retirement on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was such a great day of celebration, greetings, cards, cakes, balloons, family, roses and the beautiful Seiko watch. I am so



blessed by all of you. Thank you for all of your cards and kind words of congratulations for my future. A special thank you to our Deacons Sandy Hatchell and Kaye Keeton for all that they did to prepare for the day.

In my eleven years at First Presbyterian Church I have great memories working and serving with many of you in the church office, with the Trumpet team, the Sanctuary Angels, all of the Deacons and Elders who served over the years and especially our Pastor Bruce and Staff. I have learned from you and grown spiritually along side all of you. A special thank you to Rob Scanland who was head of Personnel at the time I was hired. He and Pastor Bruce saw in me the gifts needed for this position. Thank you for allowing me to grow mentally and spiritually as we grew as a congregation.

My best wishes to Stacey Warwick, as she takes over the office helm. Give her your patience and assistance as she too will grow in her new position.

Thank you for sending me off in such a royal manner. You are all the best congregation ever.

#### Charlene Rodman



#### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

We're planning a trip to watch the Reno Aces play the Tacoma Rainiers at Greater Nevada Field on **Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, first pitch at 7:05 p.m.** It's Faith and Family night and there will be post-game fireworks too! Left Field Reserve tickets are \$14 per person. Deadline to reserve and pay for tickets is Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. You may also call the church office at 775-882-1032 to sign-up. Contact Nathen Berger with questions at 775-721-5323.



# ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND CAPITAL CITY BAND CONCERT Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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#### ON OUR PRAYER LIST

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# Summer 2017 is here! For the youth, that means it's time for Summer Camps and the San Diego Mission Trip!



San Diego Mission Trip: June 18-23 Zephyr Point Sr. High Camp: July 9-14

Zephyr Point Jr. High Camp: July 16-21

Rock-N-Water Adventure Camp: July 22-26









#### \$AN DIEGO MI\$\$ION TRIP | \$AN DIEGO, CA | JUNE 18-23 - \$350

We partner with an organization called YouthWorks. They specialize in organizing mission trips for youth and they do an amazing job! They take care of all the pre-trip stuff, so that we can focus on the students being impacted by Christ and impacting others through worship, devotionals, fellowship and service.

## ZEPHYR POINT \$R HIGH CAMP | LAKE TAHOE | JULY 9-14 - \$350

High School Basecamp is designed for students who want to gain deeper insight into what the road of discipleship with Jesus is all about. Campers will have the opportunity to be a part of a community of other students and embark on a week long intensive discipleship course, committed to in-depth Bible study, intentional worship, special events, and fellowship with others

# ZEPHYR POINT JR HIGH CAMP | LAKE TAHOE | JULY 16-21 - \$300

Jr. High Basecamp is an exciting chance for students to get out of the house and come to Lake Tahoe for a week filled with activities such ass meeting new friends, playing in one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, experiencing wild games and new adventures, and discovering what faith in Jesus Christ is all about? We know Junior High is a crazy time, and we want to give students the opportunity to open up, have some fun, and ask the tough questions about faith and life.

# ROCK-N-WATER | COLOMA, CA | JULY 22-26 - \$350

We will embark on life changing adventures that focus on Christ, biblical principles, and growing in character. The staff there are fully trained not only to be amazing camp counselors, but also outdoor adventure guides. We dive into spiritual devotionals, raft through the raging American River, climb and repel down huge rocks, adventure through canyons, and much much more.

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## June/July Sermons

June 4: The Perfect Ten – "Loving God" -Exodus 20:1-17

June 11: "Our Idols"

June 18: "What's in a Name?"

June 25: "The Meaning of Sabbath"

July 2: "Learning to Honor"

July 9: "The Value of Life:

July 16: "Forgotten Fences"

July 23: "Mine, Mine, Mine"

July 30: "To Tell the Truth"



#### **GARDEN GROUP FORMING**

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