

# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "Who Do You Want to Be?"



Do you remember thinking about what you wanted to be when you grew up?" I'll bet you do. And I'll bet two things: one is that it changed with time and two is that WHO you have become and are becoming is far more important than WHAT you have done and are doing. I don't mean that the specifics of our activities don't matter. They do and that YOU do what you do matters greatly because God made you to do them. (We go nowhere by accident!) But what really matters is WHO you are in the process. The difference our lives make for God's glory is based on who we are as we are living for him in the day to day events.

Here is an example of what I am describing. Studies have shown that 80-95% of what people "hear" from us is not in the words themselves, but in our tone and inflection and body language. This is the WHO of our message. As profound and prophetic as Jesus' words were and are, I believe it was the very nature of who he was that captivated, (and convicted many) of his hearers.

As you receive this we will be stepping into the season of "Lent" which calls us into a new season of becoming who God created us to be. "Lent" means springtime. After our hard winter we are all ready for it. We want a new, warm day. God wants to make us new warm people. But this comes by shedding our old coverings. In these days of Lent God has a plan to make us new. We live in a world that wants to know this, but in most cases they don't know how or are afraid to explore.



Our role as the body of Christ is to invite people into this springtime of new life by being WHO God has created us to be. We do this best when we are growing into the "skin" of showing Jesus to a weary world. How will we do this? Who needs a smile, a thoughtful word, a phone call, a touch, an invitation to lunch or dinner, an invite to worship from WHO you are? See, people want to be invited by WHO YOU ARE because they sense there is a gift in you that gives peace that passes understanding. You may not realize this. But I see it in you. More importantly GOD sees it in you because God put it there in Jesus Christ.

So this season let's grow into WHO God made us to be by winsomely reaching out to others in Jesus' name. Ash Wednesday is March 1. There is a good place to start with supper. But let's be praying for these forty days on the way to Easter and how God wants to use us to invite someone to know his amazing grace.

Faithfully yours in His grip,

**Bruce**

## **NEW EARS AND NEW EYES for 2017**

A New Year. A fresh start. A new chapter in life waiting to be written for each one of us.

Rather than making resolutions for 2017, I asked God for keener "spiritual ears to hear and eyes to see."

Spiritual ears and eyes. What is she talking about?

When Jesus comes into our life, God opens a whole set of spiritual senses that help us see life from His point of view.

Have you ever been reading the Bible and, as you read a verse, it just pops out and you think, 'Wow, I never saw that before!'

What happened? God just opened your spiritual eyes.

I was in the optical shop the other day and tried on a new pair of frames. I thought – wow! They make me look twenty years younger. They transform my appearance.

One of our church family saw me this week wearing a hat. Their thinking had been affected so much that they thought I appeared forty years younger. That hat transformed my appearance.

If I view things through my current understanding, things appear different. I get home without those new frames and I look twenty years older. I take off my hat and I've aged forty years. My eyes can only see the physical side of life. They don't have all the facts.

I have to keep reminding myself not to be discouraged as to how things look or what I am hearing in the natural realm. In the natural realm, things don't always make sense. In the natural realm, the end result might even look dismal.

When I step back from the world around me, from the negativity I am hearing around me, I put on my spiritual eyes and ears and am inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how I think, what I hear and how I see everything else.

My prayer is for keener spiritual ears and eyes, no cataracts, 20/20 vision, help to see things from God's perspective. Only when our eyes and ears remain open do we have a true encounter with God.

Faye Wheeler  
Elder of the Day  
January 8, 2017

### **DESERT SCHOONER'S CHILI COOK-OFF THANKS**

WE HAD ANOTHER WONDERFUL EVENING OF GREAT FELLOWSHIP. Of course, the evening cannot be accomplished without the involvement of many, many people. A BIG thank you certainly is extended to all of you who came and participated. Also, a BIG thank you goes to all of you who took time to make and bring such good chili and soup. We, again, had a record crowd to enjoy the great music provided by the Back "40" Bluegrass Band. Their entertainment is much appreciated. All of this cannot be done without the volunteers who accept responsibility for the various activities of the evening. THANK YOU. We also had a great raffle and silent auction thanks to everyone who contributed.



Congratulations to the winners who were Pat Angel Skinkis (first), Steve Kelly (second), and Dan Skinkis (third). The proceeds will be used for various church needs as selected by Desert Schooners.

Chuck Beattie, Chairman  
Chili Cook-Off Committee



# 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 BIBLE EXPERIENCE:

A spy visited us and told us the story of Moses sending twelve spies into Canaan. Ten spies said that the land was good, but that there were strong cities and BIG people in the land, and that there was NO WAY the Israelites could enter. BUT Joshua and Caleb said that although those "obstacles" were there, they SHOULD take the land, because GOD WAS WITH THEM!

**Big Idea:** "I will keep trusting God, even when others choose not to."



Moses; spies gathering fruit in Canaan; Joshua & Caleb carry fruit back to camp; "spy Ron" shows us the day's Big Idea.

As we enter the season of Lent, we'll be looking at "key" events that took place during the last week of Jesus' life.

- March 5: "A Mixed Up Day" (Jesus enters Jerusalem)
- March 12: "Cleaning Up the House" (Jesus clears the Temple)
- March 19: "Surprise Anointing" (a woman anoints Jesus)
- March 26: "Remember Me" (the Last Supper)

## MEMORY VERSE:

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God."  
1 John 3:1

King's Kids challenge: Learn the Books of the New Testament (prize: ice cream outing!)  
Learn the Books of the Old Testament (prize: pizza outing!)

## JUNE 26 – 30: VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE: LORD OF ALL TIME



*Where kids travel in time to learn how great God's love is!*

Kids: Pre-K & Kindergarten: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Think and pray about friends you'd like to invite!



**Will YOU help lead kids to meet the LORD of All Time???? 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 one or two of the weeks.  
More information to come, as it becomes available.  
Scholarship money for Day-Camp is available!

## WORTH~

First, a confession: I have always struggled with being “good enough” in virtually everything I have attempted to do or have failed to do (because that is part of whether one is good enough or not). Endless second-guessing and questioning of whether what I did was enough or not have ensued. When measured by the world’s standards, I suspect most of us would feel we fall far short of what is needed in many situations. BUT -- because we have Jesus and His work on the cross and God’s work in Jesus’ resurrection, we need not fear the “good enough” label!

There is a newer Getty / Kendrick song that is making the rounds, and I hope we are able to use it soon in our congregation. It is called “My Worth is Not in What I Own” and it says it so well. My worth is not in who I am, but in WHOSE I am. Jesus went to the cross and shed His blood so that I need not be concerned about measuring up to the world’s standard of “good enough”. That doesn’t mean I slack off in doing good, but by surrendering to Jesus because of all He has done, He will show me where and how to best to serve Him. Jesus understands my gifts, my frailties and my needs (much better than I do).

I love the words in this song:

“My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.”

and

“My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame.  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.”

As we enter into Lent, let’s not forget to rejoice in Jesus, our Redeemer who is our greatest treasure. And let’s be satisfied in Him alone.

Blessings,  
*Karen*

**THE MEN’S CHORUS** will be rehearsing Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 PM, in order to present in the worship services on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to have you join us as we seek to glorify God with our voices! Please let Karen know you would like to participate. She can be reached at 775-721-3549.

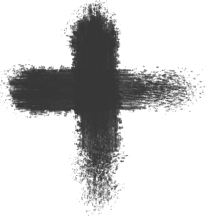


## **CHRIS TOMLIN PRESENTS WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA**

**Saturday, April 29 at the Reno Events Center**

**CHRIS TOMLIN WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:** Big Daddy Weave. Phil Wickham, Zach Williams Mosaic MSC and Jason Barton. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Show starts at 7:00 p.m.

For details + tickets visit: [KLOVE.COM/WORSHIP](http://KLOVE.COM/WORSHIP) or [AIR1.COM/WORSHIP](http://AIR1.COM/WORSHIP)



# Ash Wednesday

Lenten  
*Soup  
&  
Fellowship*

## SERVICE & SOUP SUPPER, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>

We will begin the evening with a potluck soup supper at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Bruce will lead us in worship at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us and if you are able bring a crockpot of soup and/or a loaf of bread to share between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.

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

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, April 14, 2017

Yes, we once again will be doing Stations of the Cross this year for our church family and community on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Have you helped in the past or would you like to get involved in something new and help this year? We need folks to come on the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> to help set up and in the evening to take down the stations. Prior to the event we need folks to help get the word out to our community and churches in Carson City and the surrounding communities.

Please call the church office or if you have questions, call Charlene Rodman at 775-461-3559 or Ron and Sigrid Hobbs at 775-883-3681. We will have a meeting **Wednesday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m. in the Library** to begin to bring our plans together. At this time we will talk about the individual stations and decide who will be coordinating each of them. This is a wonderful spiritual event for all who participate by helping or just come and walk the streets where Jesus walked. All are welcome!

Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex.



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## LOTTIE SCOTT MEMORIAL AWARD NEWS

Scholarship time is right around the corner. Are you graduating from high school this year? Do you know that your church has a scholarship fund?

The Lottie Scott Memorial Award Committee invites all graduating high school senior from this congregation to apply for a scholarship.

You are eligible to receive this award if you have participated in Sunday School, youth groups or other areas of church activity. Applications may be picked up from the church office and need to be returned by Monday, April 17, 2017.

All scholarship amounts are based on available income.

Lottie Scott Scholarship Committee:

Betty Anderson, Diane Young, Cecelia Stansbury, Bette Denning





Names omitted in online version for privacy.

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**

Requested as of 02-12-2017

Names omitted in online version for privacy.



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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
BEGINS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Don't be late for Church. Turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday!



The Easter Lily Program is to remember and honor those we care about. Watch for Easter lily purchase forms in upcoming bulletins. The lilies will be displayed and memorials listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Lilies will be \$10 each.

**DESERT SCHOONERS MARCH MEETING**

Come join Desert Schooners at their monthly meeting, March 28, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza lunch will be provided by Shirley Parks. Dessert and drinks will be provided too. Silver State Dancers will entertain us in the Family Life Center. For more information please call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.

# MARCH 2017

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

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7:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 9:00 AM Grace Notes

11:30 AM PRAYER   
 6:00 PM Soup Supper   
 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 

Ash Wednesday

**2**

7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe

**3**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 6:00 PM GLOW Night, 4th-6th grades

**4**

**5**

8:30 AM NURSERY  
**9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship**  
 9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience  
 9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult  
 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC  
 6:30 PM IMPACT Youth Group

**6**

9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 6:30 PM DEACONS

**7**

6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library  
 7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co.

**8**

7:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 9:00 AM Grace Notes  
 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY  
 11:30 AM PRAYER  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**9**

7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe  
 1:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library

**10**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite

Trumpet Deadline

**11**

**12**

8:30 AM NURSERY  
**9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship**  
 9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience  
 9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult  
 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC  
 6:30 PM IMPACT Youth Group

**13**

9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 7:00 PM Praise Team

**14**

6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library  
 7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co.  
 1:00 PM Staff  
 6:00 PM MISSION COMMITTEE  
 7:00 PM ALL COMMITTEES

**15**

7:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 9:00 AM Grace Notes  
 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY  
 11:30 AM PRAYER  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Circles Dinners


**16**

7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe

**17**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite



**18**

**19**

8:30 AM NURSERY  
**9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship**  
 9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience  
 9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult  
 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC  
 6:30 PM IMPACT Youth Group

Deacon Sunday

**20**

9:00 AM Exercise Lite

**21**

6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library  
 7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co.  
 5:30 PM SESSION  
 7:00 PM Men's Chorus

**22**

7:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 9:00 AM Grace Notes  
 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY  
 11:30 AM PRAYER  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir  
 8:00 PM Men's Chorus

**23**

7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe

**24**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite

**25**

Carson City Youth Mission Event, FLC

**26**

8:30 AM NURSERY  
**9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship**  
 9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience  
 9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult  
 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC  
 6:30 PM IMPACT Youth Group

**27**

9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 7:00 PM Praise Team

**28**

6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library  
 7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co.  
 11:30 AM Desert Schooners, Fellowship Hall  
 1:00 PM Staff

**29**

7:00 AM Men's Study Group @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite  
 9:00 AM Grace Notes  
 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY  
 11:30 AM PRAYER  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**30**

7:00 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Joanie's Creekside Cafe

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OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM Exercise Lite

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**March Sermons**

March 1 – Ash Wednesday  
6:00 PM Soup Supper – 7:00 PM Worship

March 5 – “Parables of Grace” Luke 15

March 12 – “Honest with God?” Luke 16:1-13

March 19 – “Lessons from Beyond” Luke 16:19-31

March 26 – “Forgiven and Forgiving” Luke 17:1-10

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