



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"You Have Been Chosen"

As you read this we find ourselves on the Lenten road from darkness into light. It is something of a waiting game because where we need to be is a place we really cannot get to ourselves. But waiting as Christians is *waiting on a promise*. We have an assurance that what we wait for will come in just the right way; in just the right time.

Recently I had occasion to watch the late Tony Gwynn on a video from 2007 as he awaited a possible call from the baseball Hall of Fame committee announcing if he had been chosen. Tony epitomized humility. You would have wanted him for your next door neighbor. Few have ever had a better career to be considered for the Hall of Fame. And yet Tony kept telling people, "It's not a sure thing." The call was to come at 10:30 if he had been chosen. At 10:31 he said, "They're not calling." At 10:32 the phone rang and the voice on the other end said, "Congratulations Tony." And then the caller asked, "Tony, are you there?" He could barely say, "Yes, I'm here" because he was overcome with tears of gratitude.

I think this is what Lent is really about. I think it is what the entire Christian journey is about; learning that God has chosen us, not because WE think we deserve to be chosen, but because God has said, "I choose you." It is as we picture this; picture God looking into the entirety of our lives and saying, "I want YOU so much that I will give my own Son to make it possible for us to be together celebrating our relationship forever."

It is as we are becoming overwhelmed with the reality of God choosing us that we best reflect the wonder of his grace to the world around us.

I asked a friend this recently: Do you think of God as delighting in you and in choosing you? Not just intellectually and theologically, but does it give you a sense of elation and pure joy that he says, "She is mine. She makes me smile. I am so glad I made her just the way I did?"

I ask this of us all because I need to ponder this for myself. I think I do this intellectually, even spiritually, but not in a way that reaches deep within. I can say it and even reflect it for others but I think we need one another to reflect God's delight. I delight in you for being who you are, my friends; for being just who God made you to be and is making you to be. To hear you laugh till you cry gives me joy, as it does for any who know you.

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SAVED
WASHED
SANCTIFIED
JUSTIFIED
REDEEMED
GLORIFIED**

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We are in a season of waiting for God to show us what our next chapter is going to look like. We don't know who the next pastor will be, where the pastor will come from or how we will be led to this person, but we know that God does, and that God is going to bless us all by HIS choice and his plan and approach that works through US ALL. I rejoice in this assurance.

I pray we will all join in thanking God for this as we reflect on his grace; as we come together for Maundy Thursday Communion and the next day to *The Journey to the Cross in the Streets of Jerusalem* in our sanctuary.

Giving thanks for God's immeasurable grace and faithfulness as I learn to live in his delight with you,
Bruce



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.

NUTRITIONAL SERIES ~

As a result of the wonderful encouragement of Mark and Hilma Jones in our Nutrition seminar, Nancy and I came up with this recipe. It can be the main course, but even if you add some meat to it, try it as the centerpiece to the meal. You will be surprised at how it takes "center stage" and lessens the need for as much if any meat once or twice a week. I love to cook! ("Kochsmeier" means COOK!) The fun part of this recipe is that you can make it your own by adding or subtracting to it based on what you like. AND it is so easy and inexpensive.

Here's what I did:

This is so good, easy, fast, healthy and inexpensive.

Here's what's in it: red and sweet potatoes wedges, three colors of bell pepper in bite size pieces, sliced zucchini, sliced mushrooms, fresh green beans. Toss all this in a large bowl with extra virgin olive oil, a dash of Lawry's seasoning salt, (or not depending on your likes), half a teaspoon of dried Italian seasoning, quarter teaspoon garlic powder.

Heat oven to 450 f. Oil roasting pan with cooking spray or extra virgin olive oil, place veggies in pan and place in oven for 8 minutes, then stir and roast for about 10 more minutes or to desired doneness. Garish lightly with parmigiano reggiano. Enjoy!



Bon Appetit!

Bruce and Nancy



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

BIBLE PRESENTATION DAY:

We were happy to present Bibles to our third graders: Emma, Sofia, Gretchen and GayLeAnn



KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



As we continue our look at God's Super-Heroes, we'll be looking at JESUS – the GREATEST Super-Hero! Our Lenten lessons will revolve around events that happened during the last week in Jesus' Life. We'll talk about how we can take what we've learned from JESUS into God's City (our homes, our schools, our play-places) as WE become God's Super-Heroes!

KING'S KIDS –MEMORY VERSE(S):

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

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Jesus said, “I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.

No one comes to the Father except by ME.”

John 14:6



HELP NEEDED!!!!!!!!!!

Plans are getting underway for this summer's G.E.M. (**G**od **E**veryday with **M**e) program.

Do YOU know of places nearby that give tours (i.e. bakery, restaurant, farm, etc.)?

Do YOU know people who might give us an interesting talk (i.e. weaver, potter, etc.)?

Do YOU have a skill you could share with our kids and help them learn (i.e. yo-yo; juggling; fishing; etc.)?



IF YOU DO, PLEASE TALK TO NANCY! SHE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Above My Pay Grade ~

Undoubtedly by now you have heard about the struggle our grandson is having with his newly diagnosed illness. If not, allow me to fill in a few details. During the second week of January this year, our youngest grandson, Samuel, who lives in New Jersey with his Mom (Lauren), Dad (Doni), and big brother, Joel, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia or ALL. My daughter and her husband elected to follow a course many parents have chosen in order to save the life of their son. That is, they chose to fight the illness with some of the best medicines available right now for this disease. It involves chemotherapy, which most of you have some knowledge of. Diagnoses like these are becoming increasingly common, unfortunately. Even though the doctors indicated it is fairly rare, recently I have run into a number of people who know of or have had direct experience with ALL. Forty years ago, most children would not have survived this diagnosis. We are grateful to be living today in an age where treatment for leukemia and lymphoma has advanced to the place where children of Sam's age have a 90% cure rate for this disease. Having said that, this last month has been revelatory in terms of my continued need for control.

Some of you know that many years ago, I lost my second child to a mystery illness at just under age four. So when Sam was in the process of being diagnosed early in January, life felt very precarious! It felt like "deja vu" — we've been here before.

Fortunately for Sam, things seem to be working out. But anything I am able to do positively for Sam is SO "above my pay grade" — it's out of my control! Let me explain: My surgery on January 4th came with the proviso that I could not travel for at least four weeks. In addition, Sam is in an immune-suppressed state due to the chemo he has been getting. That means Sam is unable to travel and anyone who comes into contact with Sam, must be healthy at this early stage and potentially for the remainder of his treatment period which takes about three years. For me, this is torture to have to sit around and wait until I can actually do something for Sam and his family. So, I have found myself organizing prayer chains, and updating folks on the progress Sam is making. It IS out of my control and God has me right where I need to be, but it feels like I am not doing hardly enough to "help."

In fact, I need to yield control to the One who makes all things happen. When Job in answering his wife asks "shall we accept good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" (Job 2:10), he understands that God is in control of all things. It's so easy to pray for our will to be done, when we are not the One who sees the overall plan. So, even though we can pray specifically for certain things, we must always believe, that no matter the Lord's answer to those prayers (or seeming silence toward them), He has heard our prayer, He is working, and even has answered the prayer before we see the results, and sometimes those results are NOT what we would wish to have happen. But He is answering, even though we think He doesn't hear, or doesn't seem to be doing anything. And He has a much, much greater plan than we in our limited thinking and even praying can fathom.

So, I will trust the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to guide and direct the medical team, the family, Sam, himself, and the outcome for God's glory. Who knows how God will use this difficulty in young Sam's life to shape him and touch other people who come into contact with him?

My thanks to you who have been praying and continue to pray for this situation. And thank you all for giving me a moment of personal privilege to share these thoughts with you.

Blessings,
Karen

DESERT SCHOONERS MARCH MEETING

Come join Desert Schooners at their monthly meeting, March 27, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza lunch will be provided by Shirley Parks. Dessert and drinks will be provided too. A presentation will be provided by Hope Williams of Nevada Talking Books. For more information, please call Carolyn Knutson at 775-720-0267.

DESERT SCHOONERS CHILI COOK-OFF THANKS

A GREAT BIG AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP. IT MADE FOR AN EVENING OF OUTSTANDING CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. OF COURSE, A BIG THANK YOU GOES TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK TIME TO MAKE AND BRING CHILI, SOUP, OR BREAD.

How does one express the deserved appreciation to everyone who assumed various responsibilities which made the evening such a success. To identify a few areas---the Back 40 Bluegrass Band, those who served and cleaned up, those who set up tables and helped take them down, the judges, the kitchen crew, those in charge of the decorations, and many more. Appreciation also goes to everyone who contributed items for the silent auction and the raffle. What an active church!

Congratulations to the following chili winners---first, Donald Scherer; second, Karen Tierney; third, Karolyn Belcher. The proceeds will be used for various church needs as selected by Desert Schooners.

Chuck Beattie, Chairman
Chili Cook-Off Committee



BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2018

Are you are interested in a chance to share God's love with the people of Seine Bight, Belize? This year's mission trip will be the 14th through the 22nd of September. Opportunities to serve include: helping Pastor Jim with handyman work around the church; helping provide dental care to the children; and this year something new – helping the Humane Society. These three projects are very much needed. A veterinarian who is a Christian is needed for the latter. 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 kmlug@att.net

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



HOLY WEEK

At First Presbyterian Church of Carson City



PALM SUNDAY

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MARCH 25TH

Join us at 10:00 a.m. as Pastor Bruce leads us into worship celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

And Potluck Soup Supper

MARCH 29TH

We will begin the evening with a potluck soup supper at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring soup and/or bread to share between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Pastor Bruce will lead us in worship at 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Service of Tenebrae marks Christ's time in the Garden of Gethsemane, where he prayed and prepared to go to the Cross. At the close of the service, the pastor gradually extinguish candles while reading passages from the Gospels, and the service ends in darkness and silence.



GOOD FRIDAY

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ROAD TO THE CROSS

MARCH 30TH

On Good Friday (March 30), we will have an open-house format Road to the Cross exhibit from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will consist of 15 interactive stations created by a team of our members. The stations pair 14 events from Jesus' last day with a wide variety of artistic media. Our objective is to present the events of Good Friday, Jesus' sacrifice for us, in ways that engage the imagination of participants and inspire reflection, new understanding, and worship.



EASTER SUNDAY

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APRIL 1ST

Join us to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! One service is offered at 10:00 a.m.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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**Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 11th**

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 10th.

Dear Church Mouse,
I've noticed many of the crosses have a circle behind it. What is this?

Sincerely,
Inquiring Minds

Dear Inquiring Minds,
Excellent question my dear laddies and lasses! This is the Celtic Cross! The cross with a nimbus, or ring first appeared in Ireland and Britain in the Early Middle Ages. As the Presbyterian Church was formed in this area of the world it is why you see the Celtic Cross in our beautiful church. Top o the morning to ye all!

With much love,
The Church Mouse



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March Sermons

March 4: "Our Worst, Best Moment" Romans 5:1-11

March 11: "One for All and All for One" Romans 5:12-21

March 18: "Shortcuts?" Romans 6:1-14

March 25: Palm Sunday—"Who IS This?" Matthew 21:1-11

March 29: Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae—"How He Loves Us" John 13:1-20



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