



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"Growing Fruit"

I am a road trip junkie. I resonate with these opening words of John Steinbeck from my favorite book, *Travels with Charley*.

When I was very young and the urge to be someplace else was on me, I was assured by mature people that maturity would cure this itch. When years described me as mature, the remedy prescribed was middle age. In middle age I was assured that greater age would calm my fever and now that I am fifty-eight perhaps senility will do the job.

I have always loved the call of the road. I love to go get lost on my motorcycle with no place to necessarily be and with no time schedule. But there was a time when my longest road trips were on four wheels driving coast to coast twice a year for three years in seminary. And like Steinbeck I had a big, wonderful dog with me, "Casey the Frisbeterian" the kids called him at Princeton. Casey and I loved listening to the radio as we drove; a lot of country songs and one we liked best talked about the two things in life that money can't buy: *real true love and homegrown tomatoes*. I'm not talking about those waxy things that might look like a tomato but have been strip-mined in some green house. I'm talkin' real, homegrown, sweet to the core, lovingly raised in the yard of love tomatoes. See, looking like and BEING real are two very different things.



It is spring time and that means time to start growing things again. It is also a time to remember real true love. Nancy and I celebrate 40 years of marriage this month. But we've known each other nearly 45. We started dating as teenagers and love grew like homegrown tomatoes.

God's love for us is real and true. And we know it as we nurture the seed he has planted in us. Nancy and I cherish what God has given us to grow in our lives. Half of our 40 years has been right here. 27 of those years God has given us the opportunity to be part of growing a "yellow rose" he gave us in Texas; Kate. And what we have learned is that for the richness and the sweetness of God's love to grow in us and through us is that we need to be nurturing this love. We are learning how important it is for us to be planted in his word, in great books about trusting him, in relationships with people who encourage and mentor us in our faith, to be deeply committed to prayer so that we are going the way Jesus calls us.

How about you? Do you love fresh produce and sweet fruit? Who doesn't? We will only know this as we commit ourselves to tending what God has given us in relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to spend time in the "soil" with God's Holy Spirit turning over the rocks in our lives. Sometimes this means taking a "road trip" with Jesus; getting away from our routines that have NOT left time for the growing God has in mind for us.

As this spring unfolds we will be looking into how God wants to grow us in all the ages of our lives. We will be

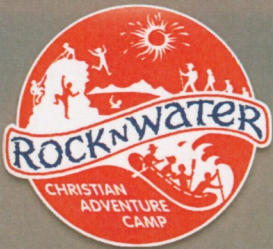
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IMPACT YOUTH EVENTS



JOIN US THIS SUMMER

SUMMER CAMPS



HIGH SCHOOL @
ROCK N WATER

Date: 6/26 – 7/1

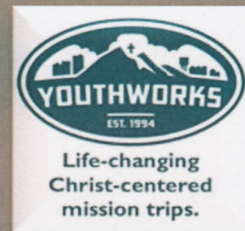
Cost: \$367

MID SCHOOL @
ZEPHYR POINT

Date: 7/10 – 7/15

Cost: \$295

MISSION TRIP



BOTH HS & MS STUDENTS @
SAN DIEGO, CA

Date: 7/31 – 8/5

Cost: \$279-\$179(church)= \$100

FOR MORE INFO & TO SIGN UP CALL TIMOTHY 775.720.9158

SPACE IS LIMITED | SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE



THE KING'S KIDS: MAY



...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: "Visiting" the Empty Tomb in Jerusalem

JESUS
is
ALIVE!



KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE: "A WALK THROUGH THE KING'S BOOK"

We'll learn about God's plan of Redemption, as we *experience* HIM, His Story, and Community.

- May 1: "A Basket Case" (Paul Escapes; Acts 9)
- May 8: "YOU are Welcome" (Peter's vision; Acts 10)
- May 15: "Singing in Prison" (Paul & Silas; Acts 16)

KING'S KIDS SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE: "WAY TO GO TOURS" begins Sunday, May 22, through August 28



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.

Registration begins May 22

Please sign your kids up early, so we have a good count for supplies!

\$10 per child / \$20 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.

If you have items for us to use for decorations/props (i.e. yard decorations in this theme), **please see Nancy!**

(You can "loan" or "donate" items.)



The Gift of Humility -

Years ago, when I attended college, I had a picture in my imagination of where I thought my life was headed. In that picture, I was a concert performer, receiving adulation for my interpretation of the piano masters' music. Fame, fortune and whatever came along with that. What a rude awakening to be told that I wasn't good enough to do that when the music school put me in the program they thought would fit my skills. At that point, I was grateful to be in the music program at all. And probably in the back of my head, I thought, well I'll just work really hard and learn as much as I can so that I can prove them wrong. While the work was not a bad thing, perhaps my way of going about the task at hand was not the most helpful. You see, I had left God out of my equation. Interestingly, though, He was still there. Especially at my senior recital. I remember praying over that event fervently!

Fast forward to graduation from college. I should mention that after graduating, my mother, who from time to time has been prophetic in her musings, stated that I should look for a church that needed a music person. What mom knew, and I kept denying was that I needed to be in communion with God. At the time my mother indicated her thoughts on my career, I was about as far away from being a church-goer as one could possibly be. I dismissed her advice and followed my merry path.

About three years after graduation, I got married and had three children over the period of about six years. My husband, also a musician, seemed threatened by whatever musical skills I displayed, while not actually coming out and saying that. Somehow, in order to "keep the peace", I decided that moving away from music, formerly my lifeblood, was a wise move. Besides, I didn't have much time except for work and taking care of children. So, it just seemed easier and less conflicting to leave the music behind.

But God -- which always is a surprise to me, had not forgotten about my training and as my family weathered a huge loss in the illness and death of my son, and subsequently the death of the marriage, my girls and I returned to church. For awhile we attended a Calvary Chapel, but we eventually made our way back to the Presbyterian church. Slowly, through participating in the choir, praise team, and playing as a substitute periodically, I came to see that the music gift the Lord had given me was to be used for Him. Overall, it took about twenty years, from graduation until I began serving in the church, for me to recognize the wisdom of serving God over the concert life I had imagined for myself. And through the process of participating in church music, I began to understand the need for me to be humbled before I could serve.

This journey has not been an easy one, but it has been more rewarding than the empty adulation of public performance. The goal of our musical offerings in church is to glorify God and not ourselves. *He must increase and I must decrease* ----to paraphrase John 3:30.

Thank you for allowing me to attend a music writing seminar and the West Coast Pastors' Conference these last ten days. I've come to realize that any success any of us ever has in this life is a gift from God. Any promotion that happens needs to come through God. So, in humility, I need to take what God has given me and offer it back to Him in a way that points to Him and glorifies Him. Each one of us has been gifted by God and called in our own uniqueness to serve Him. Even when it feels like nothing is happening on the journey, we can be sure that God is protecting us and preparing the path ahead for us. What does your gift of humility look like?

In His service,

Karen

DESERT SCHOONER MAY EVENT

Come join the Desert Schooners on Tuesday, May 24 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. We will be entertained by the wonderful duo "Sing Hosannah" gospel singers. For more information please call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Thursday afternoon Bible Study will meet May 12th. Bible study begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Church library. The May lesson is in Chapter 6, Naomi. Pastor Bruce will join us, so bring your questions.



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 21, 2016—9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

We're looking for volunteers!

Join us in sprucing up the church for summer. Projects include; cleaning windows, touch-up painting and just general clean-up. If you have any questions, please contact Buildings and Grounds Committee members Dave Brees, Keith Macdonald or Ken Pearson.

Many hands, make light work. Won't you consider joining us?

PLEASE REMEMBER

Summer will be here soon. Our thoughts are on vacations - time to get away. So this is just a reminder that your church family will still be here when you return.

Please remember your giving for the summer months. These are the months that giving is down but our expenses continue.

We thank you for your faithfulness to First Presbyterian Church and its missions.

The Stewardship Committee

Sunday, May 8th



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation or simply want to know more about our mission and ministry or the Presbyterian Church in general please make an appointment with Pastor Bruce.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE US

In honor of Memorial Day the church office will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016.

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focusing on this growth in worship and in Bible study. It will be very practical and it will call us to get close to the earth of God's word and get our hands dirty. Growing home grown fruit and vegetables is not a theoretical exercise. It is a very tangible experience. Growing in our love and obedience to Jesus Christ is the same.

Our life in Christ is to be one of growing all the time to reflect the fruit of God's Holy Spirit. This has been what we have been discovering in the "Believe" look at scripture. We are to become God's "Homegrown tomatoes" so that the world would *taste and see* that only in Jesus Christ will they have hope and eternal life. My prayer is that we will all join together in growing in God's garden this spring and throughout the summer. As we do may we experience the two things that money can't buy: GOD'S real, true love and the homegrown tomatoes of being his people who lead others to know him.

Growing with you in Christ,

Bruce



Saturday, May 14, 2016

Carson City Churches Joining Together to Serve the Community
in Christ's Love, Spreading the Good News of God's Grace

Grace Works

8:00 AM gather at Mills Park for morning devotion and free breakfast

- **Concert of Prayer**

Gather in prayer for our volunteers, city, nation and world, that all might know Jesus
10:00 AM Good Shepherd Wesleyan Church
1505 Railroad Drive, Carson City 89701

- **Praise Music & Worship, Senior Living and Retirement Centers**

Worship and visit with residents. Pray one on one, if individuals request prayer
Skyline Estates Senior Living, 2861 Mountain Street
Carson Plaza Retirement Center, 2120 E. Long Street
Evergreen at Mountain View, 201 Koontz Lane
Sierra Place, 1111 W. College Parkway

- **John C. Fremont Elementary School**

1511 Firebox Rd. (off Saliman, southeast side of main building)
Garden and Habitat clean up

- **FISH (Friends in Service Helping)**

130 E. Long Street
Packaging bulk food into single serving meals for FISH

- **Senior Assistance, Comstock Mobile Village**

2601 College Parkway. Meet at the clubhouse across from Carson Airport
Seniors yard work, pruning, window cleaning, etc.

- **The Greenhouse Project**

1111 Saliman Road, behind Carson High School on E. Robinson Street
Weeding and preparing garden beds for planting
General greenhouse maintenance

- **Linear Park Multi-use Path & Ditch Clean Up**

Meet at Fremont Elementary School parking lot, 1511 Firebox Road, off Saliman Road
Clean from Fremont School to Roop Street/Lompa's Ranch property
Clean up trash in ditch
Clean up dead Cattails in ditch
Clean out around storm water inlet structures
Weed removal along path edge

- **Ron Wood Family Resource Center**

2621 Northgate Lane Suite 62
Receive and sort canned foods, collected by Post Office Mail Carriers

Sign up www.graceworks2016.eventbrite.com


UPCOMING BELIZE MISSION TRIP

In May, I will be part of Belize Dental and Construction Mission. We will again be in Seine Bight, an improvised, subsistence fishing village in southern Belize. There we will help work on Leysi's house. She is a single mother of five children and her home is in desperate need of repair. There are numerous structural issues, rotten floor boards and unsafe steps. Please keep us in your prayers as we repair Leysi's home; and share the Compassion and Gospel of Jesus with the people of Seine Bight. And please consider donating to the building supply fund. Past Belize Missions have been a tremendous success thanks to your prayers and support. Thank you for being part of this effort!


"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

~Michael Klug

*You are cordially invited
to attend*

 **Life Choices**
Community Pregnancy Clinic

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING GALA



with special guest speaker
JOHN STONESTREET
President of The Colson Center for Christian Worldview

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016
7-9 P.M.
CALVARY CHAPEL CARSON CITY

Doors open at 7 p.m. for registration and dessert
Program begins promptly at 7:45 p.m.
Admission is free, but advance reservation is required

For reservations:

① Call Amy Jo at 775-885-1700 or
② Email rsvp@communitypregnancycenter.com

Semiformal Attire | No children please

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING-GENERAL BUDGET UPDATE

Through April 20, 2016

Budgeted:	Income	198,043	Expense	193,623
Actual:	Income	<u>183,250</u>	Expense	<u>157,594</u>
Difference:		(14,793)		(36,029)

Thank you for your continuing support of God's work through First Presbyterian Church!

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 04-17-2016

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

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

In Memoriam: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Please pray for family and friends.



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JUNE/JULY 2016

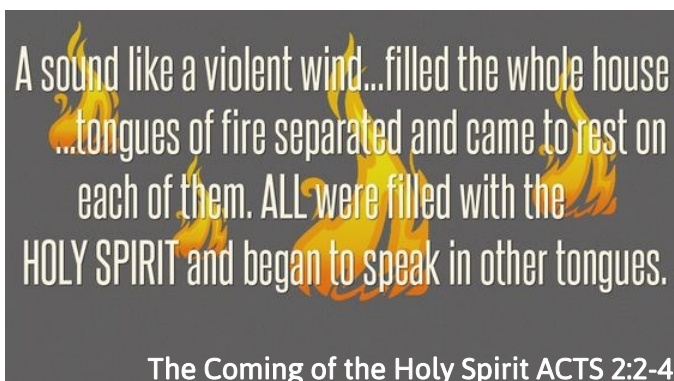
TRUMPET DEADLINE

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Have something to share?

Please send articles to Dawn:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org



Day of Pentecost

WEAR RED

Sunday, May 15



MAY 2016

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May Sermons

- May 1 – “Gentleness” – Believe, Chapter 29
- May 8 – “Humility” – Believe, Chapter 30
- May 15 – “Being the Church” – Pentecost Acts 2:1-21
- May 22 – “Growing in Christ” – Ephesians 4:14-16
- May 29 – “Abundance” – John 10:10

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS – One Service

Our summer worship will begin Sunday, June 5 and run through September 4. One worship service, at 10:00 a.m., will be held.

See us and
 “Like” us on

