



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "The Favorite Place"

I am a vagabond by nature. I love exploring places; wandering, seeking someplace I have not seen; looking for the favorite place. And so I have nearly memorized the following paragraph from a book I have read every year or so for decades. It is the opening of John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charley* in which the great story teller spent months driving around America in search of America's soul. I recommend it to you because you will find he was seeing way down the road. He opens with,

*"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 now wandered longer than Steinbeck had when he wrote this and still the itch to see more stirs within me. Like him, I know the itch will not go away; largely because I don't want it to! I have so many favorite places. My pastor friends laugh and tell people, "No one knows every single backroad and hamlet like Bruce...and he REMEMBERS them!"

When we talk of travel in Israel people ask, "Where is your favorite place?" And I have to say that it varies from time to time based on where God has me in the journey and what Jesus is doing in my life. I think the same is true of all my road trips; whether it is the Sea of Galilee or a lonely stretch of Hwy 1 near Big Sur I am always in a favorite

place. But there is a distinct reason for this: no matter where I am physically, God is always working on me spiritually. He is always stretching me and shaping me to be who he knows I need to be. And as this happens I realize there is really only one favorite place.

For all my wandering THE favorite place is in worship, in prayer, in praise, in God's house with God's people. NOTHING comes close to making me aware of where I need to be in all of life and whose I am. I believe this is universally true and I believe it is why so many people do not really know what matters most in life; because even as those who say they follow Jesus they are not spending time with the Shepherd in communion with his flock on a very regular basis.

THE favorite place is not arbitrary or a matter of personal preference because it is not our choice. It is God's



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choice. God has said that HIS favorite place for us is with him in concert with his people. The Shepherd knows best what his sheep need. We need to be with him. When we are not we get lost in the maze of things that only lead us farther and farther from the favorite place, but so subtly that we don't know it until we are so lost we don't know what to do.

Our favorite place is not ever going to be in this world as John Calvin reminds us:

*"...perhaps when we are honest with ourselves we admit that we are only passing through this world and that our home and our citizenship are really in a life and a world beyond this one:*

*"If heaven is our homeland, what else is the earth but our place of exile?..."*

God is calling us to realize a foretaste of this as we make worship our favorite place and as we fellowship with him and with one another for his sake and our own. I hope you have lots of favorite places and get out to see them and that they remind you all the time of THE favorite place.

"I was glad when they said unto me; let us go unto the house of the Lord"

See you in the favorite place,

**Bruce**



## GraceWorks

### GRACEWORKS CARSON CITY 2017

Saturday, May 6, 2017  
8:00 AM to around 2:00 PM

We look forward to doing GraceWorks projects in cooperation with people from other local churches. Have you selected a project and signed up? Sign-ups can be done on paper forms in the narthex Sunday, April 30. Or to sign up online, Google "GraceWorks Carson City 2017" and click on "Get Tickets."

Begin the day with an 8 AM free breakfast at Mills Park. Menu: pancakes, sausages and coffee. Purpose: Fellowship, singing, rejoicing at the opportunities God will provide for this day.

Depart for project of your choice 9 AM.

#### PROJECTS:

- A Concert of Prayer—Gather to pray for our volunteers, city, nation, and the world, at 10 AM at the Good Shepherd Wesleyan Church, 1505 Railroad Dr., Carson City (off Saliman Road)
- Worship and music at Senior Retirement Living Centers—choose from among four locations – Worship, music, pray and visit with the residents.
- Fremont Elementary School—Volunteers will be helping out with gardening
- F.I.S.H. (Friends in Service Helping)—Packaging bulk food into single serving meals. Volunteers are to go to the First Presbyterian Church, the entrance on 305 W. Musser St.
- Linear Park—Ditch and Path Cleanup

Wearing the red GraceWorks T-shirt on May 6 is encouraged. Additional T-shirts are available. Further information contact: Rob Scanland phone 775-742-5959; or Carol Wilson phone 775-720-3198



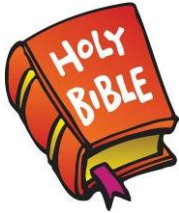
# THE KING'S KIDS



...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 in MAY

We'll be looking at some of Jesus' parables.



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!)

## KING'S KIDS SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE (Sunday mornings, starting June 4)

"SON-Harvest Farms" (learning to LIVE 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: 4 to 5 experiences for King's Kids and their friends!  
These experiences will take us **beyond the walls of FPC** and tie a Bible concept to our **everyday Life with Jesus**.

**G.E.M. #1: Thursday, June 8, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. "Who Floats Your Boat?"** Meet at church.  
Build your own boat and sail it; bring a sack lunch (more details to come!)

**G.E.M.#2: Thursday, June 22, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. "The Great Treasure Hunt"** Meet at church.  
Tour the silver mine at the Nevada State Museum, and discover the greatest treasure.  
Bring a sack lunch.

**Register your kids, grand-kids and friends ASAP! See Nancy.**

Other G.E.M.s may include:

**"How Good is Your Soil?"** (working at a community garden)

**"What Keeps You Going?"** (bakery tour)



*Dates and Experiences are being finalized. Watch for more information in the days to come!*

**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 2: June 26-30 and Week 6: July 24-28

More information to come, as it becomes available.

Scholarship money for Day-Camp is available!



## RESCUE ~

The Lenten season we've just come through has been a rocky one for my family. We've sought to be closer to Jesus, but we've also been found to have numerous health issues that are still being addressed.

God's answers to our prayers are not always what we anticipate. He answers, but not always the way we want. All this to say that whatever He answers, we can be certain that He has our best interests in mind and His plan will always be to "prosper and not harm" us (Jeremiah 29). You may ask - how can we say this when we are facing a debilitating disease or financial or physical disaster?

As a people, we pray for complete healing in these matters, but always, we depend on Jesus to be our closest guide and friend. This world holds nothing for us that will heal our deepest need. Only Jesus can do this.

We will be learning a new song in worship during May. It is called "Rescue" and it says in part:

"You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.  
No one else will do. And I will take hold of You."

and:

"I need Your hand in mine.  
I put my trust in You."

We are saved for God's purposes and as a part of His plan, He ordains our going and coming, (Psalm 139). We are committed to walking with Jesus in His way. Whatever that looks like. We seek to do His bidding and therefore we are in His hands. Nothing else will do.

Grateful to God,  
*Karen*

**ZEPHYR POINT WORKDAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017.** Upon arrival at ZP Conference Center park in the lot to the right of the entrance or parking structure to the left of the entrance. Coffee and donuts will be served at the maintenance shed at 7:30 a.m. The workday will begin with prayer at 8:00 a.m. ZP will provide lunch as well as all necessary tools.

## ELEVEN YEARS OF VOLUNTEERS

I have lost count of how many volunteers that have served faithfully with me over my eleven plus years. You have served in the office in varied positions, helped with the Trumpet, and been sanctuary Angels, grounds and building maintenance, served as deacons and elders. I could never name all of you but I want you to know how much I appreciated each and every one of you. YOU make this church and YOU made my service at FPC fun. So thank you to all of you.

Keep up your good service.

*Charlene*

THANKS  
— from the —  
HEART

To our Church Family,

Many thanks to all for the prayers, visits and help. May you all know how much you are all appreciated.

Blessings,

*Charlotte and David Fenlon*







Names omitted in online version for privacy.

**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**

Requested as of 04-16-2017

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# Memorial DAY

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO  
PROTECT AND SERVE US**

In honor of Memorial Day the church office will be closed  
Monday, May 29, 2017.

**JUNE / JULY 2017**

**TRUMPET DEADLINE**




**FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Have something to share?

Please send articles to Dawn:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

# May 2017

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**May 2017 Sermons**

May 7: "Coming Attraction" Luke 17:22-37

May 14: "Whose Are We?" John 10

May 21: "Prayerful Pestering" Luke 18:1-8

May 28: "True Conversion" Luke 19:1-10

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS – ONE SERVICE**

Our summer worship will begin Sunday, June 4 and run through September 24 with One worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will return to two worship services Sunday, October 1.

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