



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"TOO MANY STATIONS?"

In our world today there seem to be so many competing voices. They each say they have something better than the other, to the denigration of the other. Some are young and some are old and the more I hear the more I wonder, "What are they listening to?"

We live in a noisy world with lots of "stations" – TV, radio, internet, social media, all are clamoring for our attention, and here is the insidious part, so many people THINK they are not be affected by this. But the reality is that we become what we listen to even if we don't think we are listening. And what happens when we hear many voices at once? It is not only exhausting, it captures our spirits. I think our culture has been taken captive without even knowing; without even putting up a fight; perhaps by even inviting the captivity.



In John 10 Jesus said, *"The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice."* I love this. Do you? Do you love that Jesus calls you by name and wants you to know his voice? I do. And I do not want to be distracted by other voices. I know how easy it is. People think that one voice is the same as another. That is why on a national level we see people drifting away from faithful following of Jesus. The competing voice of culture says, *"Come here, just for a second. I want to show you something I know will make you feel really good"* like a carnival barker, and the next thing you know, they're gone for a long time, if not permanently. It's like channel surfing. We live in a time in which it seems that as long as it feels good and everyone is smiling one voice is the same as another.

Jesus said this is not true. He said there is a thief whose voice seeks to steal. And if it was only stealing us from one program to another it wouldn't matter, but that voice seeks to steal people from truly knowing the voice of Jesus. It seeks to lead us away from the ONE who loves us more than life itself.

What are we to do? I think there is but one word: STOP. We need to stop thinking that listening to many stations or voices is not harmful when it is. We need to stop so that we can listen to Jesus. We need to turn off what is keeping us from hearing the voice of the ONE who loves us most. The only way this will happen is if we WANT this. And we will only want to hear Jesus' voice when we decide we don't WANT to hear *any* other.

What does turning off all the other stations look like? It begins with confessing what we have been doing and that we don't want it anymore. Then, we can see the smile of Jesus as he sees us coming to listen to him alone. On a very practical level this means being in worship, reading God's word, reading great Christian literature, listening to Christian music that speaks God's word. And it means getting out of any routine that has been taken captive by the thief of competing values and voices.

It's spring. It is time for new life to happen in all of us. It is Easter every day. I hope we will let this happen and find the joy of hearing only the voice of Jesus in all we do and in all the ways we live. Thank you for your prayers as I heal up from a long needed sinus surgery. I look forward to listening with you to the voice of Jesus.

Faithfully yours in HIM,

Bruce

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Thank you for participating in the Focus Groups and/or reaching out to the Search Team Members to share your thoughts about our church, current and future. We pray that *together* we will find the new pastor God has already chosen for us!

We asked you: "Where do you see FPC in 5, 10, 20 years?"

We have summarized your responses into the following Vision Statements.

FPC Vision Statements:

- We remain blessed to stand on a strong, faithful, Bible-based foundation, serving a mature congregation, ready to nurture new, younger believers. We embrace our inter-generational body of Christ.
- Our goal is to maintain and develop thriving Christian education, missions, fellowship and worship programs. To further the Gospel of Christ and to glorify God as our central focus, fostering Christian education and ministry for all ages.
- We use all that God has provided and share it with our friends and neighbors in Carson City, and those in our nation and around the world.
- We have a really nice "Bus", designed and decorated to glorify God, filled with His people singing and praising His Name.

We asked you, "What specific tasks/duties should a new pastor perform?" Your responses were:

- Proclamation of the Word
- Hospital or Emergency Visitation
- Counseling
- Evangelism
- Teaching and Mission within the local community

Our responses were virtually the same:

- Corporate Worship and Administration of Sacraments
- Proclamation of the Word
- Special Worship Services (i.e. Christmas, Easter, Funerals)
- Spiritual Development of Members
- Hospital and Emergency Visitation
- Counseling
- Evangelism
- Teaching



We were assured and encouraged by the consensus between the Team and the Congregation. We ask for your continued prayers for our church, the Search process and Your Search Team.

Laurie, Barbara, Rob, Shirley, Wil, Mary, Paul, David, Jennifer

Jeremiah 3:15

"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."



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

The King's Kids "visited" the empty tomb on Easter!



KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE – Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We'll continue to look at JESUS – the GREATEST Super-Hero – His miracles and teachings. 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 VERSES:

"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



SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE (starting in June) – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

ROAD-RALLY '18

IN THE RACE WITH JESUS! – A look at the "Pacesetters" in Acts

CAMP ZEPHYR DAY CAMP: (Weekly. June 18-29 and July 9-August 10)

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 25-29 and Week 5: July 23-27

Cost: \$140 + \$30 bus fee (per child)

More information to come, as it becomes available.

Scholarship money for Day-Camp is available!

PLEASE tell Nancy which for which week you've registered YOUR kids!

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

Plans are underway for this summer's G.E.M. (God Everyday with Me) experiences (in July).

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 & help them learn (i.e. yo-yo; juggling; fishing)?

Would you be willing to be a driver or alternate driver? PLEASE TALK with NANCY!



A THANK YOU –

As I write this month's article for the Trumpet, our choir year is drawing to a close. Sunday, May 6th we will celebrate Music Sunday as the choir finishes for the spring and takes the summer off. There will be opportunities to sing in either a Men's Chorus or Women's Choir this summer. Also planned are duets, instrumental solos and possibly a quartet or two during our summer services.

The music program at First Presbyterian is blessed to have a number of talented people bringing their gifts to our services. Our focus has always been on singing and/or playing for the Lord and not for our own edification. Our audience of One is foremost on our minds when we are leading the congregation in worship. We hope you are led to the foot of the cross each week as we worship.

I would like to thank Cheryl Gorton for stepping up this year to direct our Chancel Choir as well as the Men's Chorus and Women's Choir. Also, thank you to Alan Jones, Doug Poole, Jamie Gilson, Paul Weaver and Faye Wheeler for filling in for me when I needed to be gone for surgeries or family illness. Thank you to Doug, Alan, Faye and Jamie Wheeler, and Jamie Gilson also for playing / singing solos and duets for our services.

Lastly, many thanks to our Praise Team, who serves week in and week out during the year. Thank you to Jenny Scanland, Mike Devlin and Kit LeFevre for filling in for other members when they needed to be gone. Praise Team will play through July and then take off the month of August as in years past.

If the Lord is leading you to sing or play in our music program, please seek me out and speak with me. I would be delighted to find a place for you. You can reach me by email at karen@fpccarsoncity.org or speak with me after any Sunday service.

Blessings,
Karen Dahlen



To all of my Church Family,

Thank you for all of your caring hugs, cards and support during this time of Tom's passing.

You are the Greatest!

Kaye Keeton



LIFE CHOICES COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CLINIC

We have two opportunities to help support Life Choices Community Pregnancy Clinic here in Carson City. Life Choices mission is to equip individuals with the needed education and support to make the choice to not abort their baby. This year they have added through their Fatherhood Initiative male peer counselors for clients. Today you will see baby bottles on the table in the narthex. Please take one home and fill it with your loose change or a check made out to Life Choices. Please return your bottle by May 27th.

Also, Life Choices is having their Annual Fundraising Gala on May 11th 6:30-9:00 p.m., at the Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno. Please see Lynn Solano or Charlene Rodman if you would like to attend this event. The cost is \$30.00. The speaker is Melissa Ohden, who has an amazing story of survival. For more information or to register for this event go to FriendsOfLifeChoices.org or call 775-885-1700.



Missions

MISSION CORNER

Probably our largest single support to a mission was made to Zephyr Point (ZP) Presbyterian Conference Center at Lake Tahoe. In 2017 we provided over 300 man hours of labor as well as donating over \$3,000 toward the renovation of their chapel, Dobbins Hall. Why do we make such a large investment in this mission?

1. ZP reaches nearly 23,000 participants with the Word and presence of God.
2. ZP provides youth, boomers and seniors a quiet space for learning, fellowship and fun at one of God's beautiful creations, Lake Tahoe.
3. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, preaching and teaching the bible.

If you have never visited Zephyr Point, we urge you to make the short, 35 minute, drive to look around, maybe stopping at the office to buy a lunch ticket so you can enjoy lunch while overlooking the lake.

GRACEWORKS ~ MAY 19, 2018

Five Carson City Christian churches are joining forces on Saturday May 19th to do for our community what Jesus did: Loving and Serving Others.



GraceWorks

Please consider signing up for one of seven service projects and kicking off the day at 8 a.m. with a free pancake breakfast and prayer at Mills Park in Carson City.

Projects include packaging food for the homeless/needy, cleanup of the Linear Ditch trail, Eagle Valley Children's Home groundwork and flower planting, Sierra Place singing and socializing, Relay for Life assistance with the Salvation Army, and others. Sign up online at GraceWorksCarsonCity2018.eventbrite.com or you may contact one of the following for assistance or questions:

- Carol Wilson, 775-720-3198
- Dave Vill, 775-399-0175
- Kyle Hamilton, 775-450-0542



BLOOD DRIVE

First Presbyterian Church of Carson City is hosting The Father of All Blood Drives on June 26, 2018. This event is an outreach to the community to foster interest in our church. Donors during the months of June and July will be entered in a drawing to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle from Chester's Harley of Reno. We are looking for members to volunteer to staff the Family Life Center to provide refreshments, live music, raffle items and to welcome others to our church. Sign-ups to donate are at www.unitedbloodservices.org. To donate your time, talents or raffle items to this day, please contact Kyle Hamilton at 775-450-0542.

A TASTE OF THE COUNTRY - THAILAND

The Fellowship and Mission Committees would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, May 20th right after the worship service, for a potluck lunch. The lunch will be an opportunity to visit with our missionary from



MISSIONS

Thailand, Lu Hawley and several of the young men and women she works with in the Karen Leadership Development Program (KLDP). Our brothers and sisters from Thailand will be cooking up some Thai dishes to share with us and we will provide some of our favorites to share with them. It will be a wonderful time of sharing our cultural heritage and our Christian brotherhood. If you are able, please bring a dish based on following first letter of your last name: A to I- Main Dish; J to R- Salad/side dish and most important S to Z- Dessert. Thanks and come support and get to know our Thai family.



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 04-15-2018

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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 28, 2018.



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JUNE / JULY 2018 TRUMPET DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 11TH

Have something to share?
Please send articles to Dawn:
dawn@fpccarsoncity.org




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May Sermons

May 6: "Holding My Father's Hand" Psalm 136:12-13

May 13: "God's Faithfulness"

May 20: "Good News from Chang Mai" – Mission Sunday

May 27: "The Impossible Possibility" Romans 8:1-17



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