



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## **"Grateful Hearts, Giving Hands"**

I saw a short video last night by Pastor Andy Stanley in which he said that we have been scaring one another and our kids and the young people who will lead our world, by acting like whoever gets elected president is either going to wreck or deliver the world. He said, "To you Christians, STOP IT!" He said as much as we need leadership and need our governance, our hope is not in it or the person or persons who get elected. Our hope is in Jesus Christ." He is so right my friends.

We need to and GET to live into this assurance. Jesus is our hope. He is the ONE who will give us a future because of what he has already done for us. He is the one who will rule all our days. And because of this we can have grateful hearts and giving hands. Who needs to see this hope in you today? How will you share it with him or her?

These are days of realizing the bounty of what God has given us. We don't need anything else. There are plenty of people who walk or drive by this church who don't know this. They need to be inside. Our role very practically is to get them inside. Our new walkway project is a way that our grateful hearts come out to invite people inside. But this can't happen if we don't build what God has called us to. This really is an example of "if you build it, they will come." The key is to let God use what he has given into our hands so that this can happen. It means we all are needed to give as we have been gifted so that people can find a safe way in. And once they are in we get to say, *"You're here! We've been expecting you. Please come and sit with me. Let me take you to coffee hour. Come join our small group. Can you come over for lunch or dinner?"*



Imagine someone coming up to you in eternity or even five years from now who tells you, "I am in relationship with Jesus Christ; I am here forever, because I was driving by and saw this new walkway leading up to the cross and I just had to go in." This is why we are here in this life; so that others may know the promise of eternity in Jesus Christ.

This really is a time to give thanks and let it pour out of our hands and into the hearts of young and old, families and individuals as we share the love of Jesus Christ. A way we do this is with our giving as well as with simply inviting people to be loved. On November 20 we will have ONE SERVICE at 10 AM. We will joyfully dedicate our pledges and offerings. We will elect elders and deacons. AND THEN WE WILL EAT! We will have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Bring someone along. The music and worship will be wonderful. People are longing for these times of being reminded that God is faithful. You will be so glad you did...and God will smile.

Thank you for your amazing support over the past 21 years. What a gift to get to journey with such a faithful body of people who want to serve Jesus Christ with grateful hearts and giving hands.

Rejoicing with you in God's blessings,

***Bruce***



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## 2015 LIFT CHRISTMAS TREE OUTREACH

# IN 2015

### THE LIFT CHRISTMAS TREE OUTREACH...

**Had over 50 volunteers,  
many of whom were part of  
our FPC family.**

**Sold/Donated 700  
Christmas Trees**

**Raised \$11, 969 for Outreach**

**Donated 210 Christmas  
Stockings filled with gifts to  
kids in need**

**Provided gifts & food to 10  
Carson Middle School  
families**

**And much more...**

## LIFT OUTREACH 2016 is here...

**LIFT is an outreach project coordinated by IMPACT Youth Ministry.**

Our **PURPOSE** is in our name "LIFT", which means to lift up those in need throughout our community in the name of Jesus! We sell quality fresh cut Christmas trees to raise money for different outreach opportunities. We partner with schools, churches, and other organizations to help provide food, warm clothing, gifts, camp scholarships, and other things to those in need. We also appreciate serving and interacting with the community, and sharing the love of Christ!

The tree lot will be **LOCATED** downtown Carson across from the Ormsby House. **SETUP** begins Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be **OPEN** Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Many **VOLUNEERS** will be needed throughout this project. Signups will start 11/6 after church in the Family Life Center. Or contact Timothy 775-720-9158.

If you would like to give a financial **DONATION** to the LIFT Outreach, you may drop a check off at the Church office or in the offering basket. Please make check out to FPC and note it is for LIFT OUTREACH.



# THE KING'S KIDS: NOVEMBER



*...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:**

Thanks to Jamie, Natalie and Darrin for retelling the story of Baby Moses!



King's Kids continue our journey through the KING'S BOOK, the Bible. We're looking at God's faithfulness in the life of Moses and his leading God's people out of Egypt.

**IMPORTANT:** During November, King's Kids will meet upstairs in the Throne Room right at 9:00, to practice our music for the Christmas Pageant before we have our Bible lesson!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Advent Workshop:**

Make-It-Take-It workshop of Christmas crafts. Come enjoy your kids and grandkids as they make ornaments and other decorations, decorate cookies, and we'll wrap up the afternoon with pizza!

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. Pageant rehearsal for ALL King's Kids & Youth Actors**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant (King's Kids and Youth)**

## SEEK THE WELFARE -

Sometimes I feel like I've been living in exile forever. What do I mean by that? For one thing, I was born into the world. God used exile to Babylon in the course of Israel's history to get the Israelites to pay attention to Him. Perhaps He is using this time in America's history to draw us back to Him. In Jeremiah 29: 4-7, the prophet Jeremiah speaks in a letter to the remaining elders living in exile in which he urges them to live their lives as they normally would while in exile. He also tells them to continue to pray to the Lord for the city. He points out that by praying for the welfare of the city in which they are exiled, that they will be blessed as well.

No matter where you come down on the current state of affairs in this country, I think we need particularly to be praying for God's guidance in our responses, in our living out the Gospel, and in our attitudes toward others that we do not agree with. What a magnificent time to be Jesus' light in the world! When, as Christians, have we had such a spotlight shining on us in the last 60 years? Can we model the love of Christ to others, in our living, in our consideration of the issues, in our replies to opposition? If so, perhaps the revival that this country needs so badly will happen. If we fail to do so, we will be the stumbling block to others who need Christ's love in their lives.

In Luke 6: 37 (NRSV), Jesus tells us to forgive and we will be forgiven. He also says not to judge so we will not be judged and to withhold condemnation so that we will not be condemned. All the verbs are active and depend on us first doing then receiving. We are sent into this world to live in exile from Heaven. The long view is that we are sent to live with others who, themselves, are exiled. We all have things to overcome. We all have a need for Jesus. More than ever, it is important to be the salt and light in order to show others the love of Jesus. Flawed human beings were saved through Jesus' death and resurrection. That work on humanity's behalf stands eternally. November 8th will come and go. The repercussions of that day will be dependent not on who is elected, but on our response - prayer. Let's storm the gates of Heaven with our prayers, not ruin our testimonies that point to Jesus over a worldly election. If we fail to pray for the welfare of the "city" in which we live, we risk being "salt that has lost its taste".

Praying,  
*Karen*

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### WOMEN'S CHOIR RETURNS

The women's choir will rehearse Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. We will be preparing for Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> both services. We would love to have you join us.

If you have questions, please call Karen at 775-721-3549.



### HANGING OF THE GREENS

**Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00 a.m.**

We will be decorating the church for the Advent/Christmas season the morning of November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to join us for this fun event!

Questions? Please contact Wil Euler at 775-848-8620.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

## ALL CHURCH FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 8:30 A.M.



Calling all individuals who can help with a Church workday. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Projects to include: raking leaves, cleaning windows and gutters. Projects will only be a 2-3 hour commitment. Contact Dave Brees at 775-883-0224 with any questions. Thank you!

### A Time of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 20, 2016  
One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

- Dedication of our 2017 pledges
- Full Turkey dinner - see details below

Congregational meeting to elect elders and deacons. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a Thanksgiving Celebration.

### EVERY CHILD HAS A STORY

For 2.7 million children in the U.S., that story may be filled with the abandonment, loneliness and shame that come from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration. Angel Tree®, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program gives you an opportunity to share God's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

Please consider helping share Christ's love with children whose parent is incarcerated this Christmas. Watch for availability of Angel Tree Christmas gift tags in upcoming bulletins. We again this year have potentially 50 children. Each child receives two gifts (clothing and a toy) and each gift has a \$25 limit.



## DEACONS THANKSGIVING MEAL

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Single Worship Service  
and  
Congregational Meeting

**THE DEACONS' THANKSGIVING MEAL** will take place on November 20. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a congregational meeting. It is a wonderful time of thanksgiving, fellowship and great food! If you wish to do so, we ask that those whose last name begin with the following letters:

- A-M bring potatoes or stuffing,
- N-R bring a dessert,
- S-Z bring a salad.

Or just bring your specialty! The deacons will provide the turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, rolls & gravy. Please know you do not have to bring a dish to join us for this lovely meal. Please contact Sandy Hatchell, Deacon Moderator, with any questions.



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

### ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 10-16-2016

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.



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Capital City  
Circles Initiative  
Gem of a Fundraiser  
Saturday November 19

Thunder Canyon Country  
Club (Toiyabe Golf Club)

*Doors open at 5:45 p.m.*

Due to the recent Little Valley fire the fundraiser has been moved to November 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available for \$20 per person advanced purchase at the Circles office or \$25 at the door.

Please call (775) 883-6506 for more information.

All proceeds benefit the Capital City C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Initiative Building Self-Sufficiency, One Family at a Time

### DECEMBER TRUMPET DEADLINE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Have something interesting to share?  
Christmas/Advent Activities?

Please send your articles to:  
dawn@fpccarsoncity.org



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**November Sermons**

November 6: "You Give Them Something" Luke 9:10-17

November 13: "Come as a Child" Luke 9:46-48

November 20: "Having it All" Luke 12:22-34

November 27: "What Hope Is" Romans 13:11-14  
 First Sunday in Advent

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE  
 THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**

The Church office will be closed  
 Thursday & Friday, November 24-25

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