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From the Pastor's Workshop

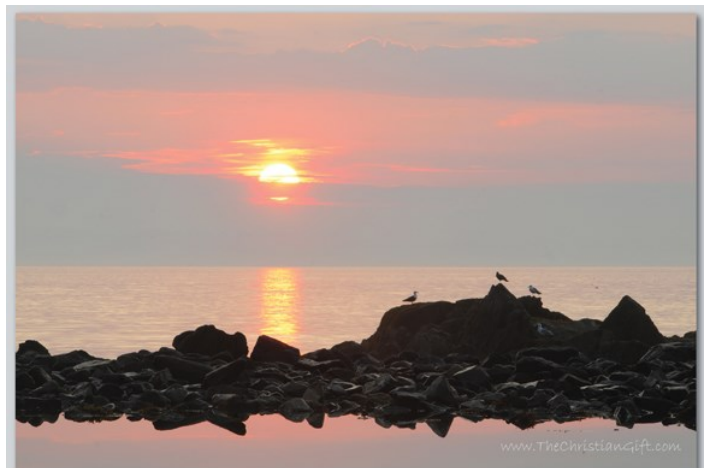
"WANTING TO BE GRATEFUL"

Have you ever asked yourself or someone else, "Do you *want* to be grateful?" It is a very loaded question because the obvious answer *should* be, "yes", but our old nature is one that says, "I want to have so much I don't have to be grateful". You see gratitude comes from realizing that all we most essential and really have does not come from us. It is all a gift. All of life is a gift. Gratitude by its very nature proclaims this. Its root word is that of grace; something we cannot earn. John Calvin said among all the sins that can drag us down, ingratitude is most devastating *because it sets us apart from realizing we need grace.*

In this month in which we reflect on stewardship and remember the bounty of God's faithfulness I want to be grateful; not just grateful like, "I'm so glad I have what I have" but more than that. I want to be grateful that I know what my situation would be apart from God's grace. I want to be grateful for knowing my hope and my home is not in this life and world or any of the things of it. It's not just what I have, it's what I could have and be. Without who Jesus is in my life I would be bitter and resentful. I would be fearful and anxious. I would be unforgiving. I would be arrogant and spiteful. Now, you might say, "Well Bruce *aren't* those some of your characteristics?" And the answer is, "Of course they are and too often, but my gratitude comes from knowing that I have been set free from these. When they come to settle upon me I have a place to put them. I take them to the cross and nail them there. Poor Nancy, I'm sure she hears pounding at night and I have to tell her, "I'm just nailing some more stuff to the cross."

Yes, this is the grateful I want to be. I want to look around me and say, "That in you Jesus I know I am forgiven; that I am free IN YOU and I know it." And I want this gratitude to show in me such that it infects others with a desire to be grateful for more than what we have in this world, but what we DON'T have forever; we don't have separation from God. We don't have the bitterness of living lives of unforgiveness and being unable to forgive. Jesus has freed us. THAT is what I want to be grateful for.

If you want to be grateful like this I recommend to you a little tool called "31 Days of Praise in which the author praises God with these words, *"Thank you that by your power I can receive people as you receive me: just as I am, warts and wrinkles and hang-ups and all...that I can choose not to judge them, but to forgive them...to cancel any debts I feel they owe me – any apologies, any obligations...that through Your grace, I can choose to wipe clean any slate of grievances I have within me, and to view these people with a heart that says, 'You no longer owe me a thing.'"*



Gratitude is our ability to see the grace of God,
morning by morning,
no matter what greets us in the course of the day.
-Craig Barnes

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If you have never known THIS kind of gratitude I encourage you to let Jesus give you this. I encourage you to come to worship and nail whatever you need to be free of, to the cross. Maybe you know someone who needs to be grateful but doesn't know Jesus died to give them all they need. Would you bring them to worship and our Thanksgiving meal on November 19? You could bring them any time, but a meal like this is such a good tangible sign of love; God's love.

Thank you for being such great stewards of what God has given us; how you share it so that others may know it. We will say a big "Thank You" to God on November 19 in worship as we recall all that He has done for us. (Psalm 116:12)

Come; let's learn together what it really means to be grateful so that the world may know. I am so grateful for your partnership in this.

Gratefully yours in Jesus the giver of life,
Bruce



Hanging of the GREENS

Thursday, November 30 at 9:00 a.m.
Decorate the Church as we prepare for Advent.

Please join us! For further information, please contact Wil Euler at 775-848-8620.



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 STORY: David slays Goliath in the Name of the Lord.

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE – FALL 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

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



This month, as King's Kids study continue our look God's Super-Heroes, we'll look at Bible Super-Heroes, and some more current people who were GOD'S Super-Heroes. We'll talk about how WE can take what we've learned from their examples of Faith-in-Action into God's City (our homes, our schools, our play-places) as WE become God's Super-Heroes!

COMING IN DECEMBER - Sunday, December 3 (2:00-4:30 p.m.): **ADVENT WORKSHOP**

This is a make-it-take-it workshop for kids to make Christmas decorations and crafts, decorate cookies, and celebrate Jesus' birth. YOU are welcome to join your kids! Bring friends and kids in your neighborhood!

King's Kids (and youth) will be lighting the Advent Candles this Advent! Come join them in Worship of the Babe who became our Savior!



CHILDREN OF CIRCUMSTANCE OR CHILDREN OF GOD?

1 Thessalonians 5, selected verses

⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

Admittedly the events of the last few years and months have occupied a lot of mental space for me. I suspect for a lot of people. The natural disasters, the inhumanity of men towards others, the financial difficulties our nation has been through, health concerns for our families, churches, and friends, and the list goes on and on. As we hear of these situations, the Lord asks for our compassion and prayers for victims as well as our hands and feet in action. We are being given the opportunity to be the church in the world: a compassionate and non-anxious presence as we go about loving people and helping to right wrongs. It is distraction at best and the hand of evil at worst that draws our thoughts and actions away from His call.

⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

Recently, upon learning of the death of a favorite singer and the Las Vegas shootings, all in the same 24 hour period, one person indicated it was just too much and how sad they were. I tried to offer hope in that when things get difficult, I need to look up because that is where my hope lies -- in Jesus Christ. For some that may feel like a platitude, but for those who believe in Him and look to Him for guidance and direction, there is real power in this. "Lord, show me how best to love this person" should be our prayer.

⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Humans will have difficulties, as peoples and as nations, until we realize WE are not in control of this world. The prince of the power of the air is wreaking his handiwork on the earth. BUT God is greater and has had and continues to have the final say in all things. When Jesus was crucified, died and buried, things looked so bleak to the disciples. BUT on the third day, when Jesus was resurrected, things looked a whole lot different and then the disciples eyes were opened to God's plan. We need to pursue God and His plan.

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

The fourth Thursday of November was long ago designated as a national day of Thanksgiving by Abraham Lincoln. On that day, I am amazed at how peaceful it seems and how collectively we take a secular/sacred holiday and pull together as a nation celebrating the goodness of the gifts we have been given. I wish that rather than political fighting and agenda pushing, we could just step back and realize that EVERY day is a gift from God. Be grateful for what we have been given each day, celebrate daily!

Finally, Paul reminds the Thessalonians and us: *²³May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it*

By resting in God's care, and looking to Him for our direction, we can be assured each day that He will keep us upright in our walk with Him. The key is to acknowledge that He is in control, that He puts the task before us, and that He walks beside us in everything. Just like in the Workshop room of My Heart, Christ's Home, He shapes the item, we participate in the creation.

²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

Karen



GraceWorks

This Thanksgiving is an opportunity to show God's grace in service to shut ins in our community. GraceWorks is teaming with F.I.S.H. and also the Veterans' Administration to provide Thanksgiving dinner to those in need. We are asking for your help to do this. There are many opportunities available in 2-4 hour time slots from the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day

through Thanksgiving Day itself; from preparing the food baskets, loading the baskets, transporting the baskets, and even sharing a meal and fellowship with a shut in.

If you feel called to share in God's blessings with those less fortunate, please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/graceworks-thanksgiving-outreach-2017-tickets-37815018739> or contact GraceWorks through Carol Wilson, 775-7203198 or Kyle Hamilton, 775-450-0542.

Please also contact Carol or Kyle if you know of a shut in that would benefit from a Thanksgiving Day dinner, with or without sharing fellowship with a GraceWorks volunteer.

FPC MISSIONARY NEEDS HELP

Church member, Lu Hawley, is a long-term missionary in Thailand serving the Karen people by training young adults in key leadership skills. Driving in the hill country has been hard on her truck over the years and a replacement is desperately needed. **A generous benefactor has agreed to match donations, up to \$5,500 total and \$3,000 has been received so far.** Donations, plus the match and other funds, will be enough to cover the cost of a used, but newer truck. If you are able to help Lu, the following steps are necessary:

MISSIONS

Checks must be made payable to LuAnn Hawley and endorsed with "For Deposit Only" and "7963" on the back of the check.

Mail the check to:

ECCU
PO BOX 1239
Brea, CA 92822

Send an email to Mary Kalesse - mekalesse@frontier.com - letting her know the donation is coming.

ATTENTION TRAVELERS AND ADDRESS MOVERS

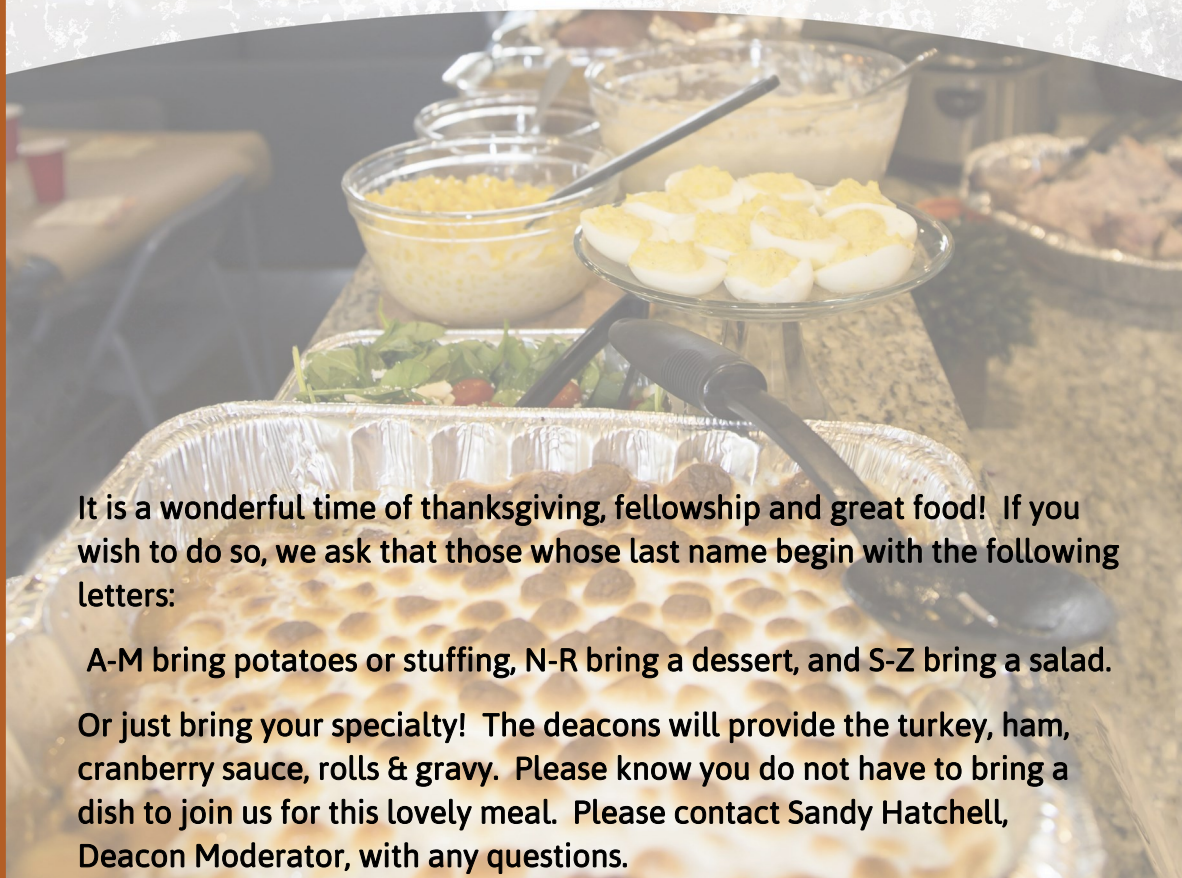
Each month we mail our Trumpet newsletter to keep you informed about the activities of the church. When you leave the area for a period of time the Post Office returns your newsletter to the church and we are required to pay for its return. At that time we take you off the mailing list until we are notified of your return. That notification sometimes doesn't happen and you are then missing out on the church news. Please notify us before you depart as a "snowbird" so we can either forward your Trumpet to the new address or stop it for the time that you are away. We appreciate your help with this as you make your travel plans throughout the year. If you are moving it is also important to call the office or email your change of address to stacey@fpccarsoncity.org.



Deacons Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 19th

In the Family Life Center after Worship Service



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, and 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.

EVERY CHILD HAS A STORY

At Christmas we count gifts—not just the ones under the tree, but the people and blessings that are most important to us. When a mother or father is in prison, the pain of separation from their child can be acute, but an Angel Tree gift, delivered in the parents name, can help restore and strengthen the relationship and act as a symbol of God's love.



A Program of Prison Fellowship®

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. We have begun to contact the caregiver of each child. Watch for availability of Angel Tree Christmas gift tags in upcoming bulletins. This year we have potentially **52 children!** Each child receives two gifts (clothing and a toy) and each gift has a value of \$25.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2017 Nominating Committee has begun their work, that of nominating members of First Presbyterian Church to serve as Elders and Deacons for three-year terms which begin January of 2018.

The committee seeks your input as we consider the persons to fill these important leadership roles in our church. They should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship and love of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. After talking with the person, please submit their name to the nominating committee. As you reflect on names to suggest to the committee, please consider the following attributes:

Christian Living

- Evidence of grace and compassion in common life – in the family, at work and in the world
- Evidence of maturity and effectiveness of ministry in the world

Church Commitment

- Regular worship attendance
- Participation in other church activities
- Commitment to the church's mission

Personal Characteristics

- Leadership abilities
- Spirit of cooperativeness
- Willingness to learn; readiness to listen
- Open to new ideas; abilities to express own ideas
- Maturity of judgment
- Availability to attend monthly Session/Deacon meetings and other committee meeting as called
- Ability to follow through on assignments

ELDER: _____

DEACON: _____

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: _____

Please return to one of the Nominating Committee members or the Church office.

2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Alan Jones, Chairman, Dave Brees, John Hancock, Kaye Keeton & Nina Sattely.

Please call Alan Jones at 775-790-0548 for more information.

WALKWAY PAVER CORRECTION UPDATE

We are aware that some pavers may have typos and some pavers were never completed. We need everyone who has purchased a paver to locate and verify that their paver was done as requested. If there is a problem, an official form is available in the narthex for you to inform us of needed corrections. All corrections need to utilize this form so as to eliminate any confusion. Once you have completed the form place it in the box, labeled "Walkway", located in the narthex. Verbal direction could be lost or misinterpreted so be sure to use the form. We apologize for any errors or omissions and we are taking measures to remedy these issues. We need your information no later than November 9, 2017. Please be patient as this will take a little bit of time.

There are 76 pavers remaining for engraving. So, if you wish to purchase a paver now is a good time to do so. Pavers are available for \$250 each.

NAME: _____

I purchased a paver and I can't find where it was laid.

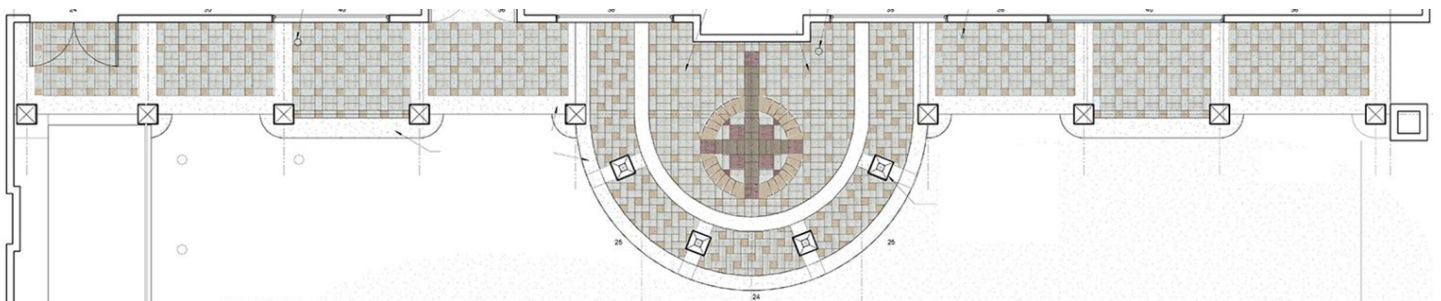
I purchased a paver however it has a typo which I want corrected.

My paver reads:

My paver reads as follows:

My paver should read as follows:

My paver is located in the circle area below:







Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 10-15-2017

Names omitted in online version for privacy.



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Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night before bedtime!

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

**2017 DECEMBER
TRUMPET DEADLINE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**

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

**CAPITAL CITY CIRCLES INITIATIVE GEM OF AN EVENING
Auction & Fundraiser**

**Saturday November 11, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Genoa Lakes Golf Course Supper Club**



Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks as you bid on coins, fine jewelry, golf packages fine arts and crafts and gourmet dinners. Musical performance by classical guitarist Jack Di Carlo. 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.




NOVEMBER 2017

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Trumpet & Sunday Bulletin articles can be sent to dawn@fpccarsoncity.org and may be edited for space. See calendar for due dates. Trumpet mailing prepared by a team led by Bette Denning and Linda Poole.

November Sermons

November 5: "The Bedroom" Proverbs 5:15-21,

Matthew 5:28-30

November 12: "The Hall Closet" Psalm 139:1-6, 23-24,
Matthew 6:19-21

November 19: "A Grateful Heart" Hebrews 11:29-12:1-2
Stewardship Sunday

November 26: "Transferring the Title" John 4:7-15



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