

The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"THOUGHTS ON SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PASTOR"

Dear Team,

There are many books and articles on how to support your pastor. YOU ALL could write one because you have done such a great job over our 23 years together. As we near a time of transition I want to share just some basic thoughts that relate to our particular situation.

The first thing I know will be of great importance is for all of us to pray for our next pastor's success in leading us in the continued mission of being the body of Christ.

The best way to know how to pray is to get to know your pastor. This won't happen over one cup of coffee. It is very easy to take for granted the relationship we all share. In our years together we have been shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart. I have had the privilege of marrying some of you, baptizing your children, saying farewell to your friends and loved ones as they have slipped from this life and into God's presence. We have been on mission trips together. We have shared countless meals together. We have walked in Jesus' footsteps in Israel together. We have played together and cried together. We have built a sanctuary together. We have come to know one another's head and heart. Now it is time to begin this again with a new pastor.



So, get to know this person. Love your pastor. Listen to their lead. Trust them. Be honest with them. If you don't agree or don't understand something, come to them with a genuine desire to be on the same page.

The new person is going to teach. Consider coming to their class. They will be telling you so much about who they are as well as the information they are sharing. Invite the pastor to be in your study group and small group. I have been blessed to be coming to the same men's study for 23 years because Alan Wilson invited me my first week here.

Your new pastor will likely do things differently and have some new approaches to ministry. This person will perhaps have new dreams and visions for our mission and ministry. Celebrate this! You know how we love to joke about, "We've never done it this way before"? Well, WE will likely be doing some things differently. Be excited. Trust. Be open. Recognize that it might not be the way YOU would do it, but your pastor has a plan. One of the great things we celebrate about being Reformed and Presbyterian is that there is no "I" in TEAM. We are in this together. We need to pull together. Support your pastor by forgetting about "MY WAY" and celebrate "GOD'S WAY" as we learn to make it "OUR WAY".

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This congregation has flourished for its longest continuous pastorate because we have made this our approach. My prayer is that we will continue this without interruption as we welcome, love, support, pray for, encourage, trust, and know our new pastor.

Along with, "We go nowhere by accident" a favorite awareness in this congregation is that because we belong to Jesus Christ, "The best is yet to come". May we embrace this promise as we pray for the next chapter into which God is leading us.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bruce



Deacons Thanksgiving Meal Sunday, November 18th



In the Family Life Center right after 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, 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.

This is also Stewardship Sunday. We will be dedicating our pledges as well as celebrating 10 years in the sanctuary.



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 should receive the children's names soon and will begin contacting the caregiver of each child. Watch for availability of Angel Tree Christmas gift tags in upcoming Sunday bulletins. We have requested 50 children again this year. Each child receives two gifts (clothing and a toy) and each gift has a value of \$25. Thanking you in advance for your ongoing support of this mission outreach project!



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



...Experiencing GOD... Experiencing the BIBLE... Experiencing COMMUNITY...



ELIJAH CHALLENGES ISRAELITES & the BAAL PROPHETS

Top: King Ahab sends a message to Elijah; Elijah tells Ahab that idol-worship is the problem; Elijah challenges the people and the Baal prophets; Baal prophets call for fire

Bottom: Elijah builds his altar; Elijah commands people to pour water on the sacrifice & altar; Elijah calls out to God; fire falls from Heaven and consumes the sacrifice and the altar; Israel repents

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

"Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In ALL your ways acknowledge Him, and HE WILL direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5,6

"Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you."
1 Peter 5:7

KING'S KIDS MISSION PROJECT: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (Samaritan's Purse)

Send the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth: Over the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has given Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to millions of boys and girls—yet millions more still need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Will you prayerfully consider participating in this exciting project this year?

If you need a **pre-printed shoebox**, see Nancy or the church office. **Follow the instructions** found with the boxes and **HAVE FUN** filling them, knowing **you'll be bringing Jesus' love to some little person around the world!** There's a **\$9 fee for pamphlets that tell the children about Jesus' saving love** (in their language) and shipping fees. The FPC's King's Kids budget has some funds to cover this. However, **if you wish to donate toward the fees, please write your check to FPC and put "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line. CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES are due no later than November 11!** Please put them on the FLC stage or bring them to the church office. THANKS!

COMING IN DECEMBER – Sunday, December 2 (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 and grandkids! Bring friends and kids in your neighborhood! Our afternoon will end with pizza.

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

SONGS OF JESUS -

Last month I wrote to you about the importance of the Book of Psalms. They give us a God filled voice to praise Him and to react to what we live with here on earth. Calvin calls the Psalms "the anatomy of all the parts of the soul". As believers, we will find that the Psalms give us words needed to express and understand our own experiences in life.

Pastor Tim Keller and his wife Kathy have produced a small devotional book called "Songs of Jesus". It is based on the book of Psalms. It's appropriate to call this book the Songs of Jesus because Jesus was schooled in the Psalms, the "hymn book" of the Jewish people of His day. Through out Scripture there is a thread that points to Jesus, and the Psalms are full of Him. They not only prophesy of Him, but Jesus uses them to explain His message and life as well.

Another reason to sing the Songs of Jesus is that in doing so, we join our hearts and voices with the saints in all the ages! Just think, God is receiving our praise and the praise of all His saints when we sing the Psalms! From before the earliest days of Christianity and down through the centuries, the Psalms have been on the tongues of believers, in their hearts and sung in their assemblies. We are part of the communion of all the saints when we sing the Psalms.

Lastly, but not least, when we sing the Psalms, we open our minds to memorizing God's Word. In memorizing the Psalms by singing them, we are able to experience God's sanctification at work in our lives.

As we move further into the fall, you will hear some old and new songs that are based on the Psalms. Join us in singing those Psalms as we give our praise to God using His very words!

With anticipation,

Karen



CHRIST IS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sierra Lutheran High School is hosting a Craft Fair, November 3rd-4th. If you love CHRISTmas, please plan to attend. The hours on Saturday are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

UPDATE ON THE WALKWAY PAVERS

In August, Nova Tile and stone was given and paid for an order of new pavers. Thirty of the 6' x12' Mt. Shasta color and texture to match our walkway project were ordered. The advance payment by FPC for the pavers was made at that time. Nova was contacted again October 8th providing a "sketchy" response that the California firm and their (Nova) communication had failed. Office personnel promised the order would be again made immediately, which will again take several weeks.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held



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The Deacons Thanksgiving Meal will be served directly after this meeting.

immediately following worship service Sunday, November 18th. The purpose is to elected Elders/Deacons and the 2019 Nominating Commission. The



Hanging of the Greens

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 9:00 A.M.

Please join us as we decorate the church in preparation of Advent.

Questions, please contact Wil Euler at 775-848-8620.

GraceWorks is partnering with F.I.S.H. again this year to bring a Thanksgiving meal to all those in need in Carson City. Thanksgiving food bags are assembled for people to prepare meals in their own kitchens. These are affectionately known as "Thanksgiving turkey baskets."



To receive a bag of food, sign up at FISH: On or before Friday, November 9, 2018, sign up at F.I.S.H. -- 138 E. Long St., Carson City. These bags contain ingredients for meals that families may make at their own homes.

There are two locations to be of service: they are F.I.S.H. and the Carson City Nugget. Volunteers can sign up to work at FISH to hand out the food baskets. There are morning shifts (9:00 am-12:00 noon) and afternoon shifts (1:00 pm-5:00 pm) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19, 20 and 21.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, the outreach takes place in conjunction with the Carson City Nugget. For the past three years, GraceWorks has helped to extend that outreach to those who are shut in, or not able to come to the Carson Nugget for the noon Thanksgiving meal.

Volunteers can sign up to deliver meals. They can also join those who are receiving the meals, visiting and eating together, if the recipient would like a visit. If the shut in person prefers to eat alone, we respect their wishes.

If you know of a shut in who would benefit from the delivery of a Thanksgiving Day meal, please contact Kyle Hamilton 775-450-0542 or Carol Wilson 775-720-3198.

Volunteers may sign up online at <https://graceworks2018-thanksgiving.eventbrite.com>



2019 Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

GIVING OUR FIRST FRUITS -- FOR SO LOVED HE GAVE "

Dear Friends,

The command from God to give our first fruits comes from Israel's learning to walk with God in trust that God's faithfulness will provide beyond what we can see. And so we are called to give to God first in response to God's faithfulness to us. It is a tangible way we enter into the relationship God has given us in Jesus Christ. In Romans 8:23 Paul tells us that Christians have, "the first fruits of the Spirit", meaning that God has poured himself into us as a sign that this is only the beginning of what is to come.

Our theme this year is, "For God so loved...He gave" John 3:16. We give our first fruits because God gave us his best without holding back. God did this because he loves us perfectly and knew what we needed. We give in response, JOYFULLY because we learn as we do, what God has given us.

As we look at our giving, we realize we give out of what we have received from God. We give not out of a spirit of having little to give, no matter our material wealth, but we give out of a spirit of abundance as we realize what God has given us and will continue to give us as we trust in him.

As we enter an exciting new chapter in our journey may we give in response to God's abundance toward us; remembering as we do that someone did the same so that we would know the extravagance of God's grace.

Gratefully yours in His generous embrace,

Bruce

John 3:16



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 10-21-2018

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

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



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**2018 DECEMBER
TRUMPET NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

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



DON'T FORGET
Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 4th. Remember to turn your clocks back the evening Saturday, November 3rd before bedtime!



SCARVES OF LOVE is once again collecting scarves for the less fortunate in our community. There will be a collection bin in the Family Life Center, from November through February. Any questions, please contact Carol Allen at 775-690-7598.






NOVEMBER 2018




Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday







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November Sermons

November 4: "Living the Psalms" – John Piper

November 11: "Do You Want to Get Well?" – John 4:46-5:1-9

November 18: "Plenty for Everyone" – John 6:1-14

November 25: "The Bread of Life" – John 6:22-40



There will be a **Potluck** followed by **Hymn Sing** Thursday, November 15th, 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

If you wish to do so, we ask that those whose last name begin with the following letters bring: A-M Hotdish, N-R Salad, S-Z Dessert.

Or just bring your specialty or nutrition dish. Please know you do not have to bring a dish to join us for this fellowship.

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