



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"ON LEADING AND BEING LED"

We are in a season of seeking a new shepherd and of calling elders and deacons to the role of leadership in the body of Christ. Your search team is very busy and doing a fine job reviewing applications and interviewing candidates. Please keep them in your prayers. And the *Nominating Commission* headed by elder Alan Jones needs your prayerful support as you consider serving or nominating someone to serve in the vital role of elder or deacon. This will be particularly important as a new pastor will need the support of faithful leaders as new territory is engaged.

A wise man once wrote, "Leadership is an art". I know how right he is because I have learned the most about being a leader *by being led*. And I have been my best as a leader as I am continually learning to be led. It is the journey that is always. Learning to lead is a process that never ends.



Who has led you best? Why do you think he or she was such a good leader? I know my best leaders; the ones who led me best and taught the most about leading were those *who I know loved me*; really loved me, enough to challenge me, to correct me, but to never let me go as they encouraged me and gave me heart to accomplish what it was that I was called to do.

THAT is the leadership that was best seen in Jesus. He inspired and instilled confidence that engendered implicit trust. I'm sure it was because he was charismatic, but not in a rock star way. Rather people followed Jesus because they knew he loved them. That will be the pastor, (which means "shepherd") that God sends us. And this needs to be the key in the elder and deacons who will lead here. They need to know our flock and love them. Jesus said, *"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."*

To lead well and to be led is to know our Shepherd Jesus; to hear him call our name because he loves us. It means knowing the names and the lives of those God has called us to lead. It is to love them with a love that desires to truly care for those entrusted to us.

I love you and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a shepherd in this setting. I am humbled by the calling. It is why I try so hard to know your names and to know your story. My prayer is that we will continue to grow as God's servant shepherds in seeking to know and care for God's flock the way Jesus showed us; by being willing to lay down our lives and agendas and time and resources to show what it really means to belong to him. Jesus did this for us and showed us how to lead by being led.

Gratefully yours in His care,

Bruce

SIERRA LUTHERAN TO HOST ANNUAL VISITATION DAY~ OCTOBER 9TH

Sierra Lutheran High School will host its annual 7th & 8th Grade Visitation Day on Tuesday, October 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The event, which is free to all 7th and 8th graders across the five county area, is carefully designed to give students a multi-dimensional look into what has made Sierra Lutheran one of the top high schools in the region. The schedule of events includes a campus tour, interactive academic and college planning sessions, a comprehensive look at SLHS campus life and extra curricular activities, pep rally, and lunch. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.slhs.com/visitation2018/>, or call 775-267-1921.



FORWARD BIBLE CAMP-WORK-PARTY OCTOBER 26-28TH, 2018

Come join us on October 26th to 28th to lend our hearts, hands and feet to the Forward Bible Camp located near Georgetown, CA. We have helped them in the past and had a wonderful time helping to fund and complete a couple bathroom tile projects a few years ago. This time we will be helping to put the finishing touches on a newly constructed nurse's cabin. The cabin will house volunteer nurses who serve the camp during the busy summer camper season. The current plan is to leave Carson City early afternoon on Friday. It takes about two hours by car to get there. Have a meal early Friday evening, settle in at camp and get a look at the projects ahead. On Saturday we would begin with breakfast and a time for devotion and then tackle what they need our help with. We would wrap up by late afternoon and then folks could either head back to Carson or spend time exploring the camp, spend the night and leave first thing on Sunday morning and be back in Carson for church at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Rob Scanland 775-742-5959 or rscanland@charter.net for more information.



"You said dress up as a Bible character ...
and my character is Leviathan."

The Capital City C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Initiative "Gem of a Fundraiser"

Join us for another evening of fellowship & philanthropy, music, a treasure trove of live and silent auction items, good food and great company at the Genoa Lakes Golf Course Supper Club on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. Call the C.I.R.C.L.E.S. office at 775-883-6506 to obtain a ticket. Tickets are \$20 each.



COME ONE, COME ALL and join us for Deacon Sunday, October 14th right after worship service.

We would love to meet you and have a chance to get to know you and you us.

There will be lots of food too, so no one will go away hungry. See you there.



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...



These are God's Super-Heroes that we've been challenged by (left to right):

NOAH was the ONLY follower of God, yet he remained faithful to God.

He trusted God throughout the flood and worshiped God on the dry land after the flood.

Super-Hero idea: I can be faithful to God, no matter what's happening around me.

JOSEPH: trusted God even when bad things happened to him.

He knew God loved him and would work things out God's BEST way.

Super-Hero idea: I know GOD is working in my life, even when hard things happen.

MOSES was chosen by God to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt, even though Moses didn't think he was good enough to do it.

Super-Hero idea: GOD can use ME, even though I may not feel like I'm ready.

DAVID was anointed next King of Israel, but had to wait MANY years before he became king.

David wanted (more than anything) to be God's man.

Super-Hero idea: I want to be a faithful follower of Jesus.

This month, we'll look at how **GOD'S SUPER-HEROES, ELIJAH & ELISHA**, followed GOD; And we'll see how WE can CHOOSE to be a SUPER-HERO for Jesus wherever we are!

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

SONGS OF LIFE –

Psalms 96 says “Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth, Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day (vs 1-2).

The books we find directly in the center of the Bible (no accident) are those of the Psalms. This is the hymn book of Jesus. I recently had the opportunity to hear from a number of experts on the Psalms at the Sing! Conference in Nashville, TN and I thank you, the congregation, for making that possible!

The experts make a great case for studying the five books that make up the collection called Psalms. Of particular note to me are those that call upon us all to sing to the Lord. You’ll note that Psalm 96 states we are to sing to the Lord a “new song”. Later on in Psalm 98 it talks about glorifying the Lord with “lyre and the sound of melody” and “trumpets and the sound of the horn” In Psalm 150 we are challenged to “Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals;” (even loud, crashing cymbals — you drummers!).

But even more than singing to the Lord, we may pray to the Lord in the words He has given us as we learn the Psalms. As with all of scripture, God’s word to us in the Psalms is good for teaching and reproof, it shows us how to handle ourselves in His presence, and in the larger congregation of believers. Psalms is filled with references to Jesus, and it teaches us how best to surrender our lives to God. King David was a prolific writer of Psalms as well as others. In Psalm 51, we see how he interacts after being called out by Nathan. A reading of Psalm 51 will reveal the contrite spirit with which David asks for God to forgive him. There are psalms of praise, psalms of lament, psalms of repentance and psalms of gratitude. These are the songs of life.



Martin Luther, the reformer said “The Psalter (Psalms) ought to be a dear and beloved book.” He added, “Most beautifully and briefly it embraces everything in the Bible.” He even once called the Psalms a “short Bible”.

One of the keynote speakers for Sing!, Ligon Duncan, (Chancellor / CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary), cites several reasons that the Psalms are vital for the 21st Century church. I plan to explore these reasons in the next few newsletters. Duncan’s first reason is that “the Psalms are the best Christian devotional book ever written”. The Bible commentator, Matthew Henry once said that “no one book of Scripture is more helpful to the devotions of the saints than the Psalms. When we sing them it gets their devotional truth into our hearts.” In addition, often when we leave worship, we are humming a tune. Songs reach down deeply into us and stay with us. By singing Psalms, we will more easily memorize God’s Word.

Over the next several months, we will learn some new settings of the Psalms in worship. Stay connected with worship at FPC to learn some exciting new songs, as we also strengthen our spiritual muscles and allow the Word of God to sink into our souls.

I am excited for the possibilities this brings to renew our worship of God.

Gratefully,

Karen

GRACEWORKS OPPORTUNITY

GraceWorks will be returning to Eagle Valley Childrens’ Home in Carson City on Saturday, October 6th at 9:00 a.m. This was such a successful outreach mission for a great cause that GraceWorks has decided to do this project again this year. Please contact Kyle Hamilton for more information.

DESERT SCHOONERS OCTOBER MEETING

The Desert Schooners will meet Tuesday, October 23, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Catherine Roth will talk about her time working in The White House under the Nixon Administration. This should be a very interesting presentation. Please join us if you are able!

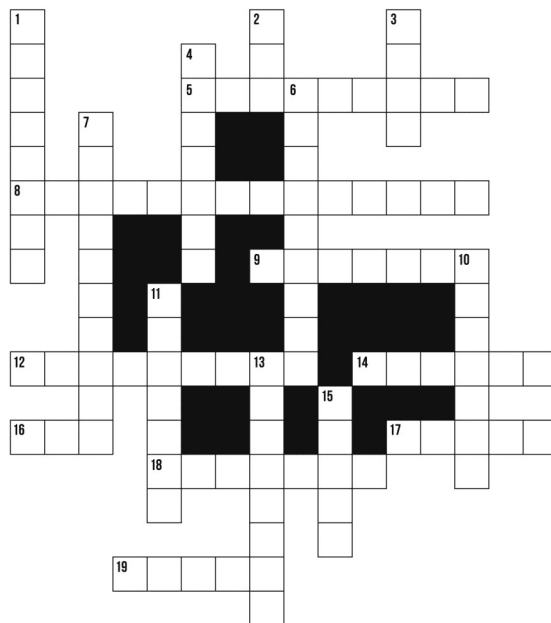


Bob and Grace Speicher want to thank everyone who participated in the Zephyr Point Work Weekend September 14-16. Fun, fellowship and fatigue was had by all! Twenty nine people from our church helped make a successful weekend. Many projects were tackled and accomplished including weeding the flower beds, painting various buildings, raking pine needles, removing and replacing bunk beds, office work, gift shop help, welding a pipe bender, and deck and rail replacement. A special thanks to Faye Wheeler, Kit LeFevre, Wil Euler, Dan Skinkis and Stan White for providing evening entertainment and Sunday worship. We look forward to working with you at Zephyr Point next year and encourage everyone to consider joining us for the May 2019 workday.

Gratefully yours,
Grace

Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist | 13. the degree of moisture in the air |
| 3. frozen rain pellets | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky | 16. frozen water |
| 6. violent tropical storm | 17. deluge |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust | 18. when day and night are of equal length |
| 8. northern lights | 19. frozen dew or vapor |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon | |
| 10. wearing away of the soil | |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice | |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost

ATTENTION TRAVELERS & 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.





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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 09-16-2018

Please pray for these families:

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Active Duty Military:

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In Memoriam: Names omitted in online version for privacy.

Please pray for family and friends.



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**NOVEMBER 2018
TRUMPET DEADLINE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

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



**REMEMBER TO
FALL BACKWARDS!**

Turn your clocks back
Saturday, November 3rd!



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October Sermons



October 7: "Loved Back to Life" John 3:1-21

October 14: "Growing Down" John 3:25-36

October 21: "Where is Your Bucket?" John 4:1-26

October 28: "Here I Stand" - Alistair Begg
Romans 3:21



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