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From the Pastor's Workshop

"Living Like We Believe in God"

I have been blessed to know people who live like they believe in God. I hope you have too. These are people who change our lives and, in turn, reflect the Kingdom of God. The people who have shown me God by their faith have been all types of personalities and from all walks of life, but what they have had in common is an abiding trust in and love for God and God's word. Because of this there has been a steadfast peace about their lives that nothing in this world could wash away. I want to be a person like this. I want this congregation to be like this because I know in the chaos of the world that surrounds us there is nothing people need more than living evidence that Jesus Christ loves them.

As we enter the fall, we have been given two new opportunities to grow into and show this love to a lonely world. We are starting a new coffee ministry. It is part of our welcome wagon of outreach to Carson City. It will not only be present on Sunday mornings, but it will be able to serve on special times when we open our doors to many who would not think of coming to worship on Sunday morning. It will be a place Samuel Shoemaker described in his poem, "I Stand at the Door" in which he said,

I stand by the door.

I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out.

The door is the most important door in the world

It is the door through which men walk when they find God.

There is no use my going way inside and staying there,

When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,

Crave to know where the door is.

And all that so many ever find

Is only the wall where the door ought to be.

They creep along the wall like blind men,

With outstretched, groping hands,

Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,

Yet they never find it.

So I stand by the door.

The most tremendous thing in the world
Is for men to find that door - the door to God.
The most important thing that any man can do
Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands
And put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks
And opens to the man's own touch.

Men die outside the door, as starving beggars die On cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of winter. Die for want of what is within their grasp. They live on the other side of it - live because they have not found it.

Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it, And open it, and walk in, and find Him. So I stand by the door.

People are dying to know Jesus, but they don't know their way into the church. Our new coffee ministry is that outstretched hand that offers people ways into faith that they never knew existed. As we meet people we invite them for a spiritual (and literal) cup of coffee. Jesus met people in ways that seemed very unconventional. He encountered a lot of "We've never done it that way before." But the reality is that many, if not MOST of us, are here because Jesus reached out to give His life away. Our calling is to be standing by the door so that others may find their way into knowing Jesus.

This leads to our second opportunity to grow into people who live like we believe in God. Last year we walked through "The Story" which told us of God's plan to get us back. Beginning this month we enter the next

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chapter called, "Believe" in which we will learn to live the story of the Bible so that we may become like Jesus. In 30 weeks we will consider three questions: What DO I believe? What Should I Do? and Who Am I Becoming? The key to standing by the door is to learn to think, act, and believe like Jesus. As before, each sermon will be followed with a study on Wednesdays that take us into the workshop of transformation. You will be able to order copies of "Believe" like "The Story" and yes, each sermon will be preceded by the animated review we saw in "The Story". This is going to be exciting!

Honestly, I don't live the Gospel like I need to. But I know that as we accept this invitation we will grow into being people who really look like we believe in the grace of Jesus Christ. We will be encountered by grace. We will be changed. We will become people who have "never done life like this before", and because of this we will find a joy that compels others to stop in for a cup of coffee; to come in because in the words of James Earl Jones, "It is money that they have, but peace that they lack."

My deepest prayer is that we would be praying for the changes God wants to make in our life together so that people will know the forever promise of Jesus. I pray you will be joining me in this; in participating in "Believe" and in "standing by the door" so that others may find the way in.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bruce

GRACE NOTES HANDBELL CHOIR would like to say thanks to all of you who encourage us to continue to do our best as we seek to praise our Lord and Savior. Grace Notes exist for that purpose as well as for fellowship and support of each other.

Over the next year we may have openings for 1 or 2 more ringers. If that is something you would like to do please see Paul Weaver. Potential ringers would need to be able to read music and physically able to ring the bells. They would also need to be available at church every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR ZP WORK and WORSHIP WEEKEND

Great fellowship, Great worship, Great eats and a little work await you on our mission trip to Zephyr Point on September 18, 19 & 20.

Registration remains open through September. 13th. Now is the time to sign up. Questions will be gladly answered at the registration table in the narthex.



The Evangelism, Nurture & Fellowship Committee is sponsoring Fall Friendship Suppers on October 3. This is a potluck meal, and we need hosts and guests. Please see Marylee Branson to sign up, or if you have

any questions. A good time will be had by all!



Evangelism, Nurture & Fellowship Committee needs "Bowling Buddies" October 17, 6:00 p.m. at Carson Lanes. Watch for further details!

DESERT SCHOONERS SEPTEMBER MEETING

Come join the Desert Schooners on Tuesday, September 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be Kit LeFevre with song and guitar. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided. For more information please call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.



FOUND: Bracelet in the Choir room. It is in the Lost and Found drawer in the office. Please call and describe. (775-882-1032, 9:00 - 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday)

Youth Summer Recap

First off, I would like to say a big "thank you" to our living God and to give all glory to Him! The first 2 months of my time here at FPC Carson City has been spectacular. The entire church has been so loving and full of grace toward me and my family, and I can't thank you all enough for that! Jesus has great plans for His Church and for this community, and we are blessed to be a part of it! Now, I would like to share with you some of the life-forming experiences we have had since coming here.







Youth Summer Recap

Youth Group









Community Outreach













THE KING'S KIDS: SEPTEMBER



...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

V.B.X. MISSION OFFERING: FIRST LOVE, NEPAL

Our Agents in Training raised over \$800! And with help from the congregation, we sent a check to First Love Nepal for over \$1400, which will be used to purchase food, shelter and mosquito nets for victims of the 2015 earthquakes. Thanks, in Jesus' name!

<u>Excerpt from thank you note from First Love International</u>: "Because of your generosity, we have been able to meet the needs of many immediately. Our longer range desire and plan is to choose a village and rebuild homes for those who have lost theirs. More importantly, we desire to help them rebuild their lives on a foundation that can never be shaken, the Lord Jesus Christ."

















KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE: "A WALK THROUGH THE KING'S BOOK"

September 13th: King's Kids begin a journey through the Bible.

We'll *experience* first-hand God's faithfulness, and the story of His Redemption, as we *experience* HIM, His Story, and Community.

The Interface -

"Interface" is defined as a point where two systems, organizations, subjects or people meet and interact. We live in an urban/wildland interface here in Northern Nevada. That fact was driven home this morning as I rounded a corner in my walk and came face to face with a bear trap -- with bear inside. Nevada Wildlife staff were in attendance, and it was big news in the neighborhood that the bear had been captured. I had seen the trap set-up for over a week, and it was a bit unnerving but I know that bears exist in this area; in fact we had encountered a bear last year on another walk. The first day I saw the trap, I wondered where the bear was either he had been sprung by a 'thoughtful' human, or what I saw in the trap was bear bait. I didn't know the difference, not being the bear.

Interface in our Christian walk can go much the same way. When we worship in the Church, we speak, act and sing and our lives touch up against the life of heaven. Sometimes we don't understand how that interface is supposed to go.

A contemporary song called "From the Inside Out" gives us a bit of a guideline to how we need to see worship. Our time in worship is meant to touch heaven and for us to be touched by heaven. The lyric, "A thousand times I've failed, still your mercy remains" is confessional and leads us to understand grace and mercy. "The art of losing myself in bringing you praise" speaks of picking up our cross to bring an offering of praise to the Lord, whether we feel ready to or not. The words to the song also say, "Let justice and praise become my embrace, to love you from the inside out." - our posture of being intentional to love as Jesus loved, making our love and worship both purposeful. But the center of the worship interface comes with the chorus: "Everlasting, your light will shine when all else fades. Never-ending, your glory goes beyond all fame." It is praise of God, who glorifies Himself in our worship.

Joel Houston, the son of the founding pastor of Hillsong Church in Australia, has said the writing of this song was one of the hardest of any he's ever written. At the tender age of 24, Joel needed to define the faith he had as his own. In addition, Joel had recently been called to the music ministry as a leader in his church. The difficulty for him was what he had been planning for his life, versus the idea that God had for him. Joel had never imagined himself leading worship, and he saw his plans go out the window. God had a different plan for him. But, Joel says, "I was experiencing God's grace in the midst of all of it."

The song, "From the Inside Out" actually took Joel between two and three years - and five minutes - to write. He said he had two notebooks of lyrics that "weren't quite right" - a sense he gleaned from the Lord. But then, when it came down to whether the song would make it onto the recording of the worship album *United We Stand*, Joel found himself feeling that the song wasn't ready to record. So he got alone with God and was given the lyrics to finish the song. Literally, in the last moments before the recording took place, the song was completed. Joel explains that it is a very personal song. However, the song resonates with the global church, because it describes the process by which we think, live and act out the Gospel to others in life - our interface experiences.

As the Church, our personal interface with God, daily and on Sunday mornings, needs to be demonstrated as worshipping with our lives. That will create an outward pouring of the Spirit in the life of the world. And it will prevent us as the Church from becoming so inwardly-focused that we cannot interface with those who need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our lives are changed as they become wholly worshipful in all our thoughts, actions and deeds. That's living "From the Inside Out"!

Wholly in His grip,

Karen

CHANCEL CHOIR WILL BEGIN REHEARSAL on Wednesday evening, September 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We are always looking for members. If you are in high school or older, you are eligible to join the choir. Chancel Choir sings an anthem most weeks from September until May during the 2nd service. About once per month, they join with Praise Team and sing during both services. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining the choir. If you have questions, please call Karen at 721-3549. We look forward to making beautiful music with you.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2015 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 2016.

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
- Offices held, services rendered
- Financial support of the church
- 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

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	NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please return to any of the following Nominating Committee Members:

Sherri Chenin, Chairperson, Jim Trent, Vicki Pearson, Nina Davis, or Sandy Hatchell. Please call Sherri Chenin at 775-230-0926, or Jim Trent at 775-267-2827 for more information.

2015 FPC MISSION MOVEMENT

Your contributions working for Jesus!

•	Frontier Fellowship	\$ 500
•	Tessfaye	1,050
•	Dental Mission- Belize	3,000
•	Seine Bight- Belize	600
•	Global Fellowship- Nepal	1,000
•	Wheelers- Honduras	500
•	Medical Mission - Laos	500
•	Zephyr Point	3,111
•	KBNR Radio, Brownsville	1,375
•	Reel Recovery	250
•	Earth Angels	100
•	Pilgrim Radio	750
•	CASA	750
•	Food for Thought	750
•	Circles of Support	750
•	End Domestic Violence	500
•	Ron Woods Center	500
•	FISH	1,400
•	The Bridge	1,400
•	Do Drop Inn	2,100
•	Grace Works	1,000
•	Christ Church	1,050
•	Spanish Springs Church	1,050
•	Filipino/Amer. Church	1,050



These are amounts spent through July. We have more commitments through the end of the year.

ATTENTION QUILTERS

Clean out your stash and be a part of a mission. Last year the church bought a long-arm quilter for a Christian radio ministry group in Brownsville, Texas who make quilts to give away as a witness. They can use all size

pieces of cotton fabric, even scraps. Paul and I will be visiting them this fall and we would like to take fabric for future projects. Recently Pastor Bruce showed us a quilt they made and sent to him.

If you have some fabric you could donate, call me Lynne Weaver 775-883-1775, and I'll arrange to get the fabric from you.







FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Hello FPC members. This is your fellow member, Robert Stansbury informing you of an opportunity to take a very exciting class, this fall, at our church. Financial Peace University is a biblically based course that has been taught for over 20 years and has helped over 4 million participants. The purpose of the course is to help people with their personal finances, budgeting and debt management. I will be the facilitator but I don't teach the course. The creator of the program, Dave Ramsey, is the teacher and DVD's are used each week as part of the classwork activities.

I took this class three years ago and have been working the program ever since. It has changed my outlook on finances and has allowed me to retain a lot of income that was slipping away because of bad management. I want to assure you that you will never be asked to divulge any of your personal financial information at any time during the course. Your information will remain confidential because you won't be pressured to reveal it.

There will be a financial expense to this course. If you sign up you will have to purchase the classroom materials from the Dave Ramsey website. The cost is \$93 per couple or individual. Our class will meet every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church Library for 9 straight weeks. We will start on **September 21st and end on November 16th**, which is a week before Thanksgiving. If you need financial assistance or babysitting, please let me know.

I will be taking signups at church and also online at http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/100129 You can contact me at burytone@yahoo.com or 775-297-3866. I look forward to joining with you this fall as we work to become better stewards of the riches that God blesses us with. RLS

The Village Church, 775-831-0784 Children and Youth Christian Education Director Position Description

OBJECTIVE:

The Children and Youth Christian Education Director directs and guides the growth and development of Christian Education Opportunities for children (Preschool through Fifth grade) and youth of our congregation and the community in addition to providing parents and members of the Congregation opportunities to invest in our children's spirituality through ministry involvement.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

To develop the vision and direct the growth of this Ministry throughout the year and in accordance with The Village Church vision and beliefs. Children and Youth Ministry includes Sunday School (K-12), camps, VBS, clubs, weekly programs, retreats, seasonal special events and other ministries.

To stay abreast on current ministry trends in order to research, develop and purchase innovative curriculum for Children and Youth Programs in coordination with the Youth Director (grades 6-12). Implement these curriculum in a hands on manner with children and volunteers.

To recruit, train, and maintain volunteers, both adults and youth, as Sunday School teachers and Program leaders & assistants with the intent of building a strong connection between the Programs and the Congregation. Monitor and coach volunteers as needed.

To keep accurate records of Programs' participation as well as oversee the expenditures and budgeting of Christian Education.

To be responsible for the advertising and promotion of all Christian Education classes and activities through the monthly newsletter, bulletin, mailings, website, etc.

To attend Christian Education Committee meetings and furnish a monthly report of activities and plans.

HOURS AND COMPENSATION:

10 hours per week initially; potential to increase to 20 hours as duties are expanded – Hourly rate of \$10.00 -\$15.00 dependent on qualifications.

RESPONSIBLE TO:

Pastor who is head of staff with the guidance of the Christian Education Elder(s) and/or Committee.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Strong leadership, administrative and relational skills required. Preferred experience and/or education in Christian Ministry leadership and Childhood Education.



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST Requested as of 08-16-2015

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RECYCLING

If you have been bringing your plastic to support the youth you do not need to do that, just recycle it at home. The youth no longer recycles plastic as a fund raiser but we do recycle the plastic that we use here at the church. Please rinse the plastic and place it in the bin provided inside the FLC near the Musser Street door. We do have an individual who recycles aluminum and you are welcome to donate your aluminum cans to his cause. If the bin outside is full we prefer them brought in a bag that can be easily collected and set aside.

An Invitation to... Is It Well With Your Soul? LAKE TAHOE WOMEN'S RETREAT September 18-20, 2015

Sharon Coleman, pastor and leader of various women's ministries for 30 years in the Bay Area asks the question: Is it Well with Your Soul? To help her worship, Sharon brings an accomplished musical artist, Julie Elias, to share her popular worship songs from her newly released CD. Come join and draw closer to God in whatever stage of life and spiritual growth you may find yourself.

Call Michele Young at 908-768-1822 for further information and registration. There are several women going from the FPC congregation so ride sharing is possible.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is September 1st.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

A new members class will be offered Sunday, October 11, 2015, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please call the church office at 775-882-1032 to register to attend.

September Anniversaries

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

OCTOBER TRUMPET DEADLINE Friday, September 11th

Please send your articles to: dawn@fpccarsoncity.org



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September Sermons

September 6: "Whose are We?" Colossians 2:20-3:4

September 13: "Learning to Walk" Colossians 3:5-11

September 20: "New Clothes" Colossians 3:12-17

September 27: "What Do I Believe? Who is God?" Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-5

SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR ENDS

We continue with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. through September 6. Two worship services, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m., will begin September 13.

See us and "Like" us on



