



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "GETTING TO SERVE"

Dr. Bruce Metzger headed the translation of the Revised Standard Version and the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. He was renowned as one of the greatest scholars of biblical languages in the 20th century. I had him for one of the last classes he taught. He expected a lot of us, but he expected a lot of himself because he knew we were to be servants of the ONE who came to serve. His favorite verse of Mark 10:45, "For the Son of Man, [the Messiah, the Savior] came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

By example Dr. Metzger showed us that this is to be reflected in our lives. We are to be servants to the King who gave his life that we may have life forever and that we may know this by giving our lives to him so that others may know the love he came to give as a ransom. The thing I learned from Dr. Metzger is something I have learned from many of you: before we HAVE to do this, we GET to do this. We get to serve so that people may know Jesus. And they will know Jesus because of the joy with which we live this life and love people in Jesus' name.

What does "getting to serve" look like? It looks like people finding a place in this part (or any part) of Christ's body and stepping up again and again to help people know Jesus Christ. Getting to serve is actively seeking a place that needs to be filled: regular welcoming greeters are needed each Sunday; people who will show people where the nursery is, help them find a seat, a place, where the restrooms are. Those who serve in this way seek out those who arrive late; who are new; who have a question or just need someone to smile and say, "We are so glad you are here." I know Dave Berger does this every week, and informally so do many of us, but we are growing! There are more new people coming through the doors every week. We need people who say, "I get to be a greeter!"

As we roll into fall we need those who say, "I GET to teach Sunday school, I get to sing in the choir, I get to be a deacon or an elder, I get to help with youth group, I get to usher, I get to paint the doors and spruce up the outside of the old sanctuary, I get to help with the newsletter, I get to help in the office, I get to invite my neighbor to worship, I get to go to Bible study or prayer group. I GET to be part of this church. Which of these "Get to's" is yours? Certainly there are a lot more I haven't mentioned. You see, none of this is busy work. ALL of it plays a part in leading people to know and serve Jesus Christ and NOTHING is more important in this life than this. When it is all over and probably long before, we will all realize that the "get to" things mean so much more than things we have on our list that really don't matter. I need to pare my list down so there is room for what God knows I get to do if I will just let myself.

If you don't have a "get to" my prayer is that you would ask God to encourage you to seek one out, because as we live into our "get to" part of life we share and show the joy of belonging to Jesus. And joy is the way to lead people home to him. May we all find a "get to" this season. As we do this may we realize that someone's life is changed because we chose to serve Jesus joyfully.

Faithfully getting to serve Jesus with you,

***Bruce***

As I  
**FOLLOW**  
Jesus' example of  
**SERVANTHOOD**  
in my life  
--the right doors will open  
the wrong ones will close  
--and my future will be  
**BLESSED.**

Christina Cook Lee --A Quest For New Strength

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2016 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 2017. There is one Elder position to fill for a one year term (Class of 2017).

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

ELDER: \_\_\_\_\_

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DEACON: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to one of the Nominating Committee members.

### **2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Dave Brees, Chairman, Jim Trent, John Hancock, Kaye Keeton, Nina Sattely, & Norm Summey.

Please call Dave Brees at 775-883-0224 or Jim Trent at 775-267-2827 for more information.



# 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, KENYA

Our Candy Kingdom kids raised \$321! And with help from the congregation, we sent a check to First Love Kenya for \$885, which will be used to build a special garden and help build the Daraja House (a home for kids who have "aged-out" of the orphanage, but who need a home as they transition into adult life in Kenya.

Thanks for your generosity in Jesus' Name!

## KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE

September 11<sup>th</sup>: King's Kids continue their journey through GOD'S WORD, the Bible. We'll *experience* first-hand God's faithfulness, and the story of His Redemption, as we *experience* HIM, His Story, and Community.

September 11<sup>th</sup>. Joseph – a Life dedicated to God's Faithfulness  
September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>: "Joseph, King of Dreams"

## BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"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



## **IT'S FREE LUNCH TIME AGAIN!**

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> is the date of our fall mission work trip to Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. We provide the work force, they provide the lunch. Do you need to be reminded how beautiful Lake Tahoe is on a sunny autumn day?

If your interests are in gardening, painting, working with wood, raking or just being available, there is a place for you.

Coffee and donuts arrive at 7:30 a.m., and work starts at 8:00. We usually finish up around 3:00-4:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex September 4<sup>th</sup>. For information, call Dave Bree's at 775-883-0224.

# ORDER OR CHAOS?

Does it feel like the world is spinning a little too fast nowadays? I am certainly feeling that way. As some of you know, Carl and I have moved to a new (to us) house recently. It has been an interesting process, but very time consuming. Between packing, moving and unpacking (what's that?) and trying to figure out where everything should go, an entire summer has passed. I don't know what we were thinking! As I sit in my family room with boxes stacked high, I wonder how long before this chaos will be organized into some semblance of order. After all, fall programming begins in just a few weeks!

There's a song that Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham penned called "This is Amazing Grace". Verse 3 asks the question: "Who brings our chaos back into order?"

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?" and then provides the answer: "The King of Glory the King of Glory." There is a clear call to focus on Jesus whenever we are overwhelmed by anything. On the worst days, it may seem too little to do and it will not really solve anything, but then we are still trying to do things under our own power. Conversely, I find that taking a step back from whatever is troubling me and asking Jesus to center me in Him makes all the difference. This is the grace that Jesus grants through His presence with us.

Christ lives within us even through the chaos. But we don't have to remain in the chaos, we can find peace and even joy in His presence, regardless of our circumstances. So, I am finding this season to be a faith building one as we find all the odds and some ends that we forgot about. I will say as I've prayed over missing items, they have turned up quickly. God is faithful in all the details, both large and small! And we are grateful for the opportunity to own a home again.

Praying for order,  
**Karen**



## THERE'S ROOM IN THE CHOIR FOR YOU

Chancel Choir returns to rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will sing in both services on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

## DESERT SCHOONERS RETURNS

The Desert Schooners will meet at 11:30 a.m., September 27<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Kit LeFevre will be entertaining us! All are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.



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## JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class will return to the study of the Holy Spirit commencing on September 11<sup>th</sup> with a brief review of the first 27 chapters of the text from which we have been working. Class members who have e-mail have received this review summary of Chapter 1-27. Anyone who has not already received a copy of the summary may do so by contacting Don Churchill at 775-315-0375 or by e-mail at donchurchill2@hotmail.com. Copies of the summary will also be available on September 11<sup>th</sup> when the class meets at 8:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall - since the church is still on one service at 10:00 a.m. Even if you have not been part of the initial studies of the Holy Spirit, you are encouraged to join us for our review on September 11<sup>th</sup> at which time you will also receive your personal copy of the total course of study which may last until Christmas.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETING

This group meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at San Rafael coffee shop for prayer, study and fellowship. They are just starting a study on the book of Romans. The study guide is by Max Lucado and looks great. All are welcome.

Please contact Barbara Kowal at 775-882-6420 for any questions.

### WOMEN'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

The women's Thursday afternoon Bible study group will begin their fall meetings on September 8, 2016, in the church library at 1:30 p.m. They will be studying Chapter 6, Naomi, in the book, Women of the Old Testament.

If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Fenlon at 775-885-8894.

The Spears have moved. Their new address is:

**Matthew, Tiffany and Caleb Spears**

**15763 Lyons Valley Rd.**

**Jamul, CA 91935**

### OCTOBER TRUMPET DEADLINE

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Please send your articles to:  
dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

## NO. CAL/NV ECO PRESBYTERY MEETING

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**Mt. Hermon Conference Center in Felton, CA**

Two of your elders will be attending this fall's ECO Presbytery meeting: Mary Burgoon Spradley and Bob Stroh. This meeting will be a time of meeting people from other ECO churches, sharing ideas, fellowshiping, worship and Elder Leadership Institute (ELI) training.

The training will be three sessions lead by Lisa Johnson-ELI and Dana Allin-ECO:

- 1- Who am I spiritually? Is ELI right for your church? Every Leader a Disciple.
- 2- What am I leading? How your congregation's history can help or hinder your future.
- 3- How then should I lead? Building a healthy Session that trusts.

Please keep Mary and Bob in your prayers for safe travels. When they return be sure and ask them about their experiences at Presbytery and what new ideas they have to share.



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# YOUTH SUMMER RECAP

Our name “IMPACT” stands for our Mission and Ministry; to impact our lives and those around us through building relationships, evangelism, missions, and spiritual formation.



# HIGH SCHOOL CAMP AT ROCK-N-WATER

We took our High School group here looking to grow in our relationship with our savior Jesus Christ.

We did this through being in nature, building friendships, campfire worship, baptisms and persevering through difficult challenges and adventures.



## SAN DIEGO MISSION TRIP THEME: FIRST LOVE 1 TIMOTHY 4:10

"That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe."



# MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP AT ZEPHYR POINT

Highlights for Middle School Camp: hiking, swimming, camp songs, building friendships, meeting new people, games, talent show, archery, Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading"), and more.





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**ON OUR PRAYER LIST**

Requested as of 08-14-2016

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

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

Please pray for family and friends.



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**OFFICE CLOSURE**

The church office will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.





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**September Sermons**

September 4: "Building Well" Luke 6:46-49

September 11: Bedford Holmes – Director, Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center

September 18: Stan White – Director of Development, Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center

September 25: "Is Jesus the ONE?" Luke 7:18-23

We return to two worship services, 9:00 & 10:45 a.m., Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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