



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "KINDNESS AS EVANGELISM"

We live in a "post-Christian world". That means that the essence of the Christian message even in the west is not understood as it once was. For people to be able to absorb the Christian message it will need to be experienced. As the saying goes, "We may be the only Bible someone ever reads." But again, that does not mean that simply saying the words from scripture is going to capture the hearts or minds of people. Before that can begin to happen they will need to experience the Gospel touching them in person. This was Jesus' way. The Gospel was being taught, but it was first being *caught* because of who Jesus was in character. People knew he cared and because he cared *what he said had integrity*.

One of the key marks of Jesus' ministry is that of kindness. He was sensitive to who people were and what was going on in their lives. He listened and when he spoke it was with a connection to the heart's truest need. This was his "evangelism"; his means of *becoming* the Good News of His reconciling love. People knew that they mattered simply because Jesus was kind to them. Think of the many encounters he had with men and particularly women who had been marginalized by both society and situation. They are still with us today and they are longing for someone to be kind to them.



I am convinced that the Church's mission is right outside the door of the sanctuary and our homes. It is as we meet our neighbors with kindness and a true sense of wanting to know them and care for them that the message of the Gospel will come out. This begins in how we live and treat one another as a community of believers. The early Church was compelling in its cultural setting because of the extraordinary kindness they showed to one another. People remarked, "*Look at how those Christians love one another.*" And you know that spilled over into the community with compassion.

The key is asking, "How can I better understand those around me and risk loving in Jesus' name?" I say "risk" for a couple of reasons: one is that it may cost us time or resources. We may have to be more patient than we want to be. The story of the other person may be one we don't want to hear or bear with. But the Gospel calls us to love in this way. The other reason this is a risk is that we have to extend ourselves. We may have to venture out of our comfort zone. Jesus did. He went into some situations we would not have wanted to go. And maybe humanly he didn't want to either! But he did and THAT opened the door to graceful healing.

I see this happening in our community of faith and I know it needs to happen more to us so that it can happen *through us* in the lives of others.

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It's like a beautiful song by the late Nancy LaMott in which she sang:

So many things I can't control  
So many hurts that happen every day  
So many heartaches that pierce the soul  
So much pain that won't ever go away

And maybe we'll find  
If we are there for each other  
That together we'll weather  
Whatever tomorrow may bring

How do we make it better?  
How do we make it through?  
What can we do  
When there's nothing we can do?

And it's not enough to talk about it  
Not enough to sing a song  
We must walk the walk about it  
You and I, do or die, we've got to try to get along

We can be kind  
We can take care of each other  
We can remember that deep down inside  
We all need the same things

And maybe we'll find  
True peace of mind  
If we always remember  
We can be kind

Jesus was so much more than kind to us. Let's take the risk that is really no risk as we enter this fall season by intentionally seeking to do "kindness evangelism" with one another and our world so that the light of Jesus Christ draws people to himself.

I am SO grateful for your kindness.

Yours in Christ,

***Bruce***

## **THE NOMINATION COMMISSION IS CALLING FOR ELDER/DEACON NOMINATIONS**

### **To serve on session, our church-wide Board of Directors & Deacon Board**

The 2018 Nominating Commission 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 2019. Deadline for nominations is Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The commission 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 commission. As you reflect on names to suggest to the commission, please consider the following attributes:

#### **ELDER:**

- Participating Member of FPC for 2 Years
- Spiritual Maturity
- Good Reputation
- Able to Present Their Testimony
- Knowledge of Scripture
- Leadership & Administrative Skills

#### **DEACON:**

- Participating Member of FPC
- Heart for Ministry
- Integrity
- Organized
- Committed to Church's Mission
- "Plays Well with Others"

### **2018 NOMINATING COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Alan Jones, Chair; Wanda Brown, Sherri Chenin, Mike Klug,  
Mary Lou Pawley, Jenny Scanland, Jamie Wheeler.



# 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*



## SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE



### **ROAD RALLY** IN THE RACE WITH JESUS



Our study of the book of ACTS challenged us in our daily walk with JESUS.



## KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE

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

We jump back to our study of GOD'S SUPER-HEROES looking at how they followed GOD; and CHOOSING 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

Jesus said, "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.  
No one comes to the Father except by ME." John 14:6

Note from Nancy:

I wish you all could hear the discussions that occur upstairs during King's Kids! The kids' comments and questions about living for Jesus astound me, in their sincerity and depth. And their prayers – how sweet to hear their voices as they present their concerns to the GOD who LOVES them. **CONTINUE to be enCOURAGERs to them and to let them know how much you value them in our congregation!**

## **DREAM CENTER BLESSING BAGS**

Thank you to all of you who helped fill the fire victim Dream Center's Blessing Bags. We collected a car full of toiletries for this cause. You were a blessing to many in need. The blue barrel will be out on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for September donations and again on October 7<sup>th</sup> for October donations.

**THANK YOU !**

## RE-MADE -

*"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." —John 6: 68*

Recently I spoke with someone who had received an emotional blow in that a member of their family had pulled away and rejected the family. This is such a difficult thing for the family as a whole and this person in particular. The emotional pain of broken relationship is so devastating. I tried to encourage the person to remain open to reconciliation. Fortunately, this person has given the situation and the family member to the Lord in prayer. They continue to pray for all of this and Carl and I are joining them in praying as well.

Being open to the reconciliation is something that is so lacking in our world today. It is so much easier to write the problem off. To seal up the wound; not refer to it, or gloss over it and "move on" as they say. But a non-forgiving attitude on the part of the victim, will poison the victim once more and doesn't leave the door open to a reconciliation and healing of the relationship.

And I wonder —can we really move on without contemplating our reaction to the rejection? I think about the rejection that God feels when we walk away from a relationship with Him. I think about Jesus and his followers. Some initially wanted to follow him, but realized they would need to surrender everything in order to do so. If we genuinely want to follow Jesus, don't we need to surrender the good in our lives as well as the devastation of our lives to Him (remember, He already knows about all this)? Let Him use it all to remake us in His image. Our schemes in life as well as our brokenness are no match for the Savior. Watch what He will do with us when we do surrender!

There's a song that the Praise Team will be doing as a special in worship soon called "You Are More". It talks about how necessary it is for us to remember WHOSE we are and to quit focusing on our past and our devastation over wrongs done to us. When we are in the midst of the chaos of our lives, we want to stay there quite often, instead of turning our eyes to the Savior and giving our whole selves to Him. Because when we hold onto these things, we think we are in control, and when we give them to Him, He takes them and throws them as "far as the East is from the West". He can remake us when we surrender!

The lyric to the chorus and bridge say —

"You are more than the choices that you've made  
You are more than the sum of your past mistakes  
You are more than the problems you create  
You've been re-made"

and

"Cause this is not about what you've done  
But what's been done for you  
This is not about where you've been  
But where your brokenness brings you to  
This is not about what you feel  
But what He felt to forgive you  
And what He felt to make you new" (read the crucifixion and resurrection)

So, as we move into fall, when new programs begin (choir and PT come back into service and Kid's program begins again), might we also take action to let Jesus remake us and "make us new", for the glory of His Name?

Grateful to Him,

***Karen***

### PASTOR SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

We continue to receive applications. We are also meeting weekly to review applications and conduct telephone interviews.

If you have questions, please see a Search Team member. They are: Barbara MacSween, Laurie Trotter Bopko, Mary Berge, David Berger, Jennifer Crawley, Paul Douglas, Wil Euler, Shirley Parks and Rob Scanland.

## BLOOD DRIVE CANCELLED



The blood drive that was scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Women's Bible study will meet September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the library. We are on lesson 6 (Mary and Martha) in the "Women of the New Testament" study guide. If you need a copy of the lesson or have any questions please call Lynne Weaver at 775-883-1775.



Come early and chat with one another.

## DESERT SCHOONERS MEET

The Desert Schooners return from summer break and will have their first meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Nancy Kochsmeier will give a presentation titled "Walking through Galilee". Please join us!

## GRACEWORKS

GraceWorks will be returning to Eagle Valley Childrens' Home in Carson City on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Most tasks require physical labor, but there will be a place for you to serve if you feel called to participate. Sandwiches and cookies will be provided. Please contact Kyle Hamilton for more information. Hope to see you there!



So you think you are going to heaven?

Be careful "NOT ALL ROADS LEAD TO HEAVEN" a book in our church library by Robert Childress explores what the Bible says about who gets to have eternal life in heaven with God. He makes it very clear that, contrary to popular opinion, the only way to get there is through acceptance of salvation through Jesus Christ and His death on the cross.

This statement is not the common belief of most in today's secular world which hold that all religions will get you there as long as you sincerely believe they will. Even some churches talk as if Jesus was not the only way. But that is not consistent with what the Bible clearly teaches. Jesus himself stated that He is the only way. In a world that wants to not offend anyone, it is difficult to hold that there is only one way to do anything. But if we are to believe the Bible, as we claim to do, we must state that it is correct in stating that Jesus holds the only key to heaven.



The book then goes on to deal with the unity of the old and new testaments in pointing to Jesus as God's plan for our salvation. It also delves into the questions of salvation for those who have never heard or are incapable of understanding the Gospel. This is not a popular subject in today's world, but it is one which Christians must clearly understand and be able to speak to. The Bible offers no room for compromise. I encourage you to get this book and read it.

*Paul Weaver*

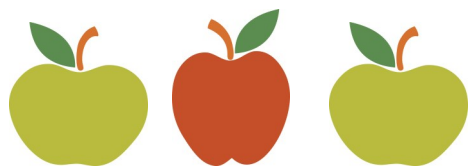


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## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 08-19-2018

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## OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

## OCTOBER TRUMPET DEADLINE

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

Please send your articles to:  
[dawn@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:dawn@fpccarsoncity.org)



"... and everything was fine, 'til someone coined the phrase, an apple a day keeps the doctor away."



## The Capital City C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Initiative

### Save the Date!

Join us for another evening of **fellowship and 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 p.m. until 6 p.m.

### **Tickets - Available Soon!**

If you'd like to contribute an item of value to our auction (a piece of fine jewelry, art work, a unique dining experience, a vacation package or anything else of value), please call the Capital City Circles office at 775-883-6506. You may drop off your item (by September 15<sup>th</sup>) and receive a donation form so we can add your contribution to our auction or raffle list and properly acknowledge your generous support. You may also make arrangements to have your item picked up by one of our volunteers. [See you on October 20<sup>th</sup>!](#)

## The Capital City C.I.R.C.L.E.S. Initiative – Building Self-Sufficiency, One Family at a Time



### **You in Israel – Walking Through THE Story**

Dear Friends,

To say my life and ministry have been changed by traveling in the land of our scriptural heritage with you hardly begins to say how much these experiences have meant. Since 2004 nearly one third of our congregation has been on one or more of our Holy Land experiences. I knew that our 2016 tour would be my last as your pastor, but we have realized there is still a need within and beyond our congregation for the opportunity to walk through THE Story. And so after we retire next year, from October 27-November 8, 2019 we will be leading another tour of Israel; hopefully your new pastor will be able to join us.

Maybe you have a child or grandchild you would like to bring along or send with us. Maybe you have friends from around the country who would like to join us. This is very possible. I want to emphasize how safe and relaxing this tour is. Oh yes, we get out and see a LOT, but the food, accommodations, guides, buses settings and security make this not only inspiring, but also joyful and relaxing.

We spend the first night on the Mediterranean and the next three on the beautiful shores of the Sea of Galilee. You'll never understand the Gospel better than if you walk through it. I hope you will pray about joining us. Let us know if you have any questions. There are brochures available in the office and sanctuary.

Shalom!

Bruce and Nancy





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## YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR THE ZEPHYR POINT WORK WEEKEND?

**September 14-16**

There is still time! Sign-ups will continue through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. You are going to miss out on a fun weekend of fellowship by delaying. If not for the weekend, many come to help on Saturday only.

**WHERE: Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center on Lake Tahoe**

**WHEN: Friday, September 14 through Sunday, September 16, 2018**

Entertainment provided. Friday, Faye Wheeler & Kit LeFevre ; Saturday, Kit LeFevre & Wil Euler's "impromptu" comedy; Sunday, Dan Skinkis leading worship with Stan White delivering the sermon.

Zephyr Point will provide cabins for free. Various meal options are available for a small price.

[Scholarships available](#)

For information call Bob or Grace Speicher 406-431-9075 or visit us in the narthex on Sunday morning.

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**September 2018 Sermons**

September 2: "Grace Personified" John 1:14-18

September 9: "A Voice in the Wilderness" John 1:19-34

September 16: "Come and See" John 1:35-51

September 23: "Filled to the Brim" John 2:1-12

September 30: "Good Housekeeping" John 2:13-25



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