



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"Leaving Up Christmas"

Will you have a Christmas tree this year? The tree reminds us of God's evergreen faithfulness and that God's greatest gift would die on a cross made from a tree to redeem us. If you are buying a cut tree this year or know someone who is, or if you know an office that has a Christmas tree you have a great new way to find the perfect tree at our very own "tree forest". Youth Pastor Timothy Plummer will be heading up two tree lots and the proceeds will go to mission in the church and community. Our youth will be working in the lots. There will be Christmas music and hot chocolate and coffee and of course, welcome brochures to our services. One lot will be at Carson Lanes and the other will be directly across from the Ormsby House on Carson Street just south of 5th Street.

We are excited about this outreach into the community. Think of how many people buy a tree but don't have a church home. This is a classic approach that takes people back to the basics of Christmas and will lead them to know about "Leaving Up Christmas". This will invite people to know that the gift God gives us at Christmas is for every day of the year. I got the idea when I read about a woman who could not bring herself to put away the manger scene after Christmas. She realized that what she saw in the manger she needed *all the time*.

This is true for me. Is the same true for you? I think it is for all of us and especially those who don't have a church home. They are longing for the heart of Christmas even though they may not know it, but do you know why most people aren't in church, even at Christmas? It is so simple: *no one asked them*. We all have lots of friends and neighbors who need to know the gift of Christmas, but no one has asked them to come to the manger; to experience leaving Christmas up all year.

So here is what I want to suggest we do right now; early in December. Make a list of people who we are going to invite to Christmas Eve service and invite them *right away*. Let them know now that you would like them to come and experience the JOY of the season; the music, the lights, the smells, (Dan Luke's famous peppermint mocha lattes!) Invite people to a good "old fashioned Christmas in a beautiful and warm place; to a place that finds that place in their hearts that needs the touch of God's grace.

It is a wonder-full time that takes us super-naturally to the manger to behold God's amazing grace. It can last all year and forever. So, put on some great Christmas carols right now...they tell the story so well. Listen to the words. Sing along. Write that list; not to Santa, but to Jesus, about who you will invite to his birthday party. You might invite ten and one comes, but it is in the inviting that God's Holy Spirit has room to work in you and in the person you invite. Just tell them that what happens here is something you know will really matter to them. Tell them it is simple and beautiful and that you don't want them to miss it. Maybe you've had a loss or a hard year. It is when this is so that people most listen to what we have to say about hope. So let's "decorate for Christmas" in a way that shows the "light that shines in the darkness" so that "the people who walk in darkness may see a great light." THEY will be glad we did and so will you.



Merry Christmas,
Bruce

LIFT Christmas TREES



The mission of the LIFT Christmas Tree Outreach is to help "LIFT" up people in our community by providing for both their physical and spiritual needs.

My family and I have been blessed with the time and resources to be able to lead this Outreach for the last 9 years. Now, with the generous support from you, our First Presbyterian Church family, we are preparing to make an even bigger impact this year.

We have partnered with Empire Elementary, Eagle Valley Middle, and Carson Middle to provide food, warm clothing, and gifts to hundreds of students and their families who are in need this Christmas. Also, we are providing camp and conference scholarships for students from our church as well as other churches. In addition, we will use the extra funds to help us carry out other community outreaches and mission trips throughout the year.

Throughout this outreach, we will come into contact with thousands of people in our community. We will help provide for the spiritual needs of families by way of being witnesses of God's love to all, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to as many people as God leads.

Thank you for your love and support of our youth and this outreach. If you have any questions, or you would like to get involved, please contact me.

In Christ, Timothy Plummer (Youth Pastor) 775-720-9158

Timothy



THE KING'S KIDS: DECEMBER



...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



Bible Lesson: Eliezer prayed for God's guidance in finding a wife for Isaac. (Natalie & Darrin Berger)

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

King's Kids continue our journey through the King's book, the Bible.

We'll learn about God's plan of Redemption, as we *experience* HIM, His Story, and Community.

December 6: "Angels!" (Angels visit Zechariah and Mary)

Big Idea: God speaks to us.

December 13: Pageant: "Jesus, I am IN!" (King's Kids and Youth)

December 20: "Light of the World" (The shepherds worship Jesus)

Big Idea: God sees my heart.

December 27: "The Savior is Here!" (Simeon & Anna recognize the Savior at the Temple)

Big idea: I can decide to follow Jesus.

PLEASE NOTE: King's Kids (ages 4 through 5th grade) will meet upstairs in the Throne Room **immediately** at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 6th. We will practice our songs for the Christmas pageant before we have our Bible lesson.

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSES:



"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

"To you is born this day, in the city of David, A SAVIOR, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11



King's Kids 2016 Calendars will go on sale the beginning of December.

"Faith in Action" calendars will feature artwork by our King's Kids.

Reserve your calendars (cost: \$12) with Nancy during coffee hour.

No payment is necessary until the calendars are in your hands!

The proceeds will go toward a Mission Project with First Love International.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Sunday, December 6th: 2:00 – 4:30 **Advent Workshop:**

Make-It-Take-It workshop of Christmas crafts. Come enjoy your kids and grandkids as they make ornaments and other decorations, decorate cookies, and we'll wrap up the afternoon with pizza!

Saturday, December 12th, 9:00 a.m. : Pageant rehearsal for **ALL** King's Kids & Youth Actors

Sunday, December 13th, 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Pageant (King's Kids and Youth)

Sunday, December 20th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. : Open House at the Kochsmeier's Home

THE KING OF LOVE -

In the midst of this broken world, there is only one thing that will work in order to bring life back to where it is intended to be. That "thing" is actually a person - Jesus Christ. He is the King of Love. He goes after the lost sheep to bring them back into the fold - in order that none should be lost. With the news of the events in Paris fresh in our minds, may we focus on becoming so strong in our faith that we reflect Jesus. May our lives never be lived out as "business as usual". May we seek out someone to tell about our King of Love. He will not beat anyone over the head to bring the gospel message home to them. He will not torture or kill in order to show His sovereignty, He will not make anyone a second class citizen when they accept Him. He offers such freedom that people of this world have difficulty imagining or understanding. We humans always want to put conditions on this gift of freedom. This freedom comes to us unconditionally. Jesus stands at the door to our hearts and knocks gently - He calls to us in a still small voice, or even an impression. He asks that we trust Him and give Him our whole lives for use in such a way that will glorify Him.

Since Eden, humanity has been trying to define life for itself. We commit cowardly acts and refuse to love others, we hoard things instead of building relationships, we pass by those in need and stuff ourselves full of things that aren't good for us. In all these acts, we forget that God is ruler over all and He wants what's best for us, to the point that He will cause whatever needs to happen in order that His plan will prevail. We must turn from our evil ways, we must repent from our evil deeds and we must study the truth for ourselves, drawing ever closer to the King of Love, Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith. His spirit needs to take hold of us so that our life becomes whole and abundant. We have to show His love to our sphere of influence, those we come into contact with everyday, by our actions, words and lives lived out.

Especially in this season, may we not forget that the tiny baby, born in a manger so long ago, lives today; having given His perfect and whole life for our sins. What a gift! What love and freedom we experience when we live into this truth!

Glory to God!
Karen

WOMEN'S CHOIR WILL MEET TO REHEARSE on Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. & Wednesday, December 2, 8:00 p.m. following the Chancel Choir rehearsal. We will present on Sunday, December 6 in both services. Please join us in bringing praises to our Lord!



GRACE NOTES PRESENTS

RING and SING

There will be a worship concert of hand-bell music interspersed with Christmas carols sung by the congregation.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Come at 5:30 p.m. for an all church POTLUCK dinner

Last Name ending: **A-G** bring an *Entrée*, **H-O** bring a *Dessert*, and **P-Z** bring a *Salad*.

Then Stay for Ring and Sing at 7:00 p.m.

Come sing Christmas carols and listen to the Grace Notes hand-bell choir

Come and enjoy!



WINTER IS HERE and Carol Allen is distributing warm *Scarves of Love* to the needy but she needs help. Look in your winter clothes for usable, warm scarves, hats and gloves that can be donated, and place

them in the receptacle in the narthex. If you have questions you may contact Carol at 775-690-7598. Thank you for your generosity.

THE GRACE NOTES HANDBELL CHOIR would like to thank all of you for your support and kind encouragement over the last year. We work hard to make our contributions to worship as pleasing as possible to both the congregation and to God.



THE WOMEN'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON Bible Study will not meet at the church on December 10 but will be holding their annual potluck at Sandy Ehresman's house at 1612 N. Nevada St. The potluck will begin at 11:30 a.m. Sandy will provide the soup. We will provide the desserts or salads. Please let Sandy know if you will be able to make it. Bible Study will begin after lunch with the first lesson of our new study *WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT*. For information, please call Charlotte Fenlon at 775-885-8894.

The Deacons place poinsettias in the Sanctuary for worship services in memory or



honor of your loved ones. These will be acknowledged in a bulletin insert. The deadline to order plants is Monday, December 14 and the cost is \$10.00 per plant. People who wish to take their plants may do so after the Christmas Eve services. Place this completed form in the offering plate along with your check marked "Poinsettia" or bring it to the church office. Thank you for helping.

Your name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

_____ I will pick up plant after the Christmas Eve services.

_____ Deacons may deliver plant to someone.

_____ Number of plants ordered (limit of 3).

\$ _____ Amount enclosed



December Birthdays

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 11-22-2015

Names omitted in online version for privacy.



December Anniversaries

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

January/February 2016

Trumpet Deadline

Friday, December 11

Have something to share?

Please send articles to:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

Thank You

David and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and help during David's convalescence due to his broken hip.

Charlotte & David Fenlon

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Please Join us in welcoming our new members. They are: Catherine L. Jackson, Loraine Pierce, Philip Pierce, Steve Pierce, Curtis & Sonja Radig, Adah Jo "Jody" Stringer, and Carolyn Sue "Susie" Zallar.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION DUE

Do you lead a ministry group or help spend the church's money? In preparation for the Annual Report, church officers, group leaders, staff and other members of the congregation that serve at First Presbyterian Church will need to submit their year-end report. In order to allow sufficient time to assemble the Annual Report, we ask that your submission be received by **Thursday, December 31**. Please *email* your report to dawn@fpccarsoncity.org. You may also deliver your information via a flash drive.

YEAR END GIVING

We are so grateful for your generous hearts in giving to the mission of First Presbyterian Church in 2015. It has been a blessed year.

We would like to remind you that if you are giving in December and would like your donation to be credited to calendar year 2015, your gift must be in the church offering by the morning of Sunday, December 27, 2015, or postmarked by December 31, 2015.

Thank you again for your gifts to this church!

**Merry
Christmas!**
*and a
Blessed New Year*

Reminder as we get close to year end; the Church office is closed Fridays.

The Church staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

2016 GIVING ENVELOPES

This is a reminder that if you have a contribution number between 1 and 100 you may pick up your new 2016 **CANARY** envelope mid-December in the narthex. Some notes:

- If you have had envelopes but do not want them in 2016, please notify Charlene Rodman at the church office as soon as possible. Your giving number will then change.
- If you did not have envelopes in 2015 but want them for 2016 please notify Charlene as soon as possible.

PLEASE DISCARD YOUR 2015 GOLD ENVELOPES.

ATTENTION TRAVELERS AND ADDRESS MOVERS

Did you know that each month we mail you our Trumpet to keep you informed about the activities of the church? However when you leave the area for a period of time the Post Offices 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" or just for a few weeks or months away so that we can either forward your Trumpet to the new address or stop it for the time that you are away.

We would appreciate your help with this as you make your travel plans any time throughout the year. If you are moving it is also important to call the office or e-mail your change of address to char@fpccarsoncity.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**ONE SERVICE at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 7, 2016
followed by the
Annual Congregational Meeting**

22ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA & HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

**Saturday December 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
The Village Church, Fireside Room
Incline Village**

Come prepared to enjoy a delightful English tea with all the trimmings. Plan to shop the boutique for selected treasures. But most of all come to enjoy an incredible time of fellowship.

See Charlene Rodman for carpooling.





DECEMBER 2015



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Christmas Open House

At the KOCHSMEIER'S

Sunday, December 20



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



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December Sermons

December 6 – “Worship” “Believe” Chapter 11

December 13 – King’s Kids Christmas Pageant
 One Service at 10:00 AM

December 20 – “Prayer” “Believe” Chapter 12

December 24 –Christmas Eve 5:00 & 7:00 PM
 Luke 2 “The Gift Unwrapped”

December 27 – “Bible Study” “Believe” Chapter 13

**MERRY
 CHRISTMAS**

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 “Like” us on

