



# The Trumpet

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*From the Pastor's Workshop*

## "Giving Away What God Put in Us"

I love the fall. I think most of us do for so many reasons. It seems a time for reflecting on where we have been. We can find ourselves in the closets of our minds where there is stuff we had forgotten we had. Give the junk to the devil and the gold to God!

My point is that in Jesus Christ we are new creations. Yes, there is junk from the past, but it is past. Those experiences have helped to make us who we are, but most of all we have been made new by Jesus Christ. As these new creations we are free to give away who we are in Christ. We get to show the world the freedom that comes from living as people who have been in the words of a hymn, "ransomed, healed, restored, and forgiven." We are in Paul's words, "God's handiwork; literally God's poem."

One of my great joys is getting to see this in person as I watch people giving away what God has placed in them so that others may see Jesus. It happens all the time as I look around at people like Kaye and Duane Glanzmann leading a Sunday morning class and as I see the glorious ways Kaye has decorated and given bloom throughout the church to our "Believe" theme. I see it in Ken and Vickie Pearson doing...well, what DON'T they do? Or how about that youngster Kaye Keeton buzzing about as the "perpetual deacon" taking cheer to people? I could go on and on naming names and I mention just a few to give examples of how this congregation flourishes and people are coming to know Jesus as Lord because you all are "giving away what God has put in us".

The joy of being servants stewards who give sacrificially without worrying about what we don't have is what God desires for us. This is what Jesus showed us in giving himself away for us. He did not worry about what it would cost him. He did not fret about what he wouldn't get to do. And as those who follow him neither will we as we accept that we can't out give God.

This is what we are learning to live in our *Believe* series. In this month of considering what God wants to use of what he has given us my prayer is that we would become joyful stewards so that people who don't have the joy of Jesus Christ would be compelled by the servant stewardship he has placed in us. Of course we have a financial budget to meet in order to do the mission Christ has set before us, but when we realize God has already written THE CHECK that really matters we find that we are free to let go of the stuff of this world and live by giving away what he has given us for his glory.

On November 22 we will have ONE SERVICE at 10 AM, followed by a Thanksgiving meal. We will dedicate our pledges at that time. If you have not brought yours in before, please bring it that day so that together we may celebrate "giving away what God has placed in us." My prayer is that we would do this with the faith that one day we will meet people in heaven we may have never met here who walk up to us and say, "Thank you for being so generous. Because you were I got to meet Jesus."

Joyfully giving with you for His glory,

**Bruce**





**BEFORE**

**AFTER**



# YOUTH UPDATE: BEFORE & AFTER

Glory and honor to  
God for our youth  
room we call "The  
Oasis"

Over the last 4  
months we have  
made a few  
renovations that will  
help us grow and  
reach the lost!

The youth and I  
would like to thank  
everyone in our  
church for their  
generosity and  
support...together we  
can be more  
effective in fulfilling  
our great  
commission!



# THE KING'S KIDS: NOVEMBER



...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: "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.

November 1: "Eliezer Prays" (Eliezer prays for God's guidance: Genesis 27)

Big Idea: When I pray to God, He will give me guidance.

November 8: "Trick or Treat" (Jacob tricks Esau & Isaac: Genesis 25, 27, 29)

Big Idea: God sees my heart.

November 15: "Sibling Reunion" (Esau forgives Jacob & the brothers are reunited: Genesis 32-33)

Big idea: When I know I've done wrong, I can ask for God's forgiveness, and He will help me to make things right.

November 22: "Joseph's Sticky Situations" (God uses all Joseph's situations for HIS plan: Genesis 37-41)

Big Idea: God is always with me, and God knows what is best!

November 29: "Joseph's Big Choice" (Joseph forgives his brothers: Genesis 42-47)

Big Idea: Because God has forgiven me, I can forgive others.

**PLEASE NOTE:** King's Kids (ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet upstairs in the Throne Room **immediately** at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays in November, and on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

We will be practicing our songs for the Christmas pageant before we have our Bible lesson. (Exception: On November 22, there is only 1 service, so we'll meet upstairs immediately at 10:00 a.m. that day!)

### NOVEMBER 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

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, in Christ, has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32



King's Kids 2016 Calendars will go on sale near the end of November.

"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!



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** 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 12<sup>th</sup>:** 9:00 a.m. Pageant rehearsal for **ALL** King's Kids & Youth Actors

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

## Stewardship and Commitment -

This month we will learn more about stewardship in the Church. We will study it as part of our Believe series. Stewardship is about how we manage all our time, talent and treasure. As Christians, we believe that God gives us all we need to live in this world. He also asks for all that He gives us to be managed according to His will. That includes working for the good of others. We are involved in things outside the church that are good and worthy causes, but are we contributing to the church family? This is not just about writing a check, but about using our talents and time to glorify God.

As Christians, we are all called to spread the good news of the gospel. It can be done in many ways within the church. You could be a member of a committee that welcomes folks through our doors, serve on the sound team, distribute bulletins on Sunday morning or collect the offering. You could take flowers to someone who is ill, or meet to help make the church policies more reflective of Jesus. You could sing in the choirs. Where God has gifted us with a talent or the time to help, we should be doing just that. Do you have a visual art gift or can you make a great cup of coffee? Are you someone with organizational talents or do you have a desire to see clean windows? There are hundreds, maybe thousands of ways that each of us can impact the mission of Jesus Christ in this church family. Ask God to use you where He needs you, and then ask someone "where can I be of service?"

Maybe it's time to make time to bring our talent, time and treasure to God FIRST, so that He can do with it what HE wills and not what we have on our agenda. I have to remember to surrender my agenda to Jesus, otherwise I am overwhelmed by all the things I "have to do". When I let Him order my world, all the important things get done and I have peace. On the other hand, when I become overcommitted to "good things" and "worthy causes", and leave behind the opportunity to spend time doing something for Jesus, the Church suffers. It's not quite the New Year yet, but I am going to resolve to do more things in the company of Jesus and in the company of my church family. Hope to see you there!

Resting in Him,

*Karen*

### Capital City Circles Initiative

#### Gem of a Fundraiser

**Saturday November 7, Thunder Canyon Country Club. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.**

\$20 per person/Tickets may be purchased at Circles Office or at the door.

Call (775) 883-6506 for more information.

**Coming in early December, Women's Choir:** We will rehearse on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM and again on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, but at 8:00 PM, following the Chancel Choir rehearsal. Our presentation date is Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in both services. Please join us to sing a special Advent piece for our Savior! If you have questions, please call Karen at 775-721-3549.

## ATTENTION TRAVELERS AND ADDRESS MOVERS



Did you know that each month we mail our Trumpet newsletter to keep you informed about the activities of the church? However 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" 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 email your change of address to [char@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:char@fpccarsoncity.org)

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## **SHOP EARLY for CHRISTMAS (or just for fun!)**

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Nancy will “sell” her jewelry as a benefit for Youth going to the 2015 Urbana Conference (hosted by Intervarsity) in December.

Come pick out your favorite jewelry as you enjoy your coffee hour treats, and pay by donating \$\$ toward the Youth conference!

**COOKIE EXCHANGE** will be Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring 4-6 dozen cookies and a tin to take home all the goodies you'll collect!

Any questions, please contact Sherri Chenin at 775-230-0926.

## **DEACONS THANKSGIVING MEAL STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

Immediately following the  
**10:00 a.m. Single Worship Service & Congregational Meeting**

**THE DEACONS' THANKSGIVING MEAL** will take place on November 22. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a congregational meeting. It is a wonderful time of thanksgiving, fellowship and great food! If you wish to do so, we ask that those whose last name begin with the following letters:

- A-M bring potatoes or stuffing,
- N-R bring a dessert,
- S-Z bring a salad.

Or just bring your specialty! The deacons will provide the turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, rolls & gravy. Please know you do not have to bring a dish to join us for this lovely meal. Please contact Vicki Pearson, Deacon Moderator, with any questions.

## **HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**Tuesday, November 24  
10:00 a.m.**



We will be decorating the church for the Advent/Christmas season the morning of November 24. Please plan to join us for this fun event! Questions? Please contact Wil Euler at 775-848-8620.

## **ALL CHURCH WORK DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00 A.M.**



Calling all individuals who can help with a Church workday. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Projects to include: raking leaves, cleaning windows and gutters. Projects will only be a 2-3 hour commitment. Contact Ken Pearson at 775-721-7373 with any questions. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. in the church library. Their study will be lesson 12—The Rich Man and Lazarus. This is the last chapter in the Parable book. They will begin their new study book in December. Any questions, please contact Charlotte Fenlon at 775-885-8894.

**PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING** share Christ's love with children whose parent is incarcerated this Christmas. Watch for availability of Angel Tree Christmas gift tags in upcoming bulletins. We potentially have 50 children to buy Christmas gifts for this year. Each child receives two gifts (clothing and toy) and each gift has a \$25 limit.

*Angel Tree is a program of  
Prison Fellowship.*





## November Birthdays

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

### ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 10-18-2015

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### Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 1

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### DECEMBER TRUMPET DEADLINE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Have something interesting to share?  
Christmas/Advent Activities?  
Please send your articles to:  
[dawn@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:dawn@fpccarsoncity.org)



## November Anniversaries

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Please remember church membership lists are to be used exclusively by members only. They are not to be used, even by members, for circulation, solicitation, or commercial purposes of any kind.

### 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA AND 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 to enhance your home for the holidays. But most of all come to enjoy an incredible time of fellowship.

See Charlene Rodman for carpooling.



# NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30 AM NURSERY <b>9:00 AM &amp; 10:45 AM Worship</b> 9:00 AM Connect Youth Ministry (6th-9th grades), Youth Room 9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience 9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Exercise Lite 6:30 PM DEACONS 7:00 PM Financial Peace University Class, Library	<b>3</b> 6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library 7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co. 9:00 AM Grace Notes Lite 1:00 PM Staff 6:00 PM MISSION COMMITTEE 7:00 PM ALL COMMITTEES	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Exercise Lite 9:00 AM Grace Notes 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 AM PRAYER 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 6:30 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ MAX Casino	<b>6</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM Exercise Lite	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM All Church Work Day 
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<b>22</b> <b>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</b> 8:45 AM Sunday School - Adult 9:30 AM Nursery 10:00 AM Connect Youth Ministry (6th-9th grades), Youth Room 10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience <b>10:00 AM One Worship Service</b> 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting 12:00 PM Deacons Thanksgiving Meal 6:00 PM Youth Group	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Exercise Lite 7:00 PM Praise Team	<b>24</b> 6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library 7:00 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co. 9:00 AM Grace Notes Lite 10:00 AM Hanging of the Greens, Churchwide 1:00 PM Staff 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Exercise Lite 9:00 AM Grace Notes 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY 11:30 AM PRAYER	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING</b> 6:30 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ MAX Casino 	<b>27</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall 9:00 AM Exercise Lite	<b>28</b>
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## 2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

### Opening the Door to Jesus

Dear Friends,

In these times we have a unique reason for gratitude: Jesus has come to live in our lives and has used special people to show us how to open the door to him. Because of this gift we have a treasure to share with those who do not yet know that Jesus is at the door. In fact many don't even know there IS a door. We have been entrusted with the key that will lead people to believe that Jesus is who he said he is: "The way, the truth, and the life."

To paraphrase "I Stand by the Door" by Samuel Shoemaker, There is nothing more significant in this life than for someone to discover the door to Jesus Christ or to be one who shows someone the way. The resources God has given us can be keys that open the door for people. We are blessed to GET to do this. When our days are over this is all that will matter *because it is all that matters now.*

2016 will be a year filled with new opportunities as our youth ministry grows and our outreach and mission deepen. *The cost of doing ministry will continue to grow*, but the abundance of God's faithfulness will never end. Have you ever noticed that we can't out give God? I see this in your generosity every day. You understand that God has made us to give away his love with the things he has given us. Thank you for never being *lukewarm* in your giving. Your faithfulness reflects the practical nature of God's love.

We were made to stand by the door; to invite people to hear the knock of Jesus and to introduce them to him. How grateful we can be for this. May we hear Jesus knocking on our door and let him come in and use all that we are; all that we have. *Thank you* for your generous reflection of God's love. May we rejoice together in all we get to do for Jesus.

**If you would like to pledge for 2016, a pledge card can be found in the pews. You may also find pledge cards in the narthex or call the office and we will mail you one.**

Gratefully yours in serving our Lord,

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## CHURCH STAFF – WHO DOES WHAT?

Have you ever wanted to know what the various duties are of your church staff? Well here is a general description of each staff person and brief description of their duties:

**Pastor Bruce Kochsmeier** – Preaches the Word on Sunday, teaches Bible study on Wednesday, home and hospital visits, responds to numerous phone requests, repairs toilets/sinks, etc. etc.

**Karen Dahlen, Director of Music Ministries** – Coordinates all music for Sunday worship services which includes the Praise Team, Chancel Choir, Men Chorus, and Women's Choir, special musicians. Plays for memorial services and other services as requested.

**Timothy Plummer, Director of Youth Ministries** – Coordinates all activities for our youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade which includes weekly Bible study time and fun meetings, camps and mission projects.

**Nancy Kochsmeier, Director of Children's Ministries** – Coordinates all activities for our children who are four years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The activities include weekly Sunday school, annual Vacation Bible Experience in the summer and special programs at Christmas.

**Deana Ercanbrack, Director of Nursery** – Coordinates 2 nursery workers in the care of our infants to 3 years of age. Schedules care for children during any church activity.

**Dawn Berger, Communications Coordinator** – Produces our weekly Sunday bulletin, monthly Trumpet and brochures as needed for Stewardship, special seasons and activities. Maintains our web site, [www.fpccarsoncity.org](http://www.fpccarsoncity.org). Check it out if you have not.

**Bob Stroh, Finance/Payroll/HR** – Pays all of the church bills and makes sure our outstanding staff receives their pay checks on time. Produces all session reports and oversees the church budget. Orders supplies for the office and others as needed. Negotiates contracts as needed.

**Charlene Rodman, Office Manager, Membership/Donations** – Coordinates all membership/visitor information entry into our Church Windows program, prints directories, reports for deacons and other committees. Coordinates our donation volunteers and reports. And anything else that comes her way.

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## November Sermons



# BELIEVE

- November 1 – *Believe* Chapter 6 “Church”
- November 8 – *Believe* Chapter 7 “Humanity”
- November 15 – *Believe* Chapter 8 “Compassion”
- November 22 – *Believe* Chapter 9 “Stewardship”
- November 29 – *Believe* Chapter 10 “Eternity”

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

The Church office will be closed Thursday & Friday,  
November 26-27

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