



The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

"Instructions that Make Sense"

If you have ever tried to put something together by reading the instructions you know why most of us are hesitant to start there. Often the writing is so poor that the result is not at all what we had hoped for. The bicycle looks like a swing set; the computer never works and locks us out, the TV won't even turn on. You know what this is like.

We live in a biblically illiterate culture in which many have never opened a Bible because they don't think they will understand it. They have prejudged the Bible because they have never had someone explain it or LIVE IT. I believe all our hurts relate back to not knowing and understanding the Bible, for as we learned in "The Story" God's plan is to get us back to himself.

Now we have opportunity to discover what it means to be a people who know who God is, what we should do about it, and how we become people whose entire way of living is a reflection of the love God has shown for us in Jesus Christ.

The "Believe" series calls us into understanding God's instructions for our lives, not as a set of rules to hold us back, but to set us free. When we know who God is we know how *he has loved us* and what it means for all of our days...and for all of our dark times. This series invites us for 30 weeks into places we may have never gone because we never knew they existed. These are places of understanding ourselves and how God's love reaches out to make us whole as nothing we have ever tried possibly could.

You will notice that the symbol for "Believe" is a key with a cross cut into it. The key to knowing God comes from learning how the cross makes sense of everything and unlocks doors that we never have been through before; doors that enable us to experience the fruit of God's Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness and self-control. These are keys that only Jesus can give in the power of the Holy Spirit. They are keys we will only understand as we grow together into fitting them into the locks of our lives.

This will happen as we worship, pray, and study together on Sundays and on Wednesdays. It will happen as we learn as never before why we believe what we believe, both in our heads AND in our hearts. As this happens things will change. We will see life differently and the world will see us differently. There will be a hope in us and about us that will take us to places and people we never knew we needed to engage and visit. And these keys will open locks that truly will, like the chorus says, "...will cause the things of this world to grow strangely dim, in the light of HIS glory and grace."

We all need this in our lives and the world around us needs this. My prayer is that this series will be the highest priority in all of our lives and that we will invite others to experience the promises of Bible they have never made their own.

Believing this can happen with
you,

Bruce



BELIEVE



Zephyr Point Work Weekend

A time to serve, worship, cry (mostly Timothy), laugh, grow, and build friendships!

THANK YOU

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Dear Friends,

My family and I would like to thank you for the kindness you showed us during the loss of our loved one, Jack. The prayers, calls, cards, food and flowers were very much appreciated.

God Bless each of you.

Marge Broyles

The family of Dennie Young would like to send a "thank you" to all who sent cards of "get well" to cards of "sympathy". All your hugs and words of condolences were also appreciated. Also, a huge "THANK YOU" to all the deacons who put on the luncheon after the service. We are very grateful to all who helped with the sound system, and to the office personnel who helped in lining up the service. You are very much loved!

Love,

Lori, Dawn, Jose, Heidi, Arthur and all the grandkids



THE KING'S KIDS: OCTOBER



...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

MANY, MANY THANKS!

Thanks to our Faith-Finders leaders (Summer Sunday Bible Experience): Lori Campbell, Deana Ercanbrack, Dede Stevens, Sheryl Tingle; Stacy Warwick, Lynne Weaver. 12 Missions were completed as we looked for Faith in Action".

Thanks to Ron Hobbs for making lapboards for our King's Kids Court of Knights (4th & 5th graders) to use this year!

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

King's Kids continue our journey through the Bible.

We'll learn about God's plan of Redemption, as we *experience* HIM, His Story, and Community, while looking at the lives of **Abraham and Isaac**.



October 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



KING'S KIDS SUNDAY SPECIAL: OCTOBER 25TH

As we celebrate "The Sweetness of Jesus", kids are encouraged to come dressed in a BIBLE costume. This can be as simple as a bathrobe & prop, or much more detailed. Just have FUN with it! Prizes will be awarded to all who participate in this way!



BUDGET PLANNING FOR 2016

Each Fall we evaluate our financial results for the current year and we have to do our planning for the new year, which is just around the corner. Our budget is derived from the planning of all of Session's committees, indicating just where they anticipate using resources for 2016. Everyone who is serving on Session's committees should be involved to ensure we make the most responsible use of the financial resources entrusted to us.

Budget worksheet information (showing this year's monthly budgeted and actual expenses by line item to date) is being compiled and distributed to all committees by the end of September.

Each committee should then submit their completed 2016 budget forms to Bob no later than Tuesday, October 20th, so the overall anticipated budget can be compiled from them. The compiled draft information then is distributed to all Session members for their review.

Session will hold a special budget meeting on Tuesday, November 10th at 5:30pm to consider and finalize the overall 2016 budget for our congregation.

Thank you all for your generous support, and for your prayerful consideration and timely input into this process.

Your Administration Committee



THE CHURCH OR ISOLATION?

In speaking with a friend a few days ago, I realized how easy it is to isolate oneself. The friend is living in a city and basically goes to work and comes home every day, but doesn't interact with folks much other than flat-mates and co-workers. This kind of life can be so stifling to the soul. The trouble for my friend is that he doesn't really understand or know where to turn to get out of being stuck in this rut. My friend has a heart for helping others, but doesn't get involved in the outreach that make things better for someone else, because he is not part of a community that does outreach. It is a frustrating dilemma.

On one hand, we are created to be in communion with God in a one-on-one relationship (the vertical relationship). The trouble is, when that is the only way we approach God, we get a very small picture of how He works. We are designed to commune with each other in Jesus name (the horizontal relationship). It is not just about me or you and God, but about me and you as we approach God together. God works within us, but also works on us as we live and work in community with others. This is the reason we are to seek a worshipping church community in order to continue growth beyond our personal relationship with Christ. A church community is supposed to care for each person within it, to worship and glorify God/Christ/Holy Spirit together and to demonstrate to onlookers from outside and within Christ's love for each other. This will build each member up and strengthen the fellowship. We become a cord of many strands, not easily broken. There are many folks who feel that they have been betrayed by the church in some way, because the love was not shown, or they didn't understand how the body of Christ (the church) is supposed to function. Perhaps you have experienced this. The church is not made up of perfect people, but of people in need of Jesus' love and acceptance. It is a hospital for sinners who are being transformed into saints.

Acts 2:42 talks about the new Christians at Pentecost devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship and to the breaking of bread and prayer. Hebrews 10:25 tells Christians to not give up meeting together, but to encourage each other in assembling together. Iron sharpens iron - we grow together in the Body of Christ when we fellowship and worship corporately. We are being honed and shaped by the experience of striving toward the goal of knowing Jesus together. This is God's plan for His people. I will continue praying for my friend to find a Gospel preaching, church home.

Thankful for Christ's Body,

Karen

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.

Thank you,
Office Staff



BOTH TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS ARE STARTING NEW BOOKS FOR THE FALL



Women's Tuesday morning San Rafael Coffee Co. Bible Study group is starting a new book, *Women of the Bible* by Sue Poorman Richards and Lawrence O. Richards. Please join us at 6:30 a.m. as we share the lives of these women.

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

On October 11, following the second worship service, we will have a luncheon for those who are interested in church membership. This informal time of discussion with Pastor Bruce will provide a time to learn what it means to be Presbyterian in this setting, what the mission of the church is, what it means to be a Christian and how do we live this out here. All questions will be gratefully received. Please call the church office at 775-882-1032 to let us know if you will join us for lunch.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY—6:30 A.M.

The Tuesday Women's Library Bible Study group will be starting a new study **October 6th**. We will be studying the book *The Messiah, The Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece*. This is a 8 week study that will take us through the end of November and prepare us for the Advent season. At that time we will begin an 8 week study on *Names of God, Glimpses of His Character*. God's names and titles are windows into his character. Come and learn who God is and what God is ready to do in your life by understanding his names.

If you are interested in joining this group for fellowship, prayer and study of God's word, please contact Charlene at 775-461-3559 or the church office on Monday or Tuesday. Books have been order but more can be ordered for \$6.50 each.



DESERT SCHOONERS OCTOBER MEETING

Come join the Desert Schooners on Tuesday, October 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

If you choose not to attend the meeting portion please feel free to come at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy the Silver State Scottish Dancers from Reno. For more information call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.



SHOP EARLY for CHRISTMAS (or just for fun!)

Sunday, November 15th, Nancy will "sell" her jewelry as a benefit for Youth going to the 2015 Urbana Conference (hosted by InterVarsity) in December.

Come to the church between services, pick out your favorite jewelry, and pay by donating \$\$ toward the Youth conference!



JOIN THE EVANGELISM, NURTURE & FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE FOR AN EVENING of bowling with your best bud! This fun event will take place Saturday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. at Carson Lanes. Cost is \$2.75 per person/per game; \$1.50 shoe rental. Please see or call Sherri Chenin at 775-230-0926 to sign-up.

Hope to see you there!

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 09-20-2015

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

October Birthdays



Names omitted in online version for privacy.

October Anniversaries

Names omitted in online version for privacy.

NOVEMBER TRUMPET

DEADLINE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th

Send your news items to:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

Get Your Flu Shot!

Carson City Health & Human Services (CCHHS), in partnership with Carson City Senior Center, are offering the seasonal flu vaccine again this year on October 2, 2015. The clinic will be held at the Senior Center, 911 Beverly Dr., Carson City, Nevada in the Joshua Tree Room, 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. The flu shot costs \$25 for private pay; however they will bill Medicare, Medicaid and several private health insurance plans. Please bring your health insurance card with you on the day of the clinic.



(Article reprinted from the September 2015 Senior Sentinel. Submitted by Karen Allen, RN.)

Zephyr Point Autumn Banquet



Harbor of Hope

There is a deepening tide of interest and support that is swelling the ministries of Zephyr Point.

Please attend our Annual Banquet and bring your friends to experience a delightful and informative evening in Dobbins Hall.

– Sunday –

October 18, 2015
5:30 pm

Zephyr Point Presbyterian
Conference Center

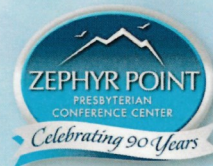
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\$35 per guest
\$240 for a table of eight

Overnight accommodations are available for banquet guests October 18 at a discounted rate of \$50 per room.

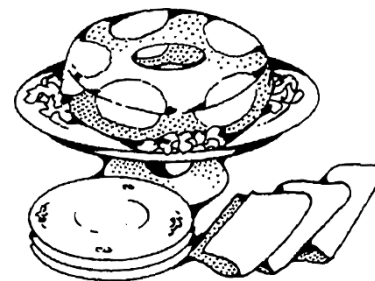
– Autumn Banquet – **Special Features**

- *Hear about the current state of the ministry and our hopes for the future from our Director, Bedford Holmes*
- *Meet Ryan McKenzie our new Director of Program Ministries and hear his exciting plans*
- *Enjoy inspirational music provided by talented local artists*
- *Feast on a special dinner prepared by our fabulous Zephyr Point chefs*



Call 775.588.6759 to reserve your space for this special event.

HAVING A PARTY OR A FAMILY REUNION? Need to borrow a few nice dishes to serve your dessert and coffee or maybe you would like to purchase a few to add to what you have. We can help. Call Norma Summey at 775-267-1917.



SAVE THE DATE

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and nominating committee as well as the revision of the bylaws will be held Sunday, November 22, 2015, following one worship service at 10:00 a.m. After the meeting the deacons will host their annual Thanksgiving meal. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

NAME TAGS

If you would like to order a clip style name tag and have not already received one please call the Church office at 775-882-1032. Charlene will be placing an order on October 12th.

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, October 8th, at 1:30p.m. in the church library. The study will be: #11 - Parable of the Rich Fool. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Fenlon at 775-885-8894.

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SAVE THE DATE

The Capital City Circles Initiative will be holding their Annual Gem of a Fundraiser Auction and Gala at Thunder Canyon Country Club on November 7, 2015. Special guests to include American Idol Contestant Molly Seals. Thunder Canyon is located at 19 Lightning W Ranch Road in Washoe Valley. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the Gala or you may purchase in advance by calling Capital City Circles at 775-883-6506.




OCTOBER 2015




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<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM NURSERY</p> <p>9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM Connect Youth Ministry (6th-9th grades), Youth Room</p> <p>9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult</p> <p>10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Exercise Lite</p> <p>6:30 PM DEACONS</p> <p>7:00 PM Financial Peace University Class, Library</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co.</p> <p>6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library</p> <p>9:00 AM Grace Notes Lite</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Exercise Lite</p> <p>9:00 AM Grace Notes</p> <p>10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>11:30 AM PRAYER</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Carson Station</p> <p>1:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library</p>	<p>9</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:00 AM Exercise Lite</p> <p>Trumpet Deadline</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>Deacon Sunday</p> <p>8:30 AM NURSERY</p> <p>9:00 AM & 10:45 AM Worship</p> <p>9:00 AM Connect Youth Ministry (6th-9th grades), Youth Room</p> <p>9:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience</p> <p>9:00 AM Sunday School - Adult</p> <p>10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Exercise Lite</p> <p>7:00 PM Financial Peace University Class, Library</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ San Rafael Coffee Co.</p> <p>6:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Library</p> <p>9:00 AM Grace Notes Lite</p> <p>1:00 PM Staff</p> <p>5:30 PM SESSION</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Exercise Lite</p> <p>9:00 AM Grace Notes</p> <p>10:00 AM & 5:30 PM BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>11:30 AM PRAYER</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM Men's Chorus</p> <p>Circles Dinners</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 AM WILSON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP @ Carson Station</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Chorus</p>	<p>23</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:00 AM Exercise Lite</p>	<p>24</p>
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October Sermons

October 4: Chapter 2 of "Believe" – "Does God Care about Me?"

October 11: Chapter 3 of "Believe" – "How Do I Have a Relationship with God?"

October 18: Chapter 4 of "Believe" – "How Do I Know God and His Will for My Life?"

October 25: Chapter 5 of "Believe" – "Identity in Christ"



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