

The Trumpet

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From the Pastor's Workshop

What's "The Story"?

Have you ever asked this question, "What's the story?" It is a question that reflects a desire to know clearly what is taking place and why. It is a very natural question. The apostle Paul tells us that God placed us in this life, "...so that we would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him..." (Romans 17:27) So it is in the heart of every person to want to know "what's the story?" The philosopher Pascal once said, "There is a Godshaped vacuum inside every person."

We realize this is so and we know that many people struggle to know "the story" and to find God's meaning, even people in the Church, because they don't know the story of God and humanity as one seamless piece. Candidly I think this is because we have in many ways become "biblically illiterate". We have so much coming at us these days that knowing and remembering the story in a sea of information can seem impossible.

Our goal for this part of Christ's body in 2014 is to reclaim God's story as our story because it is the greatest story ever told. It is worthy of our attention. It is the story that will make sense of our growing up and growing old. It will give hope to our living in every situation we face if we know the story as a whole.

In "The Story" every one of us from youngest to oldest will have the opportunity to know God's story as his or her own. In this journey of 31 weeks we will explore what it means to belong to God in all our good times and hard times. And in this we will discover that because of God's amazing faithfulness we can trust the God of the Bible with everything; that God is more reliable that anything we could imagine.

The key to discovering that this is the greatest story ever told is to make it our story by being involved together in this journey. Families and friends need to encourage one another to hear the whole story. Committing to 31 weeks of worship and learning will give us a gift that will change our lives. It will enable us to know and share new life others in very natural ways.

My prayer is that we will all hear "the story" in ways we have never heard before. I pray we would be open to it; that we would let God's Holy Spirit speak to us. And I pray that because we do someone's life is saved. If you haven't picked up your copy of "The Story" yet, do it today and get ready for the greatest adventure of your life as we begin to walk through the entire Bible on January 12.

Getting in on the whole story with you,

Bruce

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014

One Service at 10:00 AM

Followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of:

- Receiving the budget set by session,
- Electing elders, deacons and nominating committee, and
- Vote on pastoral terms of call.

THE STORY

YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE NEW YEAR

2013 was a great year; 2014 promises to be even better. Some great events from last year are back (Confirmation, Ice-skating, the 30 Hour Famine), and we're doing some exciting new stuff, too. Adults and confirmation graduates will be hosting Sunday School for middle school students. Zephyr Point is launching their very first Youth Winter Retreat on President's Day weekend. Best of all – we'll join the whole church on a journey through the entirety of God's saving acts in the Bible, using *The Story* as our guide.

January

- 5th The Oasis Youth Group (5-7pm)
- 12th Sunday School for MS students (9am) The Oasis Youth Group (5-7pm)
- 19th Ice-Skating @ Arlington Sq. (6-9pm)
- 26th Sunday School for MS students (9am) The Oasis Youth Group (5-7pm)

February

- 2nd Confirmation Class (10:45am) The Oasis Youth Group (5-7pm)
- 9th Sunday School for MS students (9am) Confirmation Class (10:45am) The Oasis Youth Group (5-7pm)
- 14-16th Winter Youth Retreat @ Zephyr Point
- 23rd Sunday School for MS students (9am) The Oasis Youth Group (5-7pm)

Confirmation is when young people join the church as adult members. We practice infant baptism in the Presbyterian tradition, and young people are automatically members of the church on account of their parents' faith. When young people are old enough to confess their own faith, we *confirm* their membership and welcome them as full-fledged members.

I know from my own experience that I can't remember my baptism. I can't remember my first sincere prayer to God or when I began to understand the meaning behind "Amazing Grace." But I can remember my confirmation. Confirmation was the first time that other Christians asked me, "What about you, Dan? What do you believe?" It prompted me to take my faith seriously. Before confirmation, I knew about Jesus. After confirmation, I began to know Jesus.

We will offer confirmation for youth in ninth grade and older beginning in January. It will take place during the 10:45 am service. We're going to start the course on February 2nd, we'll have an overnight retreat (March 7-9) and Confirmation/Youth Sunday will take place on May 18. Please let me know if you have any questions!

What will *The Story* mean for youth?

We'll be providing copies of *The Story: Teen Edition: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People* free for every youth. Each youth group, we'll cover the same material that was featured in that morning's worship service. We encourage everyone to read the chapter between church and youth group. Want to read the version for adults? No problem! Every version covers the same material each week.





THE KING'S KIDS - JANUARY & FEBRUARY



...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

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ADVENT WORKSHOP





















THANKS for your support in buying the King's Kids 2014 calendars!

We sent \$300+ to World Vision to support kids in impoverished countries!

KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE

- Kids experiencing Jesus and community as we walk through God's Story -

Jan. 5: "New Year's Special"

Jan. 12: "The Beginning of Life" (Genesis 1-3)
Jan. 19: "God Builds a Nation" (Genesis 12-15)

Jan. 26: "Joseph – From Slave to Deputy" (Genesis 37 & 39; 41-45)

Feb. 2: "Out of Egypt" (Exodus 1-3; 12 & 13)

Feb. 9: "New Rules" (Exodus 19 & 20)

Feb. 16: "Wandering" (Numbers 13; 14; 22; 34–38)

Feb. 23: "The Battle Begins" (Joshua 1 & 2)

Bible Verse for January:

Memorize these verses as a family and see how God uses them in your lives!

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Luke 10:27

Bible Verse for February:

"The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped." Psalm 28:7

Older King's Kids' challenge:

Old Testament books: Books of Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy Books of History: Joshua; Judges; Ruth; 1, 2 Samuel; 1, 2 Kings; 1 & 2 Chronicles; Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther

REMEMBER: There are GREAT DVDs & books in the Kids' section of our church library!

Worship - His Presence

How do we worship when we are alone? Yes, we come to a worship service each week, but what happens from Monday to Saturday? Do we look for God in each situation we encounter throughout our week? If we are connected to the Word and praying each day, we will see life, both our life and that of others in a different light.

To be in God's presence is similar to being in a relationship with someone in which you have a conversation with that person. While we are unworthy of speaking with God, He still speaks to us through his Word and through prayer in the sense that He brings to mind as we are reading His Word what He would have us concentrate on at that particular moment. Our conversation with God begins with listening -- through reading His Word. That way God can begin the conversation. Our prayers are our response to that which God wants to speak. That way we aren't just handing God our agenda and "to do" list. Also, He is able to instruct us in this manner because we are open to listening to Him as we read His Word. Likewise, as God opens our eyes to what matters most to Him, we look with different eyes upon the situations we encounter in this world. Buddy likens it to a drive in the car. I'll let you check out the specifics in this great book! If we are praying throughout our day as a result of our connection with God, we will be singing, praying, conversing and generally "hanging out" with God. It's like what Brother Lawrence described as "practicing the presence of God" over 300 years ago.

We will begin *The Story* this month as a church. Bruce and Dan will preach on its themes and our music program will seek to support those weekly stories with music. By learning the main stories of the Bible, and plugging into God's story through our daily devotions, I pray we will become listeners for God's voice in His Scripture and His conversations with us, whether they be first thing each morning, last thing each night or in the line at the grocery store and as we interact with others throughout our days. How is God forming our story within the context of His Story?

During this past year, I have been writing on the subject of worship as presented in the book *The Way of a Worshiper: Discover the Secret to Friendship with God*, by Buddy Owens. I've found the book very helpful as I've sought to understand the presence of God, but I have only scratched the surface of what the book discusses. I will be putting a copy of Buddy's book in our church library and I encourage you to read it for yourselves.

Enjoy the journey,

Karen



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ten to seventeen women meet every Tuesday at 6:30 am, at San Raphael's Coffee shop for prayer, study and sharing. We want to invite you to begin your new year with this wonderful group of ladies.

We will be starting a new book on January 21st. It will be *The Greatest Words Ever Spoken: Everything Jesus Said About You and Everything Else.*

If you have any questions about our location or this group, please contact Barbara Kowal at 882-6420. You may also call Charlene Rodman in the church office at 882-1032.

THANK YOU to our Mission Committee and wonderful congregation for assisting Carol Allen in supplying "Scarves of Love" for the less fortunate in our community. So far, with the help of our members and many generous people in the community, Carol has collected 155 scarves. She will be distributing the scarves to local organizations for the home-bound and homeless throughout the winter.

DESERT SCHOONERS will host their holiday potluck and meeting on Tuesday, January 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Hannah McDonald will share some interesting activities of "Partnership Carson City". Potluck assignments are as follows. If your last name begins with the letters A-K please bring a salad, L-O, bring a dessert and P-Z, bring an entrée.

For more information, please call Sandy Ehresman at 885-8230.

STEWARDSHIP

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

The 2014 Per Capita Apportionment is \$35.00 per member. Per Capita Apportionment is paid each year by all Presbyterian congregations, based on the number of Active Members in the congregation. The funds are used by the General Assembly, Synod of the Pacific and Nevada Presbytery for the expenses of operating the Church, including record keeping, governing body meetings, and essential ecclesiastical expenses. By Per Capita Apportionment, we keep our administrative expenses to a minimum and are able to deliver virtually every penny given for mission work to the project intended.

Per Capita is the first major expenditure for First Presbyterian Church each year, this year amounting to \$10,237.50 which includes a 10% discount if we pay our total Per Capita before February 15th. Every member is encouraged to contribute their personal Per Capita Apportionment. If you received a box of offering envelopes there is a gold envelope for your per capita donation. Also find envelopes in the pews or mark your check "Per Capita".

The **Per Capita Apportionment** for **2014 is \$35.00** per active member of First Presbyterian; for a family with two active members - husband and wife, Per Capita Apportionment would be \$70.00 (\$35.00 x 2).

NEED 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES? PLEASE CALL CHARLENE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 882-1032.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day.



2014 GIVING ENVELOPES

This is a reminder that if you have a contribution number between 1 and 100 you may pick up your new **2014 BLUE** envelopes in the narthex. Some notes:

- 1. If you did not have envelopes in 2013 but would like them for 2014 please notify Charlene as soon as possible. Charlene is in the church office Monday through Wednesday. Your giving number will then change.
- 2. Please discard your 2013 pink envelopes.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE BOARDMAN FAMILY

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for being so kind during Don's last months with us. A special thank you to Anne Johnson for all she did, for being a phone call away, and always making sure I was all right, as well as Don; Kathy Rothchild for offering her time to sit with Don; Jane Hancock for letting me know she was there if I needed her; Natalie Berger for offering to sit with Don or go to the store for me; the Deacons who did such a nice job with the reception after Don's service; Pastor Dan for being with my family and me the day after Don passed away and giving us comfort, as well as, reaching out to me the day of Don's passing; Pastor Bruce for your visits, which Don loved, and for praying with us.

Thank you, Pastor Bruce, for the beautiful service you did. A special thank you to Karen Dahlen for the wonderful music. To everyone who attended Don's service, my family and I are eternally grateful.

I am so overwhelmed with the outpouring of love everyone has shown through cards, phone calls, and encouraging words. Thank you all.

God Bless, Betty Boardman

JANUARY 2014

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February Birthdays

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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 12-15-2013

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February Anniversaries

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DESERT SCHOONERS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 1, 2014 Chili Judging - 5:00 PM Dinner – 6:00 PM



YEEHAW!...Entertainment Bluegrass Band – "The Back Forty"

Huge Raffle with a Silent Auction added this year!

Soup is a serving alternative. Sign-up to bring your favorite pot of chili between worship service.

All are welcome! Childcare (through age 4) is available.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

You are invited to attend the marriage of church members Curt Spradley and Mary Burgoon, January 19, 2014 after the second service at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Mary is requesting a RSVP at 884-3011 in order to ensure enough food for everyone.

Please leave a message on Mary's answering service as to how many will be attending.

Thank you.

Trumpet Deadline for the March 2014 issue is **Friday**, **February 14**. Please email information to Dawn at dawn@fpccarsoncity.org.

Watch upcoming bulletins for the Elder/Deacon Retreat as well as New Members class.



Jesus was born to mend our relationship with God the Father. What better way to celebrate this perfect gift than to give a gift that will help heal the relationship between a parent and child! Angel Tree gifts were distributed to 43 children the week of December 16, 2013. The Mission Committee THANKS YOU for your love and generosity by giving the child of an incarcerated parent the joy of Christmas. Angel Tree is a program of Prison Fellowship and focuses on transformation in the lives of the children of prisoners by fostering reconciliation between the child, prisoner-parent and family.

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January/February Sermons

January 5: "A New Beginning" John 1:1-18

January 12: "God Spoke" Chapter 1 of "The Story"

January 19: "God Builds a Nation" Chapter 2 of "The Story"

January 26: "Joseph: from Slave to Salvation" Chapter 3 of "The Story"

February 2: "Deliverance" Chapter 4 of "The Story"

February 9: "New Commands and a New Covenant" Chapter 5 of "The Story"

February 16: "Wandering" Chapter 6 of "The Story"

February 23: "The Battle Begins" Chapter 7 of "The Story"

