From the Pastor's Workshop

Relaxing into Faithfulness

Dear Friends,

As summer is upon us and I have been pondering the direction God is leading us in terms of what it means to be faithful to our calling as his people I have had the sense that there is in all of us the need to "relax into faithfulness." And I wonder how possible this is for us. Do we know how to relax into God's provision for us? We want to be faithful, but how well do we understand God's faithfulness?

As I write to you we are preparing to return to Israel where I am always so reminded of God's enduring faithfulness. With this reminder comes the bounty of times God tells us in his word to rest in him; to be still; to trust.

I think specifically of Exodus when the people of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea. Through Moses God said, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today." (Exodus 14:13) What captures me in this reading is that in their distress and panic Israel is told to stand still and let God deliver them. This is repeated throughout scripture with the prophets and with Jesus. We like the idea, but do we really begin to understand what being still for God means? I want to because I need to personally and as a pastor. I want to live unflappably because it is testimony to God's sovereign care. Stillness that will not be interrupted by the chaos or threats of the world is compelling. How do we learn in our advancing years to trade anxiety for stillness? Now there is a question worth seeking to live in response to.

And this is a season for us to learn as a body to live this response. As our Presbytery ponders our request to move to a new Presbyterian room in God's house and as the General Assembly meets in Detroit June 14-21, our calling will be to look at our journey through the lens of God's upper story as we continue to study it.

Have you noticed in scripture that God never calls us to worry or be anxious or to look for more to distract ourselves from listening to him? Instead we hear Jesus saying, "Come to ME all who labor and are carrying heavy burdens". We hear Isaiah say, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." It is as we relax into God's faithfulness that we display a reliance that glorifies God's name. And I think this is the most essential reason God has us in this chapter of listening.

Summer is a great time for stillness and listening. I love the quiet of our high desert evenings; time to look up and remember how utterly in charge God is and that he has redeemed us by his Son! Your session is listening and will have some input from the Presbytery this summer. They will be keeping you posted as God directs us. At the time of this writing there is nothing more to report except to say that we know God is at work and sense that the Presbytery is doing their part.

While we wait and listen let us praise God for the Messiah and that in him all things hold together. I look forward to a time this summer to share reflections of this gained by our team from Israel. Thank you for your prayers.

Faithfully relaxing with you into God's faithfulness in Jesus Christ,

Bruce - Philippians 1:3-6!

SUMMERTIME!

Summer presents some interesting challenges and opportunities in ministry. On one hand, it can be hard to stay in touch: people disappear for large chunks of time on vacations and you miss out on the easy face time with friends that is one of the upsides of school (underrated – you don't appreciate it until it's gone). On the other hand, summer is a great opportunity for Sabbath-rest, reflection, and new experiences. Lots of ministry rhythms go on hiatus for summer, but that doesn't mean we stop being God's people, ruled by the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and charged with the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Here's our challenge for summer: *rest well*. There's a big difference between resting well and resting poorly. Resting poorly often looks like over-indulgence; freed from the constraints of our normal schedules, we are tempted to binge on treats and unsustainable patterns. It's like going off a diet and eating an entire tub of store-bought cookie dough. It might seem exciting at first, but you're going to have a bad time.

Resting well is all about the big picture. God created us and sustains us. He knows how we work as living beings – our needs and our limitations – and his plan for us is the only plan that can provide us with perfect satisfaction and balance. Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers..." (John 15:5-6a) Therefore, whether we work or we rest – we have to stay connected to the vine.

Rest well. Make sure the Bible is in your bag of books for the beach. Spend intentional time in Christian fellowship (Hebrews 10:24-25). Try out some new spiritual practices (journaling prayer, music, new books). Live as Jesus did by serving others (GraceWorks is a great way to connect with mission organizations). God knows exactly what we need to live life to the full – and that is why he gave us Jesus and the Holy Spirit. *DAN*

Youth Summer Schedule

June 4 - HS Bible Study*

June 11 – HS Bible Study

June 13 – Movie night (7pm, youth room)

June 18 – HS Bible Study

June 28 – Movie night (7pm, youth room)

June 29 – Brandon Heath concert (7pm, The Rock

Church in Sparks)

July 2 – HS Bible Study

July 9 – HS Bible Study

July 10 – Sand Harbor beach day

July 13-18 - HS Summer Camp at Zephyr Point**

July 20-25 – MS Summer Camp at Zephyr Point**

August 5 - Wild Island

August 6 – HS Bible Study

August 8 – Movie night (7pm, youth room)

August 10 - Pool Party at Gilsons'

August 13 – Bible Study

*7pm, guys in youth room, girls at Auments'. For youth entering grades 9-12 in fall 2014

**Scholarships available! Let's get everyone to summer camp this year!



Stations of the Cross Crew 2014



Youth Sunday



THE KING'S KIDS - JUNE & JULY



...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

A BIG KING'S KIDS THANKS to our faithful leaders

Darrin & Natalie Berger; Deana Ercanbrack; Jamie Gilson; Ron & Sigrid Hobbs; Lynne Morton; Melanie Nanse













Elijah and the Baal prophets (left to right): Elisha tells the story; Elijah builds an altar; people help build the altar; Elijah orders water to be poured on the altar & sacrifice 12 times; the people praise God saying, "The Lord, HE is God!"

KING'S KIDS SUMMER BIBLE EXPERIENCE

- Kids experiencing Jesus and community as we walk through God's Story –
We still need **YOU** to volunteer to teach ONE Sunday during the summer,
As we continue our walk through THE STORY. (Lessons are VERY user friendly!)
See Nancy at coffee-time, or give her a call to sign up!





"ARCTIC ADVENTURE" June 23–27 (evenings)

Kids: 4 year olds – Kindergarten: 6:00-7:30 p.m. Kids entering 1st grade through 6th grade: 6:00-8:30 p.m. \$10 per child / \$20 family maximum (scholarships available!) Register YOUR child today at coffee-time, or at the church office!

WHAT CHILD DO YOU KNOW WHO NEEDS TO HEAR OF GOD'S LOVE??

VBX MISSION PROJECT: FIRST LOVE, KENYA

Our Mission Offering will go to help purchase athletic outfits & shoes for the kids at First Love Kenya. If **YOU'**d like to help us, give donations to Nancy (checks payable to FPC).

More information on the Orphanage:

- "First Love Kenya Overview": director explains the development of the ministry. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lajb2TPIAxY
- "First Love Kenya Team Video Jan. 2013 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIK8hmX6-tQ

"ARCTIC ADVENTURE" Decorating Nights: June 16, 17 & 19 (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
Help us create our Arctic Region! No great artistic abilities are needed: come help cut and pin.

ZEPHYR POINT DAY CAMP (June 30 - August 15)

You don't need to look too far from home for an incredible summer experience!

At Zephyr Point, kids experience fun at our Presbyterian conference center at Lake Tahoe.

Activities include: swimming, canoeing, nature hikes, archery, group games, crafts, fun skits, singing, worship. Each day, campers will hear Biblical story lessons which share the message of God's love for every child.

CHOOSE the week that's best for YOUR child, and register on-line: http://zephyrpoint.org/programs-home/youth-and-children-events/day-camp

Zephyr Point's bus will pick kids up at our church Week 2 (July 7-11) & Week 5 (July 28 – August 1), and drop them back off after their FUN day at Day-Camp, for a fee of \$20.

Psalms, Hymns, and Songs from the Spirit -

Colossians 3:16 - Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (NIV)

Periodically someone will come up to me and ask the burning question, "Why do we have to sing ______"? Imagine that blank filled with a song title, a type of song, or a genre. Our God is a creative God, and He uses all types of things to get our attention and keep it focused on Him. When we have an open mind and let our preferences move aside, we can experience new and different ways of expressing our love for God. Doing so may broaden our experience whether we are young, old or in-between. We might decide then that we really do like or don't really mind that "thing" as much as we thought. Or we might decide that we really don't like it. Regardless, and as in all of life, the experience of trying or tasting or singing or participating in something a little out of our comfort zone helps us in our witness to each other and to the world. And the Colossians passage tells us to allow the message of Christ to dwell among us by teaching and witnessing to Him through different experiences. Consider the message, not just the style.

Over the course of the past year I have devoted this column to writing about worship. In this and in columns for the foreseeable future I plan to write about different forms of worship music. Looking at the above title tells you pretty much what will be discussed. Each month I plan to bring a psalm, a familiar hymn and its contemporary praise counterpart together in an effort to show the connectional nature of Christian music from across the ages. In the discussion will be a little about each author and how the song came into being.

So before closing this month's column, I would like to briefly define the three items you see in the Colossians passage: psalm, hymn and spiritual song. All definitions are drawn from Webster's Dictionary.

A **psalm** is defined as a sacred song or poem used in worship. The word literally means "twanging of the harp" from *psallein* to pluck, play a stringed instrument. This is the word we see in our translations. Some of the ancient psalms in the church were actually odes. The word ode comes from Greek *oide* and means literally, song. It was also a lyric poem usually marked by exaltation of feeling and style, varying in length of line, and complexity of stanza forms.

The word **hymn** is defined as a song of praise to God; a metrical composition adapted for singing in a religious service; or a song of praise or joy. The word <u>paean</u> is a more ancient way of saying hymn. Hymn comes from the Latin *hymnus* for song of praise and from the Greek *hymnos*.

Spiritual songs or songs from the Spirit are songs relating to sacred matters that have been God (Spirit) inspired or breathed out. Often, when telling the story of how the song came into being, the songwriter will tell you that the seed of the song came in a moment as if directly written by God. And, many will tell you it was as if taking dictation from the Holy Spirit!

So, I hope you enjoy this next series of columns and we will all learn that a variety of church music is a good tool for building up the Body of Christ. We can worship our infinite, creative God in old and new ways. He will accept it all if we bring our praise in the right frame of heart and mind. So let us all praise Him with our hearts and ears wide open as we look for Christ in the music!

Sing with joy,

Karen

P.S. – Check June calendar for Women's Choir opportunity.

PLACE ZEPHYR POINT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Our Worshipful Work Weekend is scheduled for September 26-28, 2014. Mark your calendars now to save these dates.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Summer worship service has begun. A single worship service is being held at 10:00 a.m. through August 31. The nursery opens at 9:30 a.m. We will return to two worship services on September 7.

DESERT SCHOONER'S ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Everyone is invited to the Desert Schooner's Picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ehresman's in their front yard, 1612 N. Nevada St., Carson City. Grills will be furnished. Bring your own meat to barbeque. Also, bring a side dish to share and a chair, if you have one. Drinks and table service will be provided. For more information please call Sandy Ehresman at 775-885-8230.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Women you are invited to start a new book study with our Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. group. On June 17th we will be starting Max Lucado's book "Cure for the Common Life". We actually did this study a few years ago but felt there was more to glean from its pages. We know it is an early morning time but we guarantee that your life will be blessed with prayer, fellowship, and study with these ladies. We meet at San Raphael coffee shop at 711 S. Carson Street across from the Arco Station. We hope to see you there!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!



The Reno Aces ballgame is set for Saturday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$13 each. Please see George or Marylee Branson during coffee hour or call them at 775 882 8652 to sign-up to purchase tickets. Thank you!

Summer Walking Group

The summer walking group plans to start up again beginning in June and go through October. They will meet at 9:00 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at a designated location. Contact Corey Johnson for more details at 775-230-6966. Also watch in the upcoming Sunday morning bulletins for specifics.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Summer will be here soon. Our thoughts are on vacations - time to get away. So this is just a reminder that your church family will still be here when you return.

Please remember your giving for the summer months. These are the months that giving is down but our expenses continue.

Also please notify the church office when you'll be away so we may discontinue your newsletter and other mail from the church. It will help save postage as we often receive returned mail during the summer months.

We thank you for your faithfulness to First Presbyterian Church and its missions.

The Stewardship Committee

A BIG THANK YOU to all who volunteered for May's coffee fellowship. It was greatly appreciated by everyone!

Elder Sherri Chenin



FREE ICE CREAM, BBQ, AND ENTERTAINMENT! SATURDAY, JULY 19



Come join us for the FPC Annual Ice Cream Social on the front lawn of the church!

Make and deliver your favorite homemade ice cream for judging at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to bring your favorite store bought flavor please feel free to do so.

BBQ hotdogs and lemonade are provided and will be served at 5:30 p.m. Followed by dessert with ice cream of course!

Our favorite band, Capital City Community Band, will again entertain us beginning at 6:00 p.m.



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ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 05-18-2014

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MISSION NEWS FROM LISA MIDBOE

The students of the Christian Medical and Dental Association at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine thank you for your generous support of our 2014 Spring Break Medical Mission Trip. A group of over 40 medical students, physicians, pharmacists, and ministers traveled to villages surrounding Urubamba, Peru to serve the indigenous Quechua people. Because of your support, they were able to provide medical care and share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of Urubamba. Lisa goes on to state that she would like to extend her gratitude for your prayers as they traveled through Peru. It was a wonderful time of worship and spreading the Gospel. Lisa grew up in this congregation and she will be home soon. She can't wait to tell us more about her trip!

ATTENTION KEY HOLDERS

On Monday, June 30 the entire Church and office will be re-keyed. Effective Tuesday July 1, new keys will be issued to individuals who have a need for them. Charlene will be issuing keys at the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday's. Individuals who need a key may quickly trade in your old key for a new one.

KEYS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO JULY 1

Your help in reducing the key needs will be appreciated and go a long way in our security of the buildings. If you have any questions please contact Dennie Young at 775-671-7974 or Charlene at the Church office at 775-882-1032.

FOR ALL YOU ZP VOLUNTEERS

We got an A+ rating from the Zephyr Point staff for our cheerful, cooperative, knowledgeable and hard work. In the brief time we were there on May 4th, we helped make major advancements in their maintenance program. Thanks to you all for jobs very well done!

See you in September!

AUGUST TRUMPET DEADLINE Friday, July 11th

Have something interesting to share?

Please send your articles to:

dawn@fpccarsoncity.org

GRACE NOTES

Grace Notes would like to thank all of you for your great support. It has been a difficult year due to illnesses but we will be back joyfully ringing our bells in the fall.

If there is anyone in the congregation who would like to play the bells with us and can read music, Please talk with me now.

Thanks, *Paul Weaver*

DAY OF PENTECOST Sunday, June 8th

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in the early church and for us today! The liturgical color for this day is red. Wear something red this day to symbolize the coming of the Holy Spirit.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

A new member's class was held on May 4 and we would like to welcome those who have joined this church body. Those received on Mother's Day, May 11 were Cathy Austin, Paul Douglas, Evelyn Jolly, Bert McKee, Laurie McMurray, Alan Moon & Mary Musick-Moon, Scott & Linda Sulprizio, and Michael & Carla Ulrych. New members Corey Johnson and Patricia Green will be received during the June 15 worship service. Patricia Green will also be baptized on that day.

Please extend a warm welcome to them ALL.

We are so happy they're here!

JUNE 2014

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June 1: "The Return Home" Chapter 19 of "The Story"

June 8: "The Queen of Beauty and Courage" Chapter 20 of "The Story"

June 15: "Rebuilding the Walls" Chapter 21 of "The Story"

June 22: "The Birth of the King" Chapter 22 of "The Story"

June 29: "Jesus' Ministry Begins" Chapter 23 of "The Story"

July 6: "No Ordinary Man" Chapter 24 of "The Story"

July 13: "Jesus, the Son of God" Chapter 25 of "The Story"

July 20: "The Hour of Darkness" Chapter 26 of "The Story"

July 27: "The Resurrection" Chapter 27 of "The Story"

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