



# The Trumpet

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

November means Thanksgiving.

Do I have any reasons to give thanks this year? Oooh.... Perhaps a few. It is a "cup overflows" kind of situation.

The easy part is to be thankful for all the ways God has blessed me in ways that are pleasing to me. The more difficult part is to be thankful for all the ways God has blessed me by growing me through challenges and trials.

I have been convicted this year about how important it is to remember God – specifically, to remember and give thanks. Deuteronomy 8 has come to mind on several occasions and I share a part of it with you here:

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

Thankfulness includes humility as we intentionally remember that God is the source and sustainer of our lives. All we have belongs to God. Our time belongs to God. The talents we have, the vocations we pursue, the opportunities that are opened for us belong to God. The relationships we enjoy are a gift from God. The money we earn belongs to God. There is a saying making the rounds in social media: before you ask God for what you want, thank God for every specific thing you already have. It's a good exercise.

The transition from thankfulness into the third of the "marks of the church" may not be obvious. We certainly can be thankful for the Word rightly preached. We can be thankful for the sacraments rightly administered. But discipline? Are we really thankful for discipline?

The third mark is "ecclesiastical discipline uprightly ministered, as God's Word prescribes, whereby vice is repressed and virtue nourished." It makes sense. We all would like vice to be repressed and virtue to be nourished. However, we would prefer to not be the ones responsible for making that happen. But the truth is that we are often most grateful and thankful for the ones who hold us accountable in love. If we know that someone is challenging us out of love – rather than condescension or disdain – we are built up even as we are being corrected.

The call here is for mutuality and fellowship based upon our shared situation: we all stand equally at the foot of the cross. We are all sinners in need of our savior, Jesus Christ. His call for us to love one another as he loved us is the standard we use. With that in mind, we need to remember that nourishing virtue is not a competition. We are never finished with doing what is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise.



*You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.*

Deuteronomy 8:10

Perhaps the clearest explanation of mutual accountability in the life of the church can be found in Colossians 3:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

It is important as we grow – and we are growing – that we remember that the encouragement to mutual accountability includes involving those who are not yet here and those who are newly here. Walking with one another means intentionally being with one another through good times and hard times and times of change and times when nothing seems to be changing.

So, we can be thankful for God's Word to be preached. We can be thankful for the sacraments Christ commanded us to celebrate for our benefit. And, we can be thankful for how God has given us one another to walk together. Happy Thanksgiving!

Your brother in Christ,

**Bob Davis**



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Keith and I would like to thank you for your ongoing love, prayers, encouragement and support during the time of Jean Schmid's recent illness (Gloria's Mom). She has gone home to be with the Lord. We look forward to seeing her again in glory.

Keith and Gloria Macdonald

**ATTENTION TRAVELERS and ADDRESS MOVERS**

Each month we mail *The Trumpet* to keep you informed about the activities of the church. However, when you have moved or 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 or new address. That notification sometimes doesn't happen and you are then missing out on church news!



Please contact the office before you move, depart as a "snowbird" or have your mailed forwarded for even a few weeks or months away so we can either forward your Trumpet to the new address or stop it for the time that you are away.



**DEADLINE FOR  
 DECEMBER TRUMPET  
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Congregational Giving—GENERAL BUDGET			
2019 Projected			
	Budget Need	Given	Difference
October 21, 2019			
Year to date	\$462,000	\$434,366	-\$ 27,634
<b>Current</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	\$434,366	\$430,237	+\$ 4,129

**FALL IS IN THE AIR—LET'S REJOICE**  
 Your ongoing gifts to FPC are appreciated.  
**THANK YOU ALL!!**



**Greetings from your Family Ministry Coordinator!** I hope you all understand that each and every one of you is a part of our family, and welcome at any event we hold. Our September Kickoff BBQ and October WillowBill project were great successes, with the adults having just as much fun, if not more than, our kids!

“So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

I want to share my vision with you, and ask you to prayerfully consider these projects and how you might share your time and talents to contribute to our Sunday school.

4 Sunday school teachers (2 still needed)  
Book/video librarian  
Painters

Sunday school substitutes  
Craft room organizer  
Youth Leader

One of my greatest joys in this position is working with and getting to know you better. I am overwhelmed with the talent and skills that you have shared, and I know I've only seen the tip of the iceberg. Please pray, and if you feel called to help in any way, contact me. I'd love to talk with you.

***Sherri Chenin***

Family Ministry Coordinator

**Campaign for the Kingdom**

**Mark 1:15**

Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God. “The time has come,” Jesus said. “The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

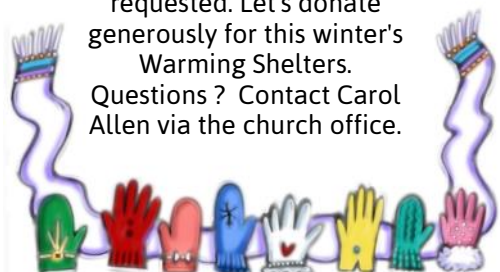
Faithfulness involves sharing our time, talent and treasure. Our Mission Committee together with Deacon Craig Lagier and Pastor Bob Davis are urging us to pray for and be a part of the N.O.T.S. (Night off the Streets) shelter program in 2019-2020.

As part of our “Campaign for the Kingdom” we can volunteer to participate in the four-hour shifts that allow the homeless in our community to have a warm place to sleep during the winter months, starting in November. Please contact the church office (882-1032), Kyle Hamilton (450-0542) of Pastor Bob with questions on how to participate.

Your brother in Christ,  
***John Reiser, Elder***



Scarves of Love will be collecting scarves, hats, socks and gloves for our city's less fortunate. The collection box will be in the Family Life Center through January. Handmade or purchased items for men, women and children are requested. Let's donate generously for this winter's Warming Shelters. Questions? Contact Carol Allen via the church office.



## Grace in Grief

We are experiencing a beautiful, prolonged fall this year. The colors in the trees are radiant! The joy that I feel in observing the passing season, is however, tempered by knowledge of the next phase in which I will feel the inevitable chill and the loss of light in our natural world. I clearly am a spring/summer type of person!

Our lives are full of change. We live in a space between the already and the not yet, or as T.S. Eliot describes "This is a time of tension, between dying and birth." I often wonder at this life with its constant flow of change, from birth to death. The Eliot quote, at first read, seems wrong, until you realize that we are not made for this place, but for another. God has plopped us down onto earth at our birth and continues to throw change at us from the beginning. We are dying in some way from the moment we are born. Jesus was given the "privilege" of joining us as well. This was so He could experience all to which we are subject. Think about it — He enjoyed the communion of His Father and the Spirit in Heaven, and then He descended to earth to live a human life.

One of the things we humans experience a lot of is grief. Whether we admit it or not, most of the change in our lives can be met with a grief response, OR it can be met with joy at the opportunity the situation presents. Let's face it — change can be difficult. A bad diagnosis; the loss of a loved one too soon; a change in financial circumstances; broken relationships. Most people would say these are bad things and perhaps, rail against the situation. BUT what if we chose to see the above list in this light: a wake-up call to take better care of ourselves, so far as we are able; joy that our loved one is experiencing God's presence and that they are now free from pain or disease; the opportunity to find a different, creative way of meeting our financial obligations; and lastly, the chance to reconcile if it presents itself, or branch out and make new friends, to draw closer to Jesus, to make someone else's life a little brighter.

This is the juxtaposition of dark and light that we experience each day of our lives here on earth. God will serve up curve balls periodically and we may react with grief —which is a valid response for a season. However, we can look at the change as an opportunity to serve Him a better way. When we live in the grief too long, it changes us from joyful to bitter. When we focus on God and His will for our lives, we will have His peace instead of the torment we can so easily fall into. We must choose how we will work within our circumstances.

Jesus did that. In Hebrews 12 it says "Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood."

Although it is not easy, we need not fear the changes of life that are visited on us. Let us draw nearer to God with each change and "gratefully receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken". And as we draw near to God, thank Him for His Son and His plan for our lives, as well as "offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe".

Choosing joy!

**Karen**


**JOIN THE DEACONS FOR A THANKSGIVING POTLUCK on SUNDAY, NOV. 24th FOLLOWING WORSHIP!**

Deacons provide the turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, rolls & gravy. You are invited to bring your favorite prepared recipe to share too! We suggest: A-M - Potatoes or stuffing N-R - Dessert S-Z - salad

*If you aren't able to bring a dish you are still welcome to join us.*

This is always a wonderful time of delicious food and great fellowship.

Please contact Sandy Hatchell, Deacon Moderator, with any questions via the church office 882-1032.



## DREAM CENTER BLUE BARREL

Located in the Narthex, we are now also collecting coats and jackets for adults and children along with the canned and packaged food and paper goods. Items may be brought on any Sunday. When it is filled, the items are delivered to the Dream Center to help those in hotels and apartments that continue to need extra help. \*\*The toothbrushes and toothpaste were very much appreciated!\*\* Thank you for your support.



Hanging of the Greens

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Please join us as we decorate the church in preparation of Advent.  
 Questions, please contact  
 Sigrid Hobbs via the church office  
 882-1032.

### GraceWorks Thanksgiving 2019

Thanksgiving food baskets will be available for recipients who sign up at F.I.S.H. by 11/15/19.

In addition, meals can be delivered on Thanksgiving Day, to those who are unable to go to the Carson City Nugget for the free meal. To receive delivery, people should sign up at F.I.S.H. by 11/15/19. If the recipient indicates they would like some visitors with whom to eat their meal, and with whom to have fellowship, volunteers can sign up to provide fellowship.

Volunteers can sign up to be at F.I.S.H., by selecting a four hour shift, morning or afternoon, November 24 through November 26, 2019. These volunteers will hand out bags of food for people to prepare at their own homes.

At the Carson City Nugget, on Thanksgiving Day, GraceWorks volunteers will package and deliver take-out meals for people who are unable to join the Thanksgiving Day meal at the Carson City Nugget.



**GraceWorks**

For further information and to volunteer, see Carol Wilson, Kyle Hamilton or Don Audet during Coffee Hour, after Sunday church services. Volunteers can also sign up on the eventbrite.com website.



### DON'T FORGET

**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Remember to turn your clocks back the evening of Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> before bedtime!



We are participating in the Angel Tree program of Prison Fellowship again this year. This serves incarcerated parents by providing a pathway for strengthening and restoring their relationship with their children. Names will be here before October 31st and we plan to have the angels available for you to pick up in the Narthex by the first week in November.



### DO YOU VOLUNTEER IN OUR COMMUNITY?

The FPC Mission Committee is planning a **Carson City Volunteer Opportunity Fair** during January or February during Fellowship Hour. If you volunteer with an organization, we would like you to share where you volunteer and explain the needs of the organization.

Please contact Sharon Hughes with your information or questions at  
Via the church office 882-1032.

Thank you!

### Adult Sunday School Class



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL— Sundays at 8:45 in Fellowship Hall

Come, enjoy and learn from two new teachers

**Sundays in November**

Bob Stansbury will teach four lessons on Christ the King

**Sundays in December**

Ron Roberts will teach four lessons on the theme of Advent using the prophet Isaiah as a primary resource



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## ON OUR PRAYER & PRAISES LIST Requested as of 10-20-2019

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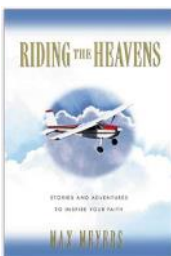
Many of us enjoy reading the "Our Daily Bread" devotional books which are available in the Narthex. Have you considered sharing the book with others? Feel free to take a book or two from the holders!

Here are a couple ways the publisher suggests they might be shared:

- Take as a leave-behind for visits to hospitals, shut-ins or the sick.
- Include in donations packets for the homeless.

In addition to the books, you can also log onto their website for free daily additional materials, videos, etc. to read or hear at [www.odb.org](http://www.odb.org)

 Our Daily Bread.



Would you like to learn more about Mission Aviation Fellowship? There are three new books in our library in the Biography section. These stories will tell you where these missionaries serve and things they experience out in the mission field. Check one out today. You then will know better as to how we can pray for missionaries that we as a church support.



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# IN



# NOVEMBER

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library

OFFICE CLOSED

2

10:00 AM Deacons Work Day

Set your clocks BACK tonight!

3

8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)

9:30 AM Nursery

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship - FLC

4

6:00 PM The Story Class - Library

7:00 PM Praise Team

5

7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery

7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library

6

8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

9:00 AM Grace Notes

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Prayer Meeting

5:00 PM CIRCLES Meeting - FLC & Library

5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

7

7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

8

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library

OFFICE CLOSED

9

10

8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)

9:30 AM Nursery

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship - FLC

11:45 AM Deacons Meeting, Library

11

6:00 PM The Story Class - Library

Veterans Day

Veterans Day

12

7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery

7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library

1:00 PM Staff Meeting - Goodwin

5:30 PM Mission Committee

5:30 & 7:00 PM Committee Mtgs

13

8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

9:00 AM Grace Notes

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Prayer Meeting

5:00 PM CIRCLES Meeting - FLC & Library

5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

14

7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

1:30 PM Women's Bible Study - Library

5:30 PM Potluck & Hymn Sing - FLC

15

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library

OFFICE CLOSED

16

17

8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)

9:30 AM Nursery

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship - FLC

18

6:00 PM The Story Class - Library

7:00 PM Praise Team

19

7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery

7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library

5:30 PM Session - Library

20

8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

9:00 AM Grace Notes

10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM Prayer Meeting

5:00 PM CIRCLES Dinner and Meeting - FLC & Library

5:30 PM Pastor's Bible Study - Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

21

7:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

22

6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study - Library

OFFICE CLOSED

23

24

8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)

9:30 AM Nursery

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

11:15 AM Deacons Thanksgiving Dinner

Stewardship Sunday

25

6:00 PM The Story Class - Library

26

7:00 AM Women's Bible Study - LA Bakery

7:30 AM Women's Bible Study - Library

9:00 AM Grace Notes

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

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8:00 AM Men's Study Group - Joanie's Creekside Cafe

11:30 AM Prayer Meeting

5:00 PM CIRCLES Meeting - FLC & Library

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OFFICE CLOSED

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8:00 AM Hanging of The Greens

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**This Month's Sermons**

- November 3: "The Storm" Mark 4:35-41
- November 10: "Deliverance" Mark 5:1-20
- November 17: "The Giver of Life" Mark 5:21-43
- November 24: "Unbelief" Mark 6:1-6

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