



# The Trumpet

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## *From the Pastor's Workshop*

Lent comes early this year. The word speaks of the 40 days before Easter and means literally springtime, but Easter is March 31 this year and in Northern Nevada that doesn't usually mean spring! But what WILL Lent mean for us this year? We will have a soup supper at 6 PM on Ash Wednesday February 13 and worship at 7 PM to begin this season of taking into account what it really means to go with Jesus into a new way of living.

I think the key is for us ALL to be intentional about this experience. If we will engage these forty days we WILL know Jesus and he will know us because we will have LET him know us. What will this look like? For me personally it will mean living more slowly. It will mean "putting less on my plate". I've never been someone who does a lot of things at once well anyway, so this will be a season of learning to focus all the more on what really matters. And what I am realizing is how much prayer matters. If we are going to know who we are to be and how we are to live *for God's glory* we need to pray about it.

I think that is what Lent is about; learning to live for God's glory. To do this means learning to listen to God. THIS is where prayer begins; letting GOD have the first (AND LAST) word. This is a lot less complicated than we make it, but it is a lot more DIFFICULT than we would like because it means discipline. Discipline is the same word from which we get the word "disciple". To be a disciple is to be a learner. Lent is for learning. If I am going to learn I need to show up and to listen to the one who is teaching me. How will we listen to Jesus this season? Again, the answer is, by acting intentionally; by showing up for our lessons again and again. What do I need to do? THAT is a good question to begin with. "Lord, who are you calling me to be and what will that look like? You want me to spend time EVERY DAY throughout the day asking this Lord? You mean when I am really busy or pre-occupied?" The answer is of course, yes. God wants to show us through the example of Jesus what it means to obey every day; to let every thought and motivation be brought under his Lordship.

Wow, that might take some time. I might actually not have as much time for watching TV or reading Cycle World. I might have to give up MY busy schedule to simply STOP and listen to what is going on in my life and let God's Holy Spirit RE-DIRECT me. THIS is not going to be easy IF I will really do it, but if I do God will have room to work and do things to me and THROUGH me.

THIS is what Lent is about; being transformed, learning to listen, learning what the life we have been given is about. God has wonderful surprises for his disciples. I hope you and I will be disciplined to LET God surprise us in this journey to Easter. If you need a hand in learning to listen, tell a Christian friend. Ask that person to join you in listening for God's direction. It will be the sweetest sound you'll ever hear.

Listening with you in Lent,

***Bruce***



# 2013

...Is going to be a great year. God willing, Leslie and I will be parents to a baby girl that, God willing (again), will take after Leslie more than me. Our youth ministry is growing in numbers, fun, energy, and understanding of the Gospel. We're going to have our first Confirmation class, another 30 Hour Famine, our second summer camp at Zephyr Point and lots of other milestones. Please pray for us as we seek to respond to God's grace.

## 30 Hour Famine – February 22 and 23

This year's theme for the Famine is "Feed your 5,000." And that is exactly what we are going to try to do. Our fundraising goal last year was \$2062 and we raised \$3870, so we are challenging ourselves to raise \$5,000. If we can reach our goal I have agreed to let the kids mutilate my hair once again.

Would you like to support us as we raise money to fight hunger? You can support individual youth participants or the team as a whole. We'll have a Famine booth between services in February, and you can also donate through the Famine link on the front page of the website. Make checks payable to World Vision, not the church. Thank you!

## iMarriage

This February we will begin a six week Thursday night series on marriage. We will be using videos and study guides featuring the teaching of Andy Stanley. The videos are funny, challenging, and God-centered. The study will focus on marriage, but all are welcome.

Leslie and I watched these videos in our first year of marriage, and they were *incredibly* helpful. Andy Stanley puts things so clearly and insightfully. Guys, don't be macho and refuse to ask for directions; you don't want to miss this teaching.

Our study will take place Feb 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21; and April 4 from 6-7:30pm in the sanctuary. The study book (1 per couple) is about \$10 on Amazon.com (let me know by Feb 17 and I'll order you a copy). To find a link to the book and to learn more, check out the church website.

Thanks again for the wonderful baby shower and all the many gifts! We can't wait to meet her.

God is good,

**Dan**

### **A child dies from hunger-related causes every 13 seconds.**

That's as many as 7,000 children younger than 5 — killed every day. In extreme situations, like a food crisis, children do die from starvation. But in the vast majority of cases, children die because their immune systems are powered down by malnutrition, leaving the door wide open for deadly diseases.

### **Most of the 20,000+ child deaths every day are 100% preventable.**

No child should die from an empty stomach. Nearly all of these deaths are from simple causes with existing cures: diarrhea, malaria, and more, many of them resulting from (or made more likely by) hunger and poverty.

### **Around the world, 925 million people are hungry.**

That's roughly 3 times the population of the U.S. — and it's one of every seven people in the world. Many families depend entirely on what they grow, so they're never more than one disaster away from hunger. Others can't find decent-paying employment; still others work multiple jobs but can barely afford enough food for their children.

### **The poor spend most of their money on food.**

Imagine you're one of the 2.6 billion people who live on less than two dollars a day. You've got to care for your whole family with this meager amount — not just food, but shelter, school, healthcare, and clothes. And food prices take up most of your budget. How do you make ends meet? Buy medicine instead of food when somebody gets sick? Go from two meals a day to one? These aren't choices. They're life sentences — and the prison is poverty.

### **We can help save kids' lives.**

Here's the proof: Since the Famine started in 1992, the total number of kids under age 5 who die each day has fallen from 40,000 to just over 20,000. That's thanks to the hard work of a lot of people, including groups like yours who do the Famine.

(From [www.30HourFamine.org/hunger-facts](http://www.30HourFamine.org/hunger-facts))



# THE KING'S KIDS – 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 from our Sunday Experience

Photo: Simeon recognizes baby Jesus as the long-awaited Savior. He lifts the Baby to the heavens and thanks God that the Savior is born!



On Epiphany, we talked about the Wise Men coming to worship Jesus. King's Kids shared reasons why THEY worship Jesus: "because He made the world"; "because He gives us food and water"; "because He takes care of us"; "because He came to be the Savior"; "because He loves us". . . As kids quietly wrote their responses on a paper crown, I could sense that there was JOY in Heaven as God heard the praises of His "little" ones!



## KING'S KIDS SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

*Kids experiencing Jesus as we walk through God's BIG Story!*

- 2/3: "Daring Deborah" (Deborah encourages Barak to follow God: Judges 4 & 5)
- 2/10: "Get 'Em Gideon" (God leads Gideon to victory: Judges 6 & 7)
- 2/17: "The Strongest Man" (God uses Samson even in "defeat": Judges 13 - 16)
- 2/24: "B.F.F." (Ruth follows God: Book of Ruth)

## FANTASTIC FABULOUS FRIENDS MONTH

During February, King's Kids who bring a friend to Sunday Experience will get a prize (and so will their "fantastic, fabulous friend"!



## ROYAL MARKET DAY: FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

After Sunday Experience (beginning of coffee-hour), the King's Kids will get to exchange the gold coins they've earned by saying their Bible verses, for FUN prizes!



## FEBRUARY BIBLE VERSES

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

**"I am the Lord, your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."  
Isaiah 48:17**



**"Stand firm in the faith; be people of courage; be strong."  
1 Corinthians 16:13**



## Older King's Kids' challenge:

Old Testament books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles

## Mark your calendars!

**June 24 – 28 (evenings): Vacation Bible Experience** (formerly Vacation Bible School)

- and -

**Be planning ahead for Summer Day Camp!** (Dates yet to be decided!)



**Worship --**

We can so easily get side-tracked in our pursuit of worship. First of all, we need to understand that worship is not about us and our needs, but about giving ourselves wholly to the God of the universe. In Deuteronomy 26: 10, an offering is given to God in the form of first fruits of the soil, that which has been given to the individual by the Lord. This is accompanied by placing the basket of offering before the Lord and bowing before Him. In this picture is total surrender of one's best and all of who we are to God. Our worship is not about what we need on Sunday morning (or any other time, as our lives are to be the offering), but our worship is to be a joyful response to God -- for Himself, and all that He is; and His works in our lives and the lives of others. This is part of the reason we worship best in community. We need the "iron sharpening" of being together. We need to commit to each other's' welfare in physical as well as spiritual being.

We need to be very careful of saying, "I can only worship God with this style or that music", for that is not worship. That is saying "I prefer this style over that style (whether of denominational service order or music.)" That is a consumer mentality that says "What's in it for me?" Yes, we receive in our worship of the Lord, but that is because of Who He Is, not because of how wonderful we sing a song or execute a portion of the service.

Obviously, there is more to be said on this subject, and as the months progress, I hope to unpack the subject a bit more. For now, I would like to remind everyone to read a little about what worship is in the Scripture -- here are a few to begin with -- Genesis 3:5 (disobedience to God - antithesis of worship in Spirit and in Truth, and the reason we need to surrender our whole being to Him); Genesis 6:8 - 7:5 (Noah building the ark to very specific standards given by God); and Genesis 22: 1-18 (Abraham and Isaac). You will probably note these are not the scriptures we might think to look at when discussing worship, but I would say in these scriptures the call is clear to obey, to do as the Lord specifically asks, and to turn our entire lives (warts and all) over to God. To give to Him all that we are, poor as we are, but with pure intention to honor Him and not our preferences. In this is the implication that we will be in services to give our offering regularly, and we will give our best in energy and adoration to the One who has created us.

For worship opportunities in the month of February, please see the calendar in the Trumpet. Worship is not done just by the folks on the platform -- it is meant to be offered by all in attendance to God and for His blessing.

In His service, Karen

**SOS ....CALLING ALL THOSE WHO ARE SINGLE ON SUNDAYS**

(This includes both men and women)

You are invited to meet for lunch every Sunday after second service. We meet at Grandma Hattie's in the large back room. John, the owner, is very hospitable to our group. If you have questions, please see Norma Summey.

**SPRINGTIME AT ZEPHYR POINT 2013**

Spring workday is Saturday, May 4th!! Fall is just 7 months away! Save **September 20-22** for our work and worship weekend!!!

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS REMINDER**

Just a friendly reminder that the change in Seasons, weather being much colder and in many cases, ice, snow and rain. If you are an individual or part of a group using the Church, please, please, remember to turn the temp back and turn off ALL lights. We would also remind everyone that the doors need to be checked when leaving so they are closed and locked. Your help maintaining these measures when using the facilities will go a long way in keeping our heating and lighting expenses to a minimum. Thanks for your help in keeping this expense in line.

**FREE GOODIES FOR YOU!** Now that we have your attention we need YOU to sign up for set up coffee fellowship for one week (or a couple or more) this year. It's easy and fun. The church has a budget. It doesn't cost you. You just need to get 12 dozen cookies and make some punch and get it set up for between services. And the fun part is that YOU get to choose what cookies and goodies are served AND YOU get to try them out before everyone else! You don't have to bake anything! You can do cheese and crackers and fruit and veggies too! PLEASE sign up today. You can pick a Sunday MONTHS from now, but we need YOU to sign up right away. Our long time servers need a break. Please call the office at 882-1032. Thanks!

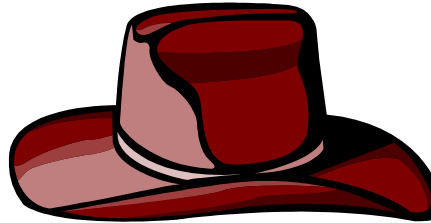
When people call the office we can let Mary Burgoon know. THIS approach takes it away from expecting groups to automatically do it when they may not be prepared to AND gets MORE PEOPLE involved which we need.



# **CHILI COOK-OFF**

**Saturday, February 2, 2012**

**5:00 pm Judging 6:00 pm Dinner**



## **ENTERTAINMENT**

**The Back 40**

**A Bluegrass Band**

## **HUGE RAFFLE**

**All Are Welcome To Attend**

**Childcare Available**

**Soup is a Serving Alternative**

**SEE DEANA ERCANBRACK TO SIGN UP**



## Month Birthdays

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### ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Requested as of 01-19-13

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### NEW MEMBERS

Received Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Faye Gerrard, Marvin Heusinkveld, John and Barbara Mac Sween, Heather and Lexi Stodieck and Nina Sattely

### MARCH TRUMPET

Information and articles are due Wednesday, February 14.

### CAN MAN'S CORNER

Since we started (5/17/07) we have collected 9,108 lbs. of cans. We have raised \$16,439 for FPC. Great, Great job FPC. Keep them coming, The Can Man.

### DEACON CORNER

If you or someone you know needs it, please request in-home Communion. Please see the pastor, an elder or your deacon. In these tight financial times, if you as a member of this congregation need a one-time assistance from the deacon's fund, please contact your deacon or Bruce. We are here to help one another in Jesus' name. Thank you, Sandy Hatchell, Deacon Moderator

### DEACON/ELDER TRAINING

will be held Friday, March 1st from 6 to 9 PM, including dinner, and Saturday March 2nd from 9 to

### LENT COMES EARLY

Lents starts Sunday, February 17. Mark your calendars for Lent events: Ash Wednesday, February 13, Palm Sunday, March 24, Maundy Thursday, March 28, Good Friday, March 29 and Easter, March 31, 2013.

Watch for the Lily order blank. Remember your loved ones in Memory or Honor them with a lily.

**PER CAPITA** is \$35.00 this year. Envelopes are available in the pews and in the Narthex. It helps if this can be given now. We have sent our **Per Capita check to NV Presbytery for \$10,395.00. As of 1/20/13 we have received \$4,885.00.** We are looking for more Per Capita to help cover this expense. We thank those who have given early and look forward to others contributing. Thank You!

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday, February 13. We are planning a soup and bread supper before the evening service. Supper 6:00 PM, service to follow at 7:00 PM.



## Month Anniversaries

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February 3 – "God's Plans for Us" – Jeremiah 1:4-10

February 10 – "Being God's Leaders" – Luke 9:28-43

February 13 – "A Clean and Broken Heart"

Ash Wednesday 6 PM Soup Supper 7 PM worship – Psalm 51:1-17

February 17 – "Living in the Wilderness" – Luke 4:1-13

February 24 – "Living Like Jesus" – Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

