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From the Pastor's Workshop
"A Life Built out of Prayer"

I love to pray. I grew up in a praying home. I learned to pray listening to my parents and watching their lives. My dad came from a rough home life and had a trade school education, but he soaked in God's word. When he prayed it was clear that SOMEONE was speaking to him and through him. My mom trusted the power of God's Holy Spirit and was evidence of this in her prayer and teaching as one of the most sought after Bible teachers in San Diego.

But here's the irony, though I love to pray and find the greatest peace, power, and wisdom there, I don't pray enough. Too often my life is a version of Romans 8:26 that says, "We do not know how to pray *as we ought*", meaning I OUGHT to pray, but I don't.

To grow up as Christians means to learn that our lives are built out of prayer. Often we do not know how to pray as we ought because we don't accept that we ought to be praying. And the key building blocks to a life built out of prayer are the heaviest ones. Those are the hardest ones to pray; prayers of intercession for people we are least likely to lift up to God; prayers of yieldedness that say, "Oh Lord, not mine, but YOUR will be done."

I think at the core of Paul's charge is the awareness that to be spiritually mature and shaped by God's Holy Spirit is to start with our hardest work. If we start farthest from what we would most naturally pray for we are letting God most work through us because, again in Paul's words, "We do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us sighs too deep for words." I need to lean on this.

As we enter summer what will this mean for us as individuals and a congregation? I think to answer this question means to begin with listening, because God's Holy Spirit has promised to intercede where we don't know where to start. Really listening IS prayer. And it is hard because being still is WORK. But as we listen we will hear. We will be directed to pray for the impossible. We will be guided to pray for a life shaped by trusting that God will touch places we can't. We will open our guarded hearts where God knows we need to be touched.

I don't pray or listen enough in this way because I get weary and disappointed and cynical and bitter and so I play it safe and just don't pray. Knowing this gives me a place to start. And it is in this starting place that I begin to be transformed by God's grace as I pray, however awkwardly for the hardest things and people in my awareness. In these times I learn to pray for the removal of things I DON'T want removed, but that need to be, and for compassion for people I need to see through Jesus' eyes.

This kind of growing up in prayer is what changes people and churches and brings the kingdom of God to people and situations that we never thought possible. It can begin when we start gathering the cornerstone bricks for building a life of prayer. Those "bricks" consist of a list of people and situations we know are hardest for us to even think about let alone pray for and then praying for them, if only at first by looking at the list and saying, "Here it is Lord. Show me how to pray."

Let's make this the cornerstone of our life together this summer. If I can ever help you with your list please let me know and know that I hope you'll put my heart on yours that I would be learning how to build a life made out of pray

Gratefully yours in Christ, Bruce

YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR 2013

This summer is going to be great! We've got a couple big events on the calendar (especially Summer Camp at Zephyr Point, woot!) and lots of those fun little events that we enjoyed last year (Frisbee Fridays, BiblestudyMovienight & more). Remember, it's okay if you can't attend every event – we know people travel and have sports and all sorts of other things – but we encourage you to come to as much as you can, so that we can stay in touch and have fun! Here it is:

June

- 2 – GraceWorks (make sure you sign up for a project! Lunch and dinner are provided this year)
- 3 – Basketball (6-8pm)
- 7 – Reno Aces Game (7pm)
- 10 – Basketball (6-8pm)
- 11 – **Sand Harbor/Lake Tahoe Day** (Meet at the church at 9am, bring a bagged lunch)
- 12 – BiblestudyMovienight (Bible study at 6pm – girls at Aument home/guys at youth room; Movie at 7pm – everyone at Auments)
- 13 – I AM THEY and Mike Weaver Concert at Calvary Chapel in Carson City (6pm – RSVP for tickets; super fun, please come!)
- 14 – Frisbee Friday at Mills Park (2-4pm)
- 19 – Jam Session in the youth room (2-4pm)
- 21 – Frisbee Friday at Mills Park (2-4pm)
- 24-28 – VBX at night (Contact Nancy Kochsmeier if you'd like to help!)
- 26 – Guys Videogame Night (time and location TBD, RSVP for more details)
- 28 – Frisbee Friday at Mills Park (2-4pm)

July

- 1 – Basketball (6-8pm)
- 3 – BiblestudyMovienight (Bible study at 6pm – girls at Aument home/guys at youth room; Movie at 7pm – everyone at Auments)
- 5 – Frisbee Friday at Mills Park (2-4pm)
- 7 – Pool Party at the Gilsons (3-7:30pm)
- 8 – Basketball (6-8pm)
- 10 – Jam Session in the youth room (2-4pm)
- 12 – Frisbee Friday at Mills Park (2-4pm)
- 14-19 – Camp Zephyr for Middle School
- 21-26 – Camp Zephyr for High School
- 29 – Basketball (6-8pm)
- 31 – BiblestudyMovienight (Bible study at 6pm – girls at Aument home/guys at youth room; Movie at 7pm – everyone at Auments)

August

- 5-9 – Tentative dates for Wild Island Trip
- 10 – Pool Party at Gilsons (3-7:30pm)
- 14 – BiblestudyMovienight (Bible study at 6pm – girls at Aument home/guys at youth room; Movie at 7pm – everyone at Auments)



Confirmation Class of 2013





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



Summer Sunday Experience: SON-HARVEST FARM (June 9 – Sept. 1)

(Where kids learn about cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit)

Needed (orchard / farm theme): bushel baskets, wooden crates; milk can, wagon wheel, etc.
Let Nancy know if you have something that could be donated (or loaned).

AND – We need YOU to volunteer to teach ONE Sunday during the summer! (See Nancy!!)



Vacation Bible Experience: SON-Wood Forest: June 24-28 (evenings)

(Where kids learn about Jesus' wild love for them)

Kids will visit: Visit the Owl's Perch; Beaver Bend; Raccoon Ruckus; Frog Hollow; & Rabbits' Warren

What kids do YOU know who need to hear of Jesus' love for THEM?

Registration begins May 28!

Decorating Nights: June 17, 18 & 20 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We need YOU to help "grow" our forest (no great artistic talent needed)! Come help cut, pin, and lace!!!!

Decorating NEEDS: TREES (fake Christmas trees, etc.); woody animal yard decorations (deer, raccoons, etc.); International Coffee tins; paper wrap and towel tubes; butter tubs.

Let Nancy know if you have something that could be donated or loaned, or bring it to the church office. Thanks!

Summer Day Camp at Zephyr Point (Brochures available!)

You don't need to look too far from home for an incredible summer experience! At Zephyr Point, kids will experience fun and adventure at Zephyr Point (Presbyterian conference center) at Lake Tahoe. Activities include: swimming, canoeing, nature hikes, archery, group games, crafts, fun skits and singing and 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>).

Let Nancy know what week you're attending, and we'll see if car-pooling is available.

PASTOR BRUCE AT ZEPHYR POINT!

Come work and worship with Bruce this fall. Our WOW (work and worship) weekend dates are September 27-29. That is Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. The weather might be variable but the fellowship is always warm at Zephyr Point. See you there.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For the phone calls, cards and checking on me.

Thank you for your love! I am blessed! Mike Martinkus.

11,424 lbs! That is how many cans we have recycled. We have made \$17,022.00. Keep them coming. Watch for our next can contest. God bless, the Can Man.

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM, begins June 9, and ends September 1.

Worship: In the Middle of the River

Have you ever thought about the “flow” of worship? Worship can stutter or it can flow. I think that the “character” of our worship if you will, is colored by the circumstances we encounter on our way to giving worship to The One. Think about it - if it’s been particularly difficult getting to church on a given Sunday, we might not be prepared -- eager and anticipating. We might have something on our mind that is demanding our attention even as we enter the doors of the church. Often the conflict we’ve experienced has been a result of pride either on our part or on the part of another person. This happens to leaders as well and it can make worship very difficult.

Pride is a barrier to humble worship. It is sort of like a huge boulder in the middle of our hearts (or the middle of the river). When the boulder is there the river is forced to move around it. Eventually the boulder is moved or eroded away by the water. When the boulder is in our worship, we may be left out of the main flow if we’re not open to having God remove it. When we worship God, we are telling Him we depend on Him. If we have pride in our achievements or our “_____” (fill in the blank here with whatever is your particular stumbling block), we have no need of God’s grace and mercy. (Actually we always need His grace and mercy; we just don’t recognize that we do.) Our worship will be more of a stutter, because we haven’t surrendered our will completely to God’s will.

Buddy Owens talks about worshipping humbly and boldly all at the same time! He cites James 4:6 which refers to God resisting the proud, but giving grace to the humble. He also puts it another way: “Pride is a repellent of grace. But humility attracts the grace of God.” (*The Way of the Worshiper*, copyright 2002, 2004)

Hebrews 4:16 says, “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (NIV) Next time you have difficulty worshipping because of circumstances, make every effort to boldly worship anyway. And as you enter the river of worship, let the weight of what you carried in the door pass away as you fix your mind on the Lord and His character. Enter the flow and let the water of praise and the current of prayer wear down the boulder within you that is demanding your attention. May God erode you to the point that you can say, “I come -- just as I am -- though unworthy, to boldly declare You are my God. Because You have invited me to lay my cares at Your feet, I need not fear You. You are a God of grace and mercy and You love me. I exalt You and I love You.”

This summer, let’s surrender to the flow of the river of worship!

For opportunities to assist in worship, see the July calendar.

Standing by His grace,
Karen



HAPPY
4th OF JULY

KIVA UPDATE

Kiva is a nonprofit organization that alleviates poverty through lending. They make micro loans to individuals in 67 different countries, primarily non developed countries. Kiva has over 900,000 lenders to include corporations, nonprofits individuals, Christians, non-Christians and people who want to be involved

The Mission Committee of FPC has made a \$1,000 investment in Kiva. With that investment we have made 40 loans of \$100.00 each (\$4,000.00) to individuals in 26 countries. We are able to do this as the repayment rate for loans is 99 percent. When loans are repaid we reloan. Currently we have been repaid \$3,145.95. Twenty- six loans have been repaid – we had had 1 default with a loss of \$9.50. The rest of the loans are being repaid.

Kiva has 192 field partners who screen those wishing a loan, post their information on the internet and administer the loans. They provide financial and technical training, group and religious support, help individuals become better stewards of the environment, teach social responsibility and some provide medical clinics for low income individuals. Some of the recent loans include:

1. Training projects in Keyna, Mongolia and Rwanda
2. Dental project in Peru
3. Pharmacy project in Azerbaijan
4. Retail projects in Ecuador, Kenya and Benin
5. Transportation project in Cambodia

Once loans are repaid individuals may apply for additional loans. These loans transform lives, provide hope where hope was absent and they change people's life stories.

For additional information check out www.kiva.org.



REMEMBER

Summer is upon us. 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.

We thank you for your faithfulness to First Presbyterian Church.
The Stewardship Committee

ON OUR PRAYER LIST

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Requested as of 05-22-2013



June Birthdays

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July Birthdays

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June Anniversaries

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July Anniversaries

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DESERT SCHOONERS

Even though it's a couple of months away, mark your calendars now for the ANNUAL PICNIC on the first Saturday of August, August 3rd is the date and the location will be at the home of Jan and Dave Brees, 1951 Molly Drive. Everyone is invited. See you there!!

Walking Group:

Saturday, June 1st: June 1st: Nature Interpretive Walk

(Genoa Whit Hall Interpretive Center @ The Nature Conservancy's River Fork Ranch
(381 Genoa Lane, Minden)

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.: We'll leave from church and carpool to trailhead.

9:00 – Noon: Hike Bring a sack lunch (or snacks), sunscreen & water.

Saturday, June 15th: Nature Interpretive Walk with Dave Berger

9:00 a.m.: Meet at church and we can carpool – or –

9:15 a.m.: Meet at the north ("back") parking lot of the softball fields at Centennial Park.
We'll learn about our local geology and history as we walk.

Saturday, July 13th: - Join us to support Walk for Life.

6:00 p.m. Meet Corey at the Harley Davidson Tent near the Carson High School track. (You do not need to have financial sponsors.) Corey will have luminarias available if you'd like to light one in honor of a cancer survivor, fighter, or in memory of someone you've lost to cancer.

Saturday, July 20th: - Join us for a hike at Winnemucca Lake.

Meet at church at 8:00 a.m., and we'll carpool to the trailhead. Bring a sack lunch and water.
There is a \$5 parking fee per vehicle.

Questions: Contact Corey Johnson (home: 629-9449) or e-mail: Corinne.Johnson@hdfsi.com



Walkers and Hikers on May 11th

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June and July Sermons

June 2: GRACEWORKS – The Church Will Leave the Building! – No formal worship on site.

June 9: ONE SERVICE at 10 AM – “The Great Escape” – Acts 5:17-32

June 16: “The Power of the Truth” – Acts 5:33-42

June 23: “The Cost of Discipleship” – Acts 7:35-8:3

June 30: “The Fullness of God’s Greatness – Acts 8:4-25

July 7: “Opening Eyes” – Acts 8:26-40

July 14: “Chosen for a Reason – Acts 9:1-19

July 21: “The Power of a Changed Life” – Acts 9:19b-31

July 28: “Tell the Whole World” – Acts 9:34-48