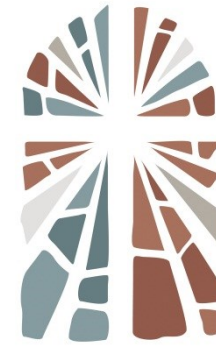


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*From the Pastor's Desk*

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What a joy it is to be with you – finally! Jen and I are so grateful for all the prayers, care, love, and support we have received during our transition. As someone new to the community, I can reflect back to you what a warm and hospitable people you are.

To update you on our journey to be with you: our plans were to sell our home in San Diego, buy a home in Carson City, move in at the beginning of March, and have a month of transition before actually “starting.”

Those were our plans.

God has different plans. And, as much as I have tried to explain to God in prayer how much better – in my opinion – are my plans, God has insisted in his own timing for things. Can any of you relate?

There is a constant struggle to submit my expectations to God’s sovereignty. Oh, my reading of the Psalms shows many examples of people who wonder and cry out about what God is doing when things are not clear; however, those are Biblical characters. They are supposed to experience it that way. Not me; it always catches me off guard when what I expect God to do is different than what God does. It has taken a long time to learn that struggle does not mean that God is angry with me, does not care about me, or is toying with me. It means that God is God, I am not, and I need to trust God to be faithful through all the journey.

My sense is that is what the Israelites needed to learn in their journey through the desert. It is the example Jesus set on his walk to the cross. It is why the Psalms are filled with the cries of people asking: “Why?” “How long?” “What are you doing, Lord?”

There may come a time in the future when we can look back at this time and say, “Oh, now I get it – that’s what you were doing.” Or, we may always wonder what God was doing, never having any real handle on what God was accomplishing. Or, we may marvel at how God has extended grace to us in ways we could not have foreseen, ways we could not imagine, and ways that have blessed us beyond our expectation.

In any and all of those circumstances though, my great comfort is, “That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.” (The Heidelberg Catechism, Answer 1).



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## April Sermons

April 7 - “Daily Bread” Matthew 6:9-15

April 14 - **Palm Sunday**: “Look!” John 12:12-19

April 18 - **Maundy Thursday**: “All We Need”  
John 13:1-20

Soup Supper at 6:00 PM and Worship at 7:00 PM

April 21 - **Easter**: “From Mourning to Dancing”  
John 20:1-18, Psalm 30:8-12

April 28 - “Forgive Us” Matthew 6:9-15

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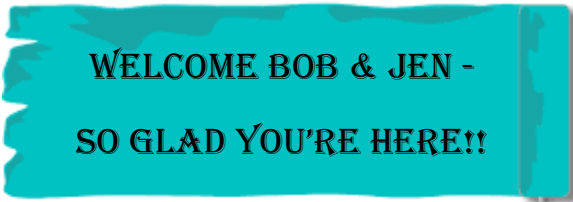


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Whatever will be God's timing is good. I believe that and put my hope in Him. I look forward to the journey – struggle and all – with you in the days ahead. To God be the glory.

Your brother in Christ,

**Bob Davis**



From Bruce's Workshop

**"Restored"**

When people hear that I was in the motorcycle business for ten years they will ask me, "How in the world did you make the shift to ministry?" The simple answer is, there is no way in "the world." But God's ways are bigger than our world. I know, it does seem extreme, though not so much when you know the whole story. God is in the business of doing extreme things to show us his power and love. This season is the most significant sign God has shown us of this. God spared no expense; held nothing back to show how capable and willing he was to restore us to right relationship with himself.



People who discover this find that God's love is a joyfully endless process of God taking us apart and putting us back together again the right way, for his glory. In 1928, my dad bought a 1918 Indian motorcycle for two dollars! BUT, here's the deal...it was all in boxes and jars. No two pieces were connected. Someone who had no idea what they were doing took it apart after abusing it. My dad was 15 and studying auto mechanics at a technical high school. He put it back together with coaching from his teacher and it started on the first kick! THAT'S restoration. Now you know why I don't think motorcycles and ministry aren't much different!




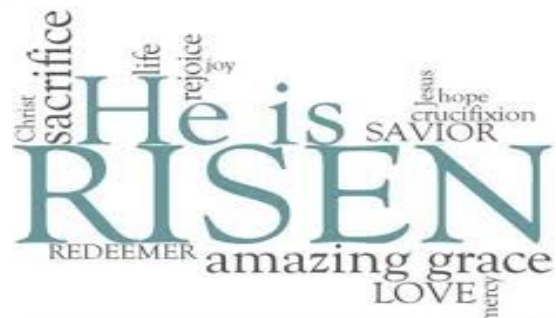
Our Father saw that we had been taken apart and abused by the world and its sinful condition. He sent his own Son to put us back together as only HE could. And he did, and he does, and he will put us back together. Our invitation is to do one thing. That's all, ONE THING. Do you know what that is? Two words: LET HIM. Let him put you back together so that you may be used by Him to show others what it means to be restored by the life-saving love of God who gave his own Son to put all our parts back together. That's what these days are about. It is as we let God show us how backward sin has made us, that we discover the wonder of being put back together. In fact, God's grace puts us together in such a way that our lives work BETTER than our very best day, every day. Do you want this? Do you know someone who wants this? Of course we do! And it is as we experience the resurrection power of Jesus that we realize this can happen to us and through us.

That 1918 Indian didn't come with instructions. But our God has given us the best instruction manual ever; his word, the Bible. My prayer is that we would all open it and let it instruct us in what it means to be restored and to be people who tell about restoration.

We will be exploring and celebrating God's extreme goodness throughout this month. I hope you will not miss a single Sunday and that you will bring friends with you as Pastor Bob Davis and I unfold the promises of God's word each week. Join me in welcoming Bob and Jen. Come join us as God restores us!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

**Bruce**

|    |                                      | <h2 style="text-align: center;">APRIL 2019</h2>  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|----------|--|---|--|
| Sunday  | Monday                               | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday |  |   |  |
|   | 1<br>7:00 PM Praise Team, Sanctuary  | 2<br>7:00 AM Women's Bible Study, LA Bakery<br>7:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Library  | 3<br>8:00 AM Men's Study Group @Joanie's Creekside Cafe<br>9:00 AM Grace Notes<br>10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Bible Study, Fellowship Hall<br>11:30 AM Prayer Meeting, Library<br>5:00 PM CIRCLES, FLC/Library<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir   | 4<br>7:00 AM -9:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship @Joanie's Creekside Cafe   | 5<br>6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library<br><br><br>OFFICE CLOSED | 6        |  |   |  |
| 7<br>8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)<br>9:30 AM Nursery<br>10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience<br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC   | 8                                    | 9<br>7:00 AM Women's Bible Study, LA Bakery<br>7:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Library<br>5:30 PM Mission Committee<br>5:30 PM & 7:00 PM All Other Committees | 10<br>8:00 AM Men's Study Group @Joanie's Creekside Cafe<br>9:00 AM Grace Notes<br>10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Bible Study, Fellowship Hall<br>11:30 AM Prayer Meeting, Library<br>5:00 PM CIRCLES, FLC/Library<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir  | 11<br>7:00 AM -9:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship @Joanie's Creekside Cafe<br>1:30 PM Women's Bible Study, Library                                    | 12<br>6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED   | 13       |  |   |  |
| 14<br>8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)<br>9:30 AM Nursery<br>10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience<br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC<br>11:45 AM Deacons Meeting<br><br>PALM SUNDAY | 15<br>7:00 PM Praise Team, Sanctuary | 16<br>7:00 AM Women's Bible Study, LA Bakery<br>7:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Library<br>5:30 PM Session  | 17<br>8:00 AM Men's Study Group @Joanie's Creekside Cafe<br>9:00 AM Grace Notes<br>10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Bible Study, Fellowship Hall<br>11:30 AM Prayer Meeting, Library<br>5:00 PM CIRCLES, FLC/Library<br>5:30 PM Circles Dinner<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir<br>8:00 PM Praise Team | 18<br>7:00 AM -9:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship @Joanie's Creekside Cafe<br>6:00 PM Soup Supper (FLC)<br>7:00 PM Worship Service<br>MAUNDY THURSDAY | 19<br>6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library<br><br>GOOD FRIDAY<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED  | 20       |  |   |  |
| 21<br>8:45 AM Sunday School (Adult)<br>9:30 AM Nursery<br>10:00 AM King's Kids Bible Experience<br>10:00 AM Worship Service<br>11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship, FLC<br><br>EASTER                                  | 22                                   | 23<br>7:00 AM Women's Bible Study, LA Bakery<br>7:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Library<br>11:30 AM Desert Schooners, Fellowship Hall                         | 24<br>8:00 AM Men's Study Group @Joanie's Creekside Cafe<br>9:00 AM Grace Notes<br>10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Bible Study, Fellowship Hall<br>11:30 AM Prayer Meeting, Library<br>5:00 PM CIRCLES, FLC/Library<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir  | 25<br>7:00 AM -9:00 AM Wilson Men's Fellowship @Joanie's Creekside Cafe  | 26<br>6:30 AM Men's Berean Bible Study, Library<br><br>OFFICE CLOSED   | 27       |  |   |  |
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**ON OUR PRAYER LIST** Requested as of March 17, 2018  
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APRIL



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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**Lottie Scott  
Memorial Scholarship Award**



**Attention any high school senior who is currently active or grew up in this congregation.**

You qualify to apply for the Lottie Scott Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in honor of Lottie Scott who was very involved in the life of our church, especially in the Sunday School and Youth programs. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application at the church office (Mon - Thurs from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm). Deadline for applying is May 15, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Cecelia Stansbury at 925-200-4360 or cecstansbury@yahoo.com .



**THE KING'S KIDS**



*...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*

**KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE**

Two of GOD's Super-Heroes-in-Training are to be CELEBRATED, as they have memorized ALL six of our Bible verses! (see below)



Ronald (5<sup>th</sup> grade)



Avery (5 years old)

**KING'S KIDS BIBLE EXPERIENCE**

**...Experiencing GOD... Experiencing the BIBLE... Experiencing COMMUNITY...**

During Lent, we'll be looking at Jesus' interactions with people during the last week of His life.

**Memory Verses:**

"Be alert. Stand firm in your faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Let everything you do, be done in love."  
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."  
John 3:16

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by Me."  
John 14:6

"Cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you."  
1 Peter 5:7

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."  
Psalm 46:1

"Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God. The Lord is One. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." "...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Luke 10:27



## My Heart Awakening Cries – May Jesus Christ Be Praised!

*Psalm 113: 1-3 "Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!"*

It is mid-Lent, the season in which we reflect upon Jesus' sacrifice for all of us. The resurrection represents the new beginning in our lives. In addition, this month we have turned a new page in the history of First Presbyterian Church. Pastor Bob Davis is onboard as our next pastor. We have a long historical tradition of great leaders in this church. New approaches to ministry are part of showing us how to love the world as Jesus loves us. It is not lost on me that this physical and spiritual new chapter is occurring in the spring at FPC.

Change can be challenging, but it doesn't have to be when we remember that the main thing — that Christ's birth, ministry on earth for a brief thirty-three years, crucifixion for our sins, and resurrection by God in order to bridge the gulf between God and humans — has not changed! In fact, it is not just a nice idea, but life given in exchange for all of us. In this realization, we need to say, "Christ be praised!" He has all authority over us, all dominion and all praise, now and forevermore.

*When Morning Gilds the Skies* is a hymn that helps us praise from the "bottom up all the way to the Throne" (Brueggemann). I've always thought of it as an Easter hymn, probably because I sang it multiple Easter mornings as a child. But the lyrics, which interestingly number more than 14 double stanzas (28 lines), speak of praising God in all situations, from work to play; from mealtime to bedtime; in sadness and in joyfulness; from the beginning of the day until the sun sets (Psalm 113). The hymn, anonymously penned, first appeared in the German Catholic hymnbook (1744), but was then translated by Edward Caswell, an Anglican vicar who, later in 1847, converted to Catholicism. He added additional stanzas to the original hymn. A more contemporary expression of Psalm 113, can be found in the song "Blessed Be Your Name". The song also contains parts of other Psalms.

As we move into the celebration of the resurrection, the spring, and the beginning of a new pastorship, may we always praise Christ as the author of the truest expression of life!

Joyfully,  
Karen

### CONGREGATIONAL GIVING - GENERAL BUDGET

|                | 2019 Projected |           |            |
|----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|
|                | Budget Need    | Given     | Difference |
| March 17, 2019 |                |           |            |
| Year To Date   | \$121,231      | \$107,640 | -\$ 13,591 |
| Current        | Income         | Expense   | Difference |
|                | \$107,640      | \$108,631 | -\$ 991.00 |

*Thank you for your ongoing response to our ECO dues campaign.*

*We continue to meet our obligations because of you!*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

## Your Mission Committee Thanks You

**LIFE CHOICES BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** What a wonderful response we have had with our Life Choices Bottle campaign this year. Two hundred bottles were put out and you picked up 195 bottles. As of March 19, 45 were returned full with change and or checks. Thank you all for this fantastic response. As they said:

*OUR BOTTLE + YOUR COINS = BIG CHANGE*

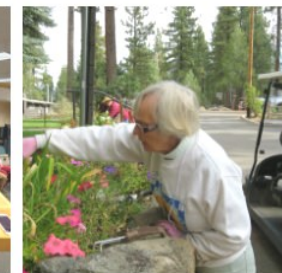
Change for the good in the lives of women who make the choice to keep their babies and allow Life Choices and us help them with a new life. If you have not returned your bottle, it is not too late. Bring them to the church office or leave them on the table in the narthex. **Thank you** all for your generosity and love and support of this special ministry.

**BLUE BARREL FOOD DRIVE:** Once again our Northern Nevada Blue Barrel was overflowing with your gifts of food and paper goods. These items go to folks in our community who need a bit of help in life. Much of the food is delivered to apartments and hotels to folks who have a hard time getting out. **Thank you** for your gifts that help so many in our community with a hand up.

**ETHIOPIA MISSION TRIP:** Your offering to help Dave Philips go to Ethiopia was a blessing. Yes, you gave **\$1,585.00** to make this trip possible. This will be added to the \$600 that another missionary family gave to FPC to encourage us to once again be a part of this mission outreach. On May 2, 2019 the translation of the New Testament for the Shekkacho people will be dedicated. We had hoped that Dave and Art & Karen Pabst, from Fremont Presbyterian Church in California would be there to spend time with our brothers and sisters and with our beloved Tesfaye. Unfortunately due to recent unrest and violence in the area, the group has been urged to postpone their trip. It is hoped that rather than going in May our delegation will be able to visit in the October or November of this year. Please be praying for Ethiopia and for the Christian Church there during these difficult times. **Thank you** for your gifts that will make a re-scheduled trip possible to glorify God and renew our fellowship with our friends in Ethiopia.



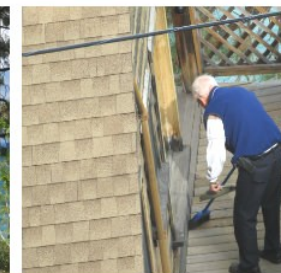
The Sept. 14-16, 2018 Workers!



Jane Hancock and her green thumb



God's Handiwork!!



Jamie Wheeler making a clean sweep of it



Lunch and fellowship

### Zephyr Point Work Day—Saturday, May 11

Signups begin Sunday, April 14. See Jane Hancock in the Narthex after the church service.

Plan to participate for a day of fun, fellowship, fantastic food, and fatigue!!

We will meet at 7:30am at the Zephyr Point maintenance area, next to the office, for coffee & donuts.