

# The Valley Herald

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Christ Presbyterian Church

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## Our Mission Statement

Christ  
Presbyterian  
Church  
focuses on a  
Bible-centered  
personal faith  
in Jesus Christ;  
shares the  
Christian faith  
in the  
community  
through  
participation in  
community and  
church-based  
programs; and  
strives to allow  
the Holy Spirit  
to guide our lives.

## Need More Faith ?

Since some people don't get the *Record Courier*, or missed the article Pastor Bill wrote recently, we are reprinting it here.

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Have you ever been told, "You just need to have more faith!"? Perhaps you've thought, "If I just had more faith ..." or "Maybe if I was more of an optimist than a pessimist, I might be better off?"

But, where does faith come from? In what or whom do you place your faith? Is it in the leadership of our country? Your financial "nest egg?" Most often it's in our own abilities and what we are able to control in our lives. We admire optimists rather than pessimists. I'm reminded of an old saying that goes something like, "A pessimist is merely an educated optimist."

For Christians, our faith is in the Lord, the perfect Father, who has chosen and called us into His family with the wonderful promise of a great, future inheritance. We have been told in His inspired Word that, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). So, our hope comes from listening not contriving or initiating something to have faith and belief in. We don't depend on faith that comes from us, or faith in anything else in this world.

As our currency says, "In God We Trust." Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is

the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." God's Word is all that we need to act - and then we are expected, compelled to act, move out, serve, trust and hope. And we shouldn't be proud of our hope or our optimistic self. Just as our salvation comes to us as a gift, so does our faith. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

So, if we don't have enough faith ... if you don't have enough faith ... perhaps the answer is to "Listen up!" For those who may wonder if there really is a God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit ... why not spend some time alone, in quiet, and wait - ask - listen?

When you're out alone, driving, fishing, working in the yard, make yourself available. Turn off the car radio or any other sounds as necessary. Consider the possibilities. Could you be missing the greatest opportunity there is in life? Would you like to have more faith, more hope, and a brighter outlook on life, the future, and the days to come?

The true answer isn't a church. But we, the churches in your community, would welcome the opportunity to help you find and meet the True Answer.

— Pastor Bill

## Our Prayers & Praises:



- A praise for **Brandon Ceideburg-Soukup** (Holly Ceideburg's grandson) who has returned to Iraq with his Army unit. To write or send a care package to Brandon, his address is:

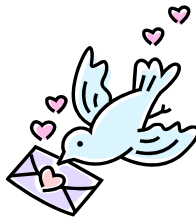
Sgt. Soukup, Brandon  
B/co 2-7 CAV 4BCT 1CD  
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- Prayers for the friends and family of **Verona Bordok**, who passed away on July 14. Verona had been attending CPC for over a year with her companion, Ted Conover. We will miss her!
- Prayers for **Alan Jones** and his mom, Dorothy, on the death of his father, Warren, who passed away July 22 in New Bern, NC.
- Prayers for the **Dunns** and **Maynors** for ongoing health concerns.

## Birthday Wishes

Here are upcoming birthdays in our church family:

- Katie Jones — Aug. 19th
- Mary Anne Convis — Aug. 29th
- Clemmie Copley — Aug. 31st
- Rosemary Parker — Sept. 6th
- Byron Waite — Sept. 9th
- Al Copley — Sept. 18th
- Bill Howie — Sept. 15th
- Phyllis Hogan — Sept. 18th
- Earl Mussett — Sept. 22nd
- George LaMonica — Sept. 27th

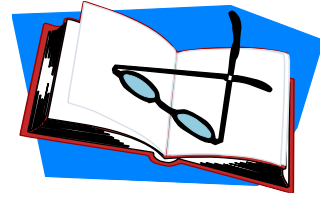


If your birthday is missing from this list, notify Jan

## Thank You!!!

**CJ Wynar** thanks everyone who came to his party and sent him cards. He will be leaving for OSU in mid-September. He has ROTC training for the Navy first, and then school starts September 27.

**Nancy Pierce** thanks all those who have served as greeters and worship assistants this summer.



## Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Opportunities

- **Mondays at 10 a.m.**, a Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group meets at the home of Carole Karp. On 1st & 3rd Mondays, they hold a "Needle Network" — a time to get together, chat, knit, crochet, and help each other with new projects. Bible study is on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, using "The Lord is My Shepherd," a study of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.
- **Tuesdays at 8 a.m.**, the men of CPC have been meeting for Bible Study at Pastor Bill and Pann's home. They are studying the Gospel of John.
- **Saturday, Aug. 16, 11:30 a.m.**, the WOW Seniors Group meets for lunch at Indigo (near Winhaven) and on **Saturday, Sept. 20**, their monthly lunch is at Woodett's in Gardnerville — All are welcome to attend.

## Meetings & Other

- **Deacons** — 2nd Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- **Session** — 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Food Ministry Sunday** — On the 4th Sunday of the month, we take food donations to the Carson Valley Food Closet to help those in need in our own community. But you can put a food donation in the red barrel any time. For suggested items, [see page 7](#).

## Choir News!

**Choir Retreat:** The Choir Retreat will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at Hazel Dunn's home, 969 Lehigh Circle, Carson City. Call Hazel at 267-1683 if you need directions.

We will be working on music for the new season and then enjoy a meal together! We want to start at 10 a.m., so please be there a little early. We will provide the hamburgers; you are asked to bring a side dish to share and whatever you want to drink.

**Presbytery Appearance:** We are honored that our choir has been invited to sing at the next meeting of Presbytery on September 16 at Zephyr Cove. So we'll be working on music for that event, as well as getting "in the groove" for the coming choir season.

**Newcomers Welcome!** Anyone interested in giving choir a try is welcome. The more the better!! Choir begins meeting again on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the church, starting on Wednesday, Aug. 27. We will present our first anthem during the Sept. 7 service, which is Communion Sunday.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

— Rosemary Parker, Choir Director



*Get ready to stretch those vocal chords! Choir begins again with a fun retreat on August 23rd.*

### Heavenly Hope...Heavenly Help!

*We appreciate Nancy Pierce for the great job she does heading up the CPC Prayer Chain. We realized, however, that too often we pray for these requests, but never know the outcome of our prayers. Thus, our new Heavenly Hope... Heavenly Help! column debuts in this issue of the Valley Herald, focusing attention on the way that God answers our prayers.*

In recent weeks, **Herman and Bobbie Zellmer** tell us that their grand-daughter, Courtney, is doing much better. Her MRI looked good but she is scheduled for more testing at UCSF Medical Center to better determine what is going on. For now she is resting and getting her system back on track. The Zellmer's thank everyone for their prayers.

Jim White reports that his son's friend, **Dale Oakley**, who had critically injured his hand, and severed all his tendons in a grinder accident came through surgery successfully and expects to go back to work soon. Doctors predict that he will regain 90% use of his

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#### LAKE TAHOE WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 19-21

at Zephyr Point Conference Center

*The Connecting Path..... to God, to People and Self*



**Speaker Shandel Slaten** is passionate about helping people claim their true purpose and live an authentic life in Christ. She is a frank, funny and animated speaker. You can listen to her radio program on Alice 96.5 or visit [www.shandel.com](http://www.shandel.com). For more info, contact Charlene Rodman at 265-7875.

## Presbyterians Gather and You are Needed!

Our Nevada Presbytery meets in Lake Tahoe at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 16th and 17th. Jim White is our Elder Commissioner.

**CPC is Co-Host** — As you may know, Christ Presbyterian Church has been asked to co-host this meeting. Our committee (Pastor Bill, Hazel Dunn, Rosemary Parker and Charlene Rodman) have been meeting and planning. Jim and Jan White will be a part of our greeting committee to get the members of Presbytery signed up and to their rooms and meeting locations on Monday. Charlotte Fenlon and Rosemary Parker will be helping with worship time prior to the Presbytery meeting. We are also responsible for the "snack table". We still need one or two to be in this area to restock our goodies. Are you available on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday?

**All Are Invited to Attend** — Have you ever wondered what goes on at a Presbytery meeting? Well this is your opportunity to find out. The trip up the mountain is only about 20-25 minutes. All are welcome to attend these meeting and observe the business of the Nevada Presbytery.

On Tuesday evening, CPC is in charge of the worship service at 7:00 p.m. John Karp will be our worship assistant and Pastor Bill will be bringing us the sermon. Other participants will include Rev. Pat Hardy, Rev. Dr. Steve Blocher, Bob Vibe, CLP and Rev. Dr. Bob Stover. Members of our choir and the Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church's praise team will be bringing us the music. So, you can see this is a team effort and you are invited to be a part of it. Please see Charlene if you would like to join the team.



## 2 Upcoming Events for Sisters in Service

Two events are coming up in August and September for Sisters In Service (SIS).

The first is a breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 9th at 9 a.m. at the Village Church in Incline Village.

**Michele Rickett**, President and Founder, will give an overview of the SIS ministry and describe what she saw on her recent trips to Mali, Sudan and Nepal, as she traveled to interview abused and least-valued girls for her new book. She is a dynamic speaker and someone you do not want to miss. Plan on attending this event.

In September, you will also have the chance to participate in the 4th annual **"Walk to the Water"** at Lake Tahoe. It is Saturday, Sept. 13th from 9 a.m. to Noon beginning at Incline Beach. This is a fundraiser for Sisters In Service and as you can see from the picture of Jan Jones and Charlene Rodman, taken a couple years ago, it can be a fun event.

See Charlene Rodman if you have any questions about these events or if you would like to sponsor someone willing and able to do the walk. Sponsorships of any amount are welcomed.

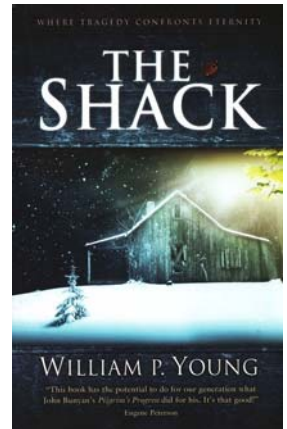


*Jan Jones and Charlene Rodman had fun trying out this difficult water-carrying technique at "Walk to the Water" a few years ago.*

## *The Shack*: A Book Review by Charlene Rodman

Have you heard of the book "*The Shack*"? This is a Christian fiction written by William P. Young and was self published. It has been on the New York Times trade-paperback best seller for over 5 weeks. Author, Bible translator and pastor, Eugene Peterson said, "This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* did for his. It's that good!"

The back cover of *The Shack* outlines the story line as follows: "Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever."



I learned of this book from Pastor Dick Randall of The Village Church and he says and I agree, "This book will challenge your thinking about the Triune God we worship and serve. It will shake some of your foundational beliefs. Through the process you will grow in your faith journey." This is a slow read because there is so much to think about, but a book well worth reading.

## Heavenly Hope... (cont.)

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hand after intense physical therapy.

**Judy Maynor** tells us that Gale has been on another roller-coaster ride. After his last treatment, they began planning a road trip to Mt. Rushmore. However, by Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, his platelets were so low, the doctor sent him out of the office in a mask, and straight to the Infusion Center for a transfusion of platelets. His counts are all over the board. He's only lost one point in platelets, his white count is maybe 0.1 higher, or lower. But now his red counts are falling.

His platelets and neutrophils are okay to where he can go out in public. At this writing, he is scheduled for more blood work, with the possibility of both red blood and platelets transfusions.

— Contributed by Nancy Pierce and Pann Baltz

## PC(USA) MISSION GIFTS IN 2008

So far this year, our church has given to the following Presbyterian Mission Programs:

- \$900 - Synod General Missions
- \$300 - General Assembly General Missions
- \$510 - F.I.R.M.
- \$200 - Red Rock NCD\* in Las Vegas
- \$100 - Burma/Myanmar Disaster Relief
- \$387 - One Great Hour of Sharing
- \$100 - Peace Presby. Church, Yankton, SD

\*NCD = New Church Development

Thank you for your faithful gifts to CPC.

Your Session is making sure that we are good stewards of your gifts so that 10% of your gifts go to help fund these and other missions causes. Thank You.

## Exploring Ephesians

Over the next few weeks, I will be leading us on a tour of Ephesians 1 - 3. Traveling together as a church family on this journey promises to be a rewarding experience as we learn and grow with each other.

I believe our journey will be enhanced if you will:

1. *Bring your Bible with you to church each Sunday.*
2. *Read Ephesians 1 - 3 at least once each week along with the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.*
3. *Pray for our church on Fridays, remembering the leadership, guests, needs, direction, and outreach.*

The preaching schedule will be passed out Sunday, August 3rd and also be on our church web site in the "Worship" section.

Remember: BRING - READ - PRAY

### New Time to Meet with Pastor

Also, I would like to make Tuesday and Thursday afternoons available for you. If you'd like to meet at the church and talk more about: Scripture, our church, the difficult challenges in your life, or ask a very challenging question of faith, please feel free to give me a call and we'll schedule some time.

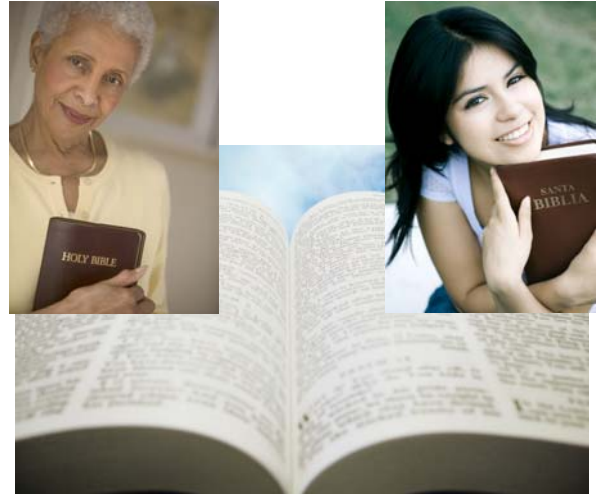
I'm looking forward to our time together on Sundays and during the week.

— *Pastor Bill*



A painting of Jesus carrying a child.

— Artist Unknown



*Remember: Bring — Read — Pray*

### Your Nominating Committee at Work

As we do every fall, your Nominating Committee kicks into gear. This year's Nominating Committee includes Chairperson Hazel Dunn, Jim White, Claudia Small, Janet Gurr and Ailsa Milne.

You will be seeing bulletin inserts in September to give you an opportunity to help this committee do their job. You may want to volunteer to be an Elder or Deacon starting in 2009 or you may know someone who should volunteer and, with your encouragement, they will sign up. Forms may be handed to anyone on the committee.

Elders and Deacons must be members of the church. They should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship and have a love for Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We will be filling two 3-year terms each for Elder and for Deacon. Also we will be seeking a member-at-large for the 2009 Nominating Committee. Please be in prayer for this committee as they gather to seek God's will for the leadership of Christ Presbyterian Church.

## Christian Ed News!

**Sunday School:** The Fall series of "One Room Sunday School" begins September 7, 2008. The study units center on "In the Beginning," "God Chooses a People," and "Trusting God's Promises." It is an interesting curriculum with many activities for the children.

**Sunday school teachers are needed** for the Fall sessions.

Please check the sign-up sheet in the Social area of the church. There will be a sample leader's guide



to look through so that volunteers can pick out the lesson they would like to lead. Call Carole Karp at 782-3230 for more information.

**Women's Bible Study:** The women will continue to meet in the Fall for study and fellowship at 10AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

The women are studying "The Lord is My Shepherd" a study of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. In September, they will start a more complete study of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Guides are available for the Fall study. The women also meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays for social time and sharing. Please call Carole Karp for more information at 782-3230.

**Men's Bible Study:** The men meet on Tuesdays at 8AM at the home of Pastor Bill. They are now studying the Book of John. All men are invited to attend.

**Adult Bible Study:** Steve Gardner will be leading a study for the general congregation. It will probably be on Tuesday evenings.

"I'm looking to teach Christian Worldview. There will be an introduction/overview to see where the interest is before making a big schedule/plan." This looks to be very exciting, interesting, and educational. We are blessed to have Steve with us!



## Dear Deacon

Dear Deacon,

Help! My pantry at home is overflowing and spilling out into the kitchen. I would like to bring some food to Church to put in the red barrel for the Food Closet, but I'm not sure what kinds of goods are needed most

Thanks,  
I.M. Stuffed

Dear Stuffed,

The following nonperishable items have been recommended by the Food Closet and serve as a substantial portion of the food they provide: peanut butter, canned meat or fish, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups and stews, rice, dried beans, packaged potatoes, powdered milk, and juice boxes. They also distribute paper products such as toilet paper and napkins.

Now that I have your attention, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Rodman and Earl Mussett who help deliver these goods to the Carson Valley Food Closet. Thanks, guys!

Also, we want to extend our appreciation to the congregation for their ongoing support of this ministry. Without your help, there would be no food to deliver!

With Love,  
Your Deacon

## Session Meeting Minutes from June 19

Your Session gathered for its regular monthly meeting on June 19th. Pastor Bill moderated the meeting. Four Ruling Elders were present - two were excused. Also participating were the CPC Treasurer and the Clerk of Session.

Following is a summary of the most important discussion and decision items:

1. The CPC approved Terms of Call for Pastor Bill were sent to the Stated Clerk, Nevada Presbytery on May 19, 2008.
2. The Annual Review of Church Records was held on May 31, 2008 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno. CPC records were reviewed with no exceptions noted.
3. Session approved a recommendation for Pastor Bill and Elder Alan Jones to explore and make a decision concerning two options for handling phone calls to the church:
  - Have calls automatically forwarded to Pastor Bill's home phone.
  - Have a separate church line installed at his home.
4. Pastor Bill's vacation plans during September through December were approved. Mondays will be Pastor Bill's standard day off.
5. Several changes have been, or will be, made to the Worship Service: the opening of Worship Services; non-use of Friendship Pads; prayer time with the Pastor after the service; "sing time" before the service; the choir sitting with the congregation after the anthem; children's sermons; worship music; and training for worship assistants and greeters.
6. Future fellowship activities include: an ice cream social in August; a possible group movie event (e.g., Narnia); and a Spirit Fest in September.
7. Actions have been taken to address: sanctuary ceiling spider webs; a design for a Choir Frontal Partition; modifications of CPC signs to reflect the new 9:30 am start time for Sunday Worship.
8. A Care Team has been established to develop procedures for handling our Worship Service guests. The Team will address: CPC advertising; Welcome Packets; CPC logo gifts (e.g., coffee cups, pens, etc.); recording guest information; visitations; invitations to CPC activities; training for Greeters and Worship Assistants.
9. All Bible Study classes are going well. Discussions continue on possible Bible Study classes for both men and women of CPC, and the general public.

— Submitted by: John Karp, Clerk of Session

### YUM! Ice Cream Social Coming

Mark your calendars!!

**What:** Ice Cream Social

**When:** 6:00 p.m.,  
Saturday, August 9

**Where:** Jim and Jan  
White's home, 410 Corie  
Court, Gardnerville

**Why:** Good Eats, Lots of  
Fun, Great Social Event

Look for a sign-up sheet on Sunday, Aug.3 to bring ice cream, toppings and other goodies

**Who:** Friends, Family and Friends of Friends

*Please use this occasion to invite friends and guests that you would like to have us meet and get to know. This is a great way to expand our outreach and have fun at the same time!*

**Attire:** Casual, suitable for warm afternoon and evening (possibility of some wind???)

*Please RSVP by Tuesday, August 5 to  
Jan White, 265-4742*

**Directions:** Take Hwy 88 to Centerville Lane. Turn west and go about 3 miles to Foothill Rd. Turn left (south) and continue 6/10ths of a mile. Corie Court is on the left just past the mailboxes on the right hand side of the road. (If you see the Cuttin' Loose Ranch sign, you just went 1 block too far!)





# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 10 a.m. — Needle Network at Karps	5	6	7	8	9 SIS Breakfast 6 p.m. — Ice Cream Social
10 10:45 a.m. — Deacons Meeting	11 10 a.m. — Women's Bible Study at Karps	12 8 a.m.—Men's Bible Study at Baltz Home	13	14	15	16 11:30—WOW Lunch @ Indigo
17	18 10 a.m. — Needle Network	19 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	20	21 7 p.m. Session	22	23 10 a.m. — Choir Retreat
24 Food Ministry Sunday	25 10 a.m. — Women's Bible Study	26 8 a.m.— Men's Bible Study	27 7 p.m. — Choir Resumes	28	29	30
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### ***Ecclesiastes 3:1-8***

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity  
under heaven:*

*a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,*

*a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,*

*a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,*

*a time to scatter stones  
and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,*

*a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,*

*a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,*

*a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.*

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