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It's What We Trust

I'm hardly ever sick--but I'm sick today. Imagine my surprise when my morning reading says this (from 2 Corinthians 5, in The Message):

"We know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven--God-made, not handmade--and we'll never have to relocate our 'tents' again."

Today, I'm not too happy with the "tent" I'm living in. While I'm not anxious to get to my heavenly home (and the new body that I'll get there), being sick makes it easier to anticipate the bodily death that awaits each of us. Depressing?! Not really--it just makes me appreciate the sunny days and fresh air that are waiting for me! Meanwhile, I will wait in faith that God always wishes the very best for me.

How about you? It's easy to trust God when things are easy and fun and sparkling. Are you willing to join me in giving God praise and thanks, even when life seems diminished and dull? I hope so. Meanwhile, chew on this from The Message: "It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going."

Faithfully,

Pastor Pat



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Sermon Titles and Scripture Readings for April, 2010

April 4 (Easter)	"If for This Life Only"	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18
April 11	"Ambassadors of Christ"	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31
April 18	"Opportunity Nearly Missed"	Acts 9:1-20
April 25	"From Lazarus to Dorcas"	Psalm 23 Acts 9:36-43

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School
For All Ages

10:15 am Worship Service

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Fridays
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Adult Choir Practice

7:15 pm every Thursday evening
9:00 am every Sunday morning

Christian Ed and Youth

In March we resumed our College lunch/fellowship at Great Basin College. Pastor Pat has been meeting with a group of college students at noon for lunch and great conversation. If you know any college students that might be interested in a free lunch and fellowship, let them know that every Thursday lunch is provided at noon at Café X, which is in the new building until the remodeling of the Café X is finished.

The Jr/Sr high youth have been meeting on Thursday evening from 6-8 for game/movie night. We are so glad the weather is getting nice so we can venture out of doors on game night. The first Thursday of the month is Birthday night. We order pizza and Vicki Goicoechea is making our cupcakes to celebrate all the youth birthdays of the month. This month was a busy month for birthdays. We celebrated thirteen. We **will** meet on Thursday April 1 at 6:00 pm to fill Easter eggs for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday, then we will attend the Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm for those that want to stay. Our April birthday celebration will be the following week on April 8th.

Coming up in April the youth will be participating in the World Vision 30 hour famine. We will have a lock in on April 23-24. How this works is the youth will be given a famine bracelet on Thursday night at youth group and it will remind them that after they eat their lunch on Friday they are to stop eating. We will meet at the church on Friday at 5:30pm. We will enjoy an evening of fun and learning, on Saturday we will join in the clean up Elko day, we have a couple of requests for our help with some spring cleaning. We will only be allowed a substance called "Plumpy Nut" a fortified substance given to malnourished children, juice and water. Saturday evening we will invite the families to help end our fast with a potluck soup and bread dinner. I am inviting other youth groups in town to join us. We are also asking the congregation to help sponsor us. There will be a chart in the hall to sign up to sponsor a half hour or hour of our 30 hours. We will also be in the fellowship hall after church for the next few weeks. For more information please feel free to call me.

There will be an Easter Egg hunt on Sunday April 4th at 10am for the kids. Stay after the 8:30 service or come early for the 10:15 service. When the church bell tolls 10am we will let them go.

Sunday schedule:

Easter Sunday Services: 6:30, 8:30, 10:15am NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday school will resume on April 11 @ 9am Bible 101-Mike Jones and Judy Bondo

Christian Roundtable- Susie Jones and Frances Schain- "When it is Hard to Choose"

Nursery-Andrea Licht K-2-Esther Gago

3-5-Sally Winsley 6-12- Dan and Carolee Jones

Young Adult- Tyler and Julie Vincent- "If You Want To Walk On Water, You Have To Get Out Of The Boat"

Church Service: 10:15

Afternoon Youth Activities:

1-2pm-Jr/Sr youth study with Charlyn and Mark Van Slyke and snacks with Donna Culp and Donna Gary

Kids Choir with Pastor Pat 2-3pm-Youth Choir with Pastor Pat Kids Club with Sharon Hughes

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University- Sunday 1-3pm with Pat and Kevin Harrington and on Monday evening 6:30-8:30pm with Pastor Pat and Melissa Mecham. I would like to start a new class that would go through the summer months. If you are interested in taking a class during this time, please contact me.

Hard to believe that the end of Sunday School and Sunday Youth Activities is fast approaching. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to lead a class coming this fall. If you have any thoughts on subjects or classes you would like to see led this fall please contact me.

Reflecting Christ in the Mall

by Carol Pierce, Houston's First Baptist Church

I have found many ways to use the listening skills that we learned in Stephen Minister training outside the formal Stephen Ministry relationship.

A few days ago I went shopping in one of the malls here in Houston. I found a skirt I wanted but the store didn't have my size. I walked to the clerk's counter to ask if she would mind calling another of their stores to find the skirt.

The clerk was on the phone. I waited for about five minutes while she finished her conversation. It was apparent that she was troubled.

When she finished, she turned to me and said that she was having a hard time over problems from a car accident that had occurred three years earlier, and she had been making an appointment with an attorney.

I spent a few minutes listening to her story, then made my request about finding the skirt. She put in a call to another store; the clerk took the information and then put us on hold for 25 minutes.

During that time we had a conversation about her situation. She was so impressed with the time I spent listening to her without getting frustrated that she said, "I don't go to church, but I might need to think about starting to attend. Do you know the address and phone number of your church?" I gave them to her.

After finding the skirt at the other store, I called her to let her know that I had succeeded and to thank her for her efforts. She again told me that she couldn't believe how much time I had taken listening to her talk about her problem.

A quote from the Stephen Ministry archives reads: Listen. It is the greatest compliment you can give: that I am worth hearing.

I think she must have needed someone just to listen.

If you are in need of someone to listen and walk with you during a difficult time in your life, the First Presbyterian Church of Elko has Stephen Ministers available for care receiver assignment. Contact Pastor Pat Mecham at 738-3430 or pastor@ElkoFirstPres.org. For more information about Stephen Ministry, see <http://StephenMinistries.org>.

In God's light,

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New email addresses are now available for various FPC personnel

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Note that personal email addresses previously used to reach these individuals may still be used.

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For church announcements,

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You may want to bookmark <http://ElkoFirstPres.org> and/or these specific pages in your internet browser for future reference.

If you note anything on the FPC website that needs to be changed or added, please let the webmaster know.

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SUMMER CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE:

The Session has decided to start Summer Worship services at 9:00 am from June 6 thru August 29.

Making the News

- Boy Scouts **Alex Byars** and **Nate Daniel** participated in Boy Scout Sunday by handing out church bulletins. Receiving one of the bulletins was **Debbie Schorsch**.
- **Michael Hanley** was named alternate for the eighth grade spelling bee.
- **Melissa Mecham** along with students at Flag View raised more than \$800 to donate to Haiti.
- **Jared Fisk** finished first in the 100 meter butterfly swim competition held in Twin Falls.
- **John Stefka**, grandson of **Bob & Donna Bellinger**, was named to the dean's list at UNR.
- **Tyler Gunter**, with the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce, welcomes Code 3 as new chamber members.
- **Richard Corn**, grandson of **Charlene Hull**, made the dean's list at UNR.
- **Bill Girard** participated in a scenario that was part of the Barrick Mine's U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration.
- **Lexi Freitag** participated in the fundraiser held at Flag View to raise money for the Animal House Shelter and Sanctuary.
- Junior High PAL basketball top scorers were: **Natalie Kump & Madison Merschel**.
- **Jared Fisk** was pictured during the donation made by a local photographer for the Elko High Music program.
- **Pam Cartier** & Katie Vosburg won first place at the Elko Bridge Club game event. **Donna Bellinger** and Dick Harris took third place.
- **Allen Andrae** (Youth Group) participated in the Spring Creek Track event.
- **Kevin Jones** competed in the Elko Blades Junior Varsity Hockey Tournament held in Carson City.
- **Tyler Gunter**, general manager for Elko Broadcasting Company, participated in the Wedding and Events Show. Pictured wearing an evening gown for the show is **Amanda Boyce**.
- **Allen Andrae** (church youth group) participated in the Spring Creek wrestling event.
- **Donna Bellinger** and Dick Harris placed second during Tuesday's Elko Bridge Club.
- **Jared Fisk** took first place in the 50-meter butterfly during the Snake River Winter Championships held in Idaho Falls.
- **Elena Howe** came in second in the 50 meter breaststroke and third place in the 25 meter freestyle during the Snake River Winter Championships held in Idaho Falls.
- **Emily Winsley** made the dean's list at Great Basin College.
- **Kari Gray**, daughter of **Charlyn & Mark Van Slyke** was named Spring Creek's Volleyball coach.
- **Ben Pearson** is one of Elko High School top baseball team's top returning hitter with a .290 average, he has been a one-man show behind the plate, according to his coach.
- **Jared Fisk** and his team set a record at the sixth annual triathlon course with a time of 44 minutes 38 seconds.
- **Elena Howe** participated in the kids portion of the sixth annual triathlon.
- **Floyd Fisk** participated in the Adult portion of the sixth annual triathlon.



Updating Your Church Information

Please fill out and return to the church office:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

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Birthdays for April, 2010

04/02	Kristi Glass	04/23	Josh Hays
04/06	Katy Webb	04/24	Shawn Cavaness
04/09	Kelly Hobbs	04/29	Marilyn Pennington
04/10	Matt Thiel Sr.	04/29	Andria Gago
04/12	Gladys Burns	04/30	Trenton Freitag
04/12	Patty Fisk		
04/13	Doris Toothman		
04/15	Ben Brownlee		
04/15	Michael Martindale		
04/17	Alice Babcock		
04/17	Nathan Schaffner		
04/17	Larry Plumb		
04/18	Brett Pearson		
04/18	Taylor Moseley		
04/19	Cooper Cavaness		
04/19	Kim Bolin		



Fellowship Hour

April 4 Buck & Judith Boyce, Rob & Sonja Brownlee, Betsy Basso, D'Ette Burgess, Jim & Jenny Byars, Pam Cartier

April 11 John & Shawn Cavaness, Tyler Vavak & Amber Conway, Marv & Julie Churhfield, Alan & Mary Ciszewski, Rick Cleveland & Sarah Stinnett, John & Faith Daniel

April 18 Hugh & Louise Collett, John & Janice Collett, Jim & Leta Collord, Jim & Jerry Cooney, Mary Craig, Charlie & Mary Lou Cress

April 25 Carol Cuthbertson, Patty Fisk, Janice Farris, Rod & Jessica Flint, Bart & Susan Freitag, Clarice Gamboa

**(If you change coffee hours,
please call the church office.)**

Coffee and Cookies are served in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service.