

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—ELKO NEVADA**  
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### ***Tom's Corner***

For Christmas my sister Jane sent me the book “*The Road to Character*” by David Brooks. David Brooks, for those of you who are unfamiliar with, is a columnist for the New York Times, teaches at Yale, and he appears regularly on the PBS News Hour, and NPR. He has written several books and I think this book might be his latest. And though many people consider him a secular writer, after reading some of his works, his knowledge and understanding concerning faith matters from a Judeo-Christian perspective is quite extensive.

This book “*The Road to Character*”, which I’m currently reading, is a fascinating one. In the first chapter he introduces the concept that the human psyche, over a lifetime, is constantly in battle between, what Brooks calls an Adam 1 and an Adam 2. Adam 1 is that external part of our being that wants to build, create, produce, and discover things. I would call it that part of us that wants to succeed and promote one’s self-worth in the world. Adam 2 on the other hand is that which wants to embody those internal qualities like being quiet and serene so as to discern between right and wrong, and not only doing what’s right, but by actually being right as much as possible. In summary, one might say that our Adam 1 wants to conquer the world, whereas our Adam 2 wants to obey by serving the world.

Brooks builds on these themes of Adam 1 and Adam 2 in the people he writes about like Dwight Eisenhower, Dorothy Day, a Catholic worker who served the poor, and others who I have yet to read about. Anyway, he writes about the struggles and hardships they had to overcome to become people of extraordinary character, something that I contend that we all want to achieve for ourselves at some point before we’re called home.

As I’ve been reading this book, it has become apparent to me that David Brooks continues to struggle with what it means to be a person of character in the highest sense. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who wants a good read that’s challenging to our inner psyche. It will make you think if nothing else. God’s blessings to you as we move forward in this New Year.

***Rev. Tom Holslag*** - Interim Pastor

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## Director of Family Ministries



### Happy Valentine's Day

*Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Group in their Spaghetti Lunch and Talent Show!*

*\$500.00 was raised to fund our 2017 Youth Programs*

*Thank you!*

**Youth Protection Training:** All staff and volunteers who supervise any minor in the church are required by our insurance company to attend an annual review of the "First Presbyterian Church Child Abuse Prevention Policies and Procedures." There will be a training in the Parlor on Sunday, **January 29th** after worship. Please grab some goodies and say hi to some folks and then join us if you work with any of the children or youth of the church.

**Sunday School:** Children 3-years-old through Adult

Sunday School resumed January 8th. If you'd like to order a book, order forms are available in the office and adult Sunday school classrooms.

**Nursery:** Babies 6 weeks to 3 years old

We have a list of qualified nursery attendants posted on the nursery door. If you see a family in church with a little one between 6 weeks and 3 years old, please let one of the attendants know.

**Children's Church:** Children 4 years through 2nd grade

Children's Church is available right after the Children's Message on Sunday mornings. The teacher schedule and lessons are posted on the door to the Children's Church room.

**Confirmation Class:** 5th Grade through 12th Grade

Reverend Tom and Melissa are team-teaching a confirmation class for any young people interested in church membership. Classes will be Sundays from 1:00 to 2:30 and will conclude on Easter Sunday.

**Youth Group:** Kids 6th grade through college

February 5th the Youth Group will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items and money for CADV (Committee Against Domestic Violence) Harbor House of Elko for the Souperbowl of Caring.

Our youth group meets Sunday afternoons after worship and Tuesday nights at 6:00 at the church.

**College/Young Adults:** Kids out of high school through 25 years old

Our college kids and young adults meet at Charlyn's house on Wednesdays at 5:30 for fun, fellowship, and food. Charlyn provides a main course and invites people to bring a food to share.

College lunch is held the second Wednesday of each month at the "Sweet Barrel" on GBC campus. The cost is just \$3 per person.

**Adult Bible Study:**

Becky Schaffner leads a Women's Bible Study Monday mornings at 9:00 and Kathy Reyes leads a study on Wednesday mornings. Tai Chi is offered Wednesdays at 9:00 and Bible study begins at 9:30.

**Love and Blessings,**

**Melissa Fonder**

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 - 2:00

## COFFEE HOUR—SPRING 2017

01-Jan	Hill family	Henry Family	Tammy Laughter	Paula Bergeron	Sheets Family
08-Jan	Liz Better	Tara Lounsbery	Van Slyke Family	Patty Fisk	Gillins family
15-Jan	Boyce Family	Kristi Glass	Bisson Family	Joyce Roberts	Thran Family
22-Jan	Byars Family	Fonder Family	Arthur Family	Toni Mendive	Vicki Matys
29-Jan	Gary family	Roberta Gallegos	Cooney Family	Hall Family	Ann Hagland
05-Feb	M. Jones Family	Alyssa Culp	Diana Sackley	Lee Reiersen	D'Ette Burgess
12-Feb	Bondo Family	Winsley Family	Doris Toothman	Jan Peterson	Nickel Family
19-Feb	Pike Family	Pruitt Family	Jill Philllips	Pearson Family	Nisbet Family
26-Feb	Vicki Goicoechea	Jan Webb	Daniel family	Strickland Family	Kim Bolin
05-Mar	Becky Schaffner	Becky Nahnacassia	Clarice Gamboa	Heather Norero	Heather Heard
12-Mar	Kathy Reyes	Liz Better	Aida Mathews	Loralee Justice	Linda Trontel
19-Mar	Jennifer Kidwell	Thompson Family	Charline Hull	Francis Schain	Jan Atkinson
16-Mar	Bev Klem	Guttry Family	B.J. Hurley	Hobbs Family	Hays Family
02-Apr	Henry Family	Byars Family	Diana Jones	Munson Family	Heather Norero
09-Apr	Winsley Family	Hill Family	Kristi Glass	Patty Fisk	Halton Family
16-Apr	Tara Lounsbery	Boyce Family	Kump Family	Nancy Neef	Vicki Matys
16-Apr	Pruitt Family	M. Jones Family	Nickel Family	Paula Bergeron	Tammi Laughter
23-Apr	Fonder Family	Pike family	Kathy Reyes	Lee Reiersen	Nisbet Family
30-Apr	Gary Family	Bondo family	Joan Zunino	Joyce Roberts	Van Slyke Family
07-May	Cooney Family	Becky Schaffner	Toni Mendive	Gillins family	London Family
14-May	Roberta Gallegos	Vicki Goichoechea	Pryzmont Family	Pat Pearce	Clarice Gamboa
21-May	Alyssa Culp	Arthur family	Plumb Family	Francis Shain	Renee Sawyer
28-May	Jan Webb	Strickland family	Pearson Family	Aida Mathews	Doris Toothman
04-Jun	Thompson Family	Bev Klem	Smith Family	Pearson Family	Daniel family
11-Jun	Boyce Family	Jennifer Kidwell	Hobbs Family	Diana Jones	Kump Family
18-Jun	Becky Nahnacassia	Fonder family	B.J. Hurley	Hall Family	Hill family
25-Jun	Guttry Family	Henry Family	Thran Family	Byars Family	Bisson Family



# T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)



## Warm Hearts

Warm your heart by helping Elko's hungry. The Mission Committee is now collecting canned foods that have pop tops such as fruit, veggies, chili, soup, and tuna. These items will be given to local organizations for distribution to those needing help. Please check the expiration dates of the canned food and place your donations in the box in front of the office. Thank you for contributing to our previous collections.

*Thank you for your support*



The youth will be collecting non-perishable goods on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017. The items collected will be donated to C.A.D.V. For more information, contact Melissa Fonder.

*The Light of the righteous shines brightly.*

Proverbs 13.9

## PER CAPITA

Our per capita this year was assessed at \$40.00 per active member. This amount is the percentage each member is apportioned once a year in all congregations. Early payment sent to Presbytery before Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> each year saves the church 10%. **Please get your payment in by Feb. 14.**

Our per capita apportionment for 2016 was based on 185 members.

General Assembly	\$ 7.50	\$1,387.50
Synod	\$ 5.22	\$ 965.70
Presbytery	<u>\$27.28</u>	<u>\$5,046.80</u>
Total	\$40.00	\$7,400.00

## Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship Applications.

Scholarship applications for the Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Scholarship are available in the church office. You must have an OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT indicating a cumulative 3.0 G.P.A. All applications must be hand delivered or mailed complete in one sealed envelope and received by noon on April 14, 2017.

## SESSION

Session met twice in December for Regular meetings and one Special meeting accepting 2017 Budget and to receive three new members respectively. Committee and church Reports were received at the Congregational meeting held January 15, 2017. By Laws addressing January to December for Elders and Deacons service to be restored was accepted and approved.

Election of Nominating Committee as follows: Chairperson – Elder John Daniel, Vice Chairperson – Elder Susie Jones, Deacons – Jan Webb and Mike Jones, At – Large members – Patty Fisk, Eric Fonder, Judy Bondo, Jeannie Gillins and Nick Halton. This committee will be responsible for nominations for members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee as well as Elder and Deacon Nominations for the Class of 2020.

Pledged offerings and other income with planned expenditures were discussed and members were encouraged to pay their Per Capita of \$ 40.00 per member as it is not a budgeted item in the general budget and payments would help keep the general budget focused on the essential care of the church and congregation.

January 17 meeting review of the year, budget and current expenditures. Reverend Tom gave a brief overview of the entrance into the pastor nomination via nominating committee and pastor nominating committee protocol. He will be the advisor for the committees through this process. Committee reports were received, the communion and calendar for the year received and accepted.

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

02/05 Mike Jones Family, Alyssa Culp, Diana Sackey, Lee Reiersen, D'Ette Burgess

02/12 Bondo Family, Winsley Family, Doris Toothman, Jan Petersen, Nickel Family

02/19 Pike Family, Pruitt Family, Jill Phillips, Pearson Family, Nisbet Family

02/26 Vicki Goicoechea, Jan Webb, Daniel Family, Strickland Family, Kim Bolin.



**You will also need to help set up and clean up**  
*Everyone Welcome!*



### **IN THE NEWS**

- **Janet Strickland** delivered 105 new baby items to Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital OB Department. Items were collected during the "Birthday Party for Jesus" held at the church.

### **KITCHEN DECLUTTER OPPORTUNITY!**

Kitchen area is being cleaned this month and multiple items have remained unclaimed. These will be available for the next two weeks just in case anyone forgot where that item had been left. Hopefully all will be returned to their owners in good order and thank you one and all for providing a scrumptious treat in that particular vessel. Unclaimed items will be put in our annual rummage sale.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

02/04	Vicki Matys
02/06	Mark Ports
02/08	Joseph Norero III
02/09	Justin Munson
02/12	Hugh Collett
02/13	Nick Bisson
02/14	Nathaniel Bisson
02/15	Christine Thompson
02/15	Tamra Boyce
02/17	Linda Trontel
02/17	Clarice Gamboa
02/18	Dennis Petersen
02/20	Floyd Fisk
02/20	Kristi Hays
02/22	Cherie Welch

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

### **Smith's Rewards**

Congregational members who are participating in the Smith's reward program earned a total of \$46.09. If you are not yet participating in this program you can visit their web-site at <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/topic/community/#/community-rewards-3>.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 1, 2017**

**WORSHIP SERVICES 7:00 PM**



The church office will be closed on February 20 for Presidents Day.

*The Lord is my strength and my song: he has become my salvation.*  
Psalm 118:14

# February— 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:30—6:30 Western Folklife center 9:00 MOPS-Steering 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 College Group	2 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	3	4
5 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Souper Bowl of Caring 12:00 Youth Studies 1:00 Confirmation Classes	6 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts	7 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Cub Scouts	8 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 12:30 College Lunch 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 College Group	9 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	10	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Mission Meeting 12:00 Youth Studies 1:00 Confirmation Classes	13 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Joy Circle	14 11:30 Hobby Lunch 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Cub Scouts <b>Valentines Day</b>	15 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 College Group	16 12:00 Al-Alon 1:00 Esther Circle 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	17	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Deacons Meeting 12:00 Youth Studies 1:00 Confirmation Classes	20 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts <b>OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	21 1:00 Hobby Group 6:00 SESSION 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Cub Scouts	22 9:00 MOPS 9:00 Tai Chi 9:30 Bible Study 4:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 College Group	23 12:00 Al-Alon 5:30 Cub Scouts 5:30 NAMI	24	25
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