



The Trumpeter

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New

Often these days we find ourselves strung between the old and the new. We love retro technology — vinyl records, classic muscle cars, IBM Selectrics — but we chase after the latest Kindle or iPad. We yearn for a miraculous pharmaceutical fix for whatever ails us at the same time as we are embracing locally grown foods and exercise regimes.

At church, we want to energize our worship services, but we cherish the old time hymns. We want to revitalize our congregational life, but we honor time tested patterns of organization and action which served us well in the past. We even mine the scriptures to support our ambivalence — or overcome it.

On the one hand we remember the admonition to the Israelites that they must not remove the landmarks “*set up by former generations*” (*Deuteronomy*

19:14), and the apostolic admonition “*to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints*” (*Jude 3*). On the other hand we remember God’s promise through the prophet that “*I am about to do a new thing*” (*Isaiah 43:19*) and the Apostle Paul’s declaration that “*if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation*” (*2 Corinthians 5:17*).

This tug of war becomes particularly acute in the emotionally charged Christmas season and the subsequent transition into a new year. In particular those of us who have some life mileage on us often wrap Christmas seasons past in swaddling clothes of nostalgia. Things were better “back then,” when families were unified and we ourselves were younger, with our futures stretching before us. And the transition into a new year may be experienced with more regret

for health, vigor and opportunities lost than excitement about new possibilities.

Conversely, some of us who are younger may regard our elders and their priorities and values with condescension. “We” are more open minded and more realistic than “they,” and more knowledgeable to boot, since we can summon worlds at the click of a mouse or the pushing of a button.

A serious student of scripture can discern several illuminating perspectives on this struggle between the old and the new. Though the human authors of scriptures were members of ancient agrarian societies, biblical portraits of love and hate, fidelity and betrayal, courage and fear, and the human life cycle in all of its fascinating

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complexity still ring true. We see ourselves in the heroes and heroines, the villains and heels of the biblical narratives. I am both Cain and Abel, doubting Thomas and steadfast John.

Humanity's technologically enhanced capacities expand every year; our basic human nature — we are fashioned in the very image of our Creator, yet fallen away from that original glory, to our abiding guilt and shame — remains constant across the generations. Finally, the resolution of the conflict of the old and the new resides in two great biblical truths.

First: God's character and purposes for us are constant from generation to generation. As Christians, we experience God most fully through Jesus Christ, who has shared our variable human history, yet *"is the same yesterday and today and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8). Second: it is finally true, our fear and anxiety notwithstanding, that God **IS** *"making all things new"* (Isaiah 43:19). We are free to love and risk and fail and forgive and launch out into every New Year without fear because in Christ ***we are God's beloved.***

— **Dr. David L. Wheeler**



This has been a challenging year for me, and I just want to express my sincere thanks for all the prayers that have surrounded me. My new kidney is working great, and I praise the Lord for his goodness in providing the transplant for me as truly a miracle and answer to all your prayers for me. I have had some stumbling blocks to overcome but I know the Lord is with me each step of the way. Thank you again for all your prayers and thoughts for me this year. I have been truly blessed.

— **Karin Irwin**

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Once again the FBC family gathered to share this Thanksgiving season with our wonderful tradition of food and fellowship. Many members of the family contributed their time and energy to this celebration. These folks deserve our thanks and appreciation.

The kitchen crew of Wayne Bridges, Vickie Bridges, Ryan Lofland, and Ester Meijas deserve special thanks. The Saturday volunteers provided a great helping hand, with many thanks to Claudia Papagolos, Bruce and Sharon Rich, Vern and Lois Chartier, Pat Thurston, and Phil Wright. Julie Wray provided the decorative pumpkins and gourds in addition to helping on Sunday. Emily Bryans assisted on Saturday and Sunday.

Bruce Bridgess provided the table decorations and ticket sales were cared for by Karen Knauerhase, Charlene Fischer, and Sharon Rich. In all, 24 persons served the FBC family in making our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner a wonderful and blessed event. I am grateful to these folks giving so graciously of their time. May God bless all of you for your dedication in serving the family here at FBC.

— **Mary Olson**



2012 Flower Calendar

Dear Members and Friends of FBC,

Having flower arrangements in worship services and receptions has become a tradition at FBC that has developed into a very meaningful ministry. Your Decorations Committee is proud to be a part of that ministry, and are pleased to be able to enhance our worship experiences with the beauty of God's nature.

The Flower Ministry relies greatly on the donations of members and friends of FBC, above and beyond their normal giving. We encourage you to celebrate a special event in your life or the life of a loved one, or to honor a special person in your life by providing funding for floral arrangements that grace our three worship services each Sunday.

We are grateful to all those who helped make this ministry possible in 2011. Thank you for your generosity.

The 2012 Flower Calendar is located in Fellowship Hall by the Welcome

Center. Prayerfully consider being a part of the Flower Ministry during the year ahead by signing up to donate flowers for 2012. Your gift will not only enhance our worship experiences, but will bless and touch the hearts of many. Be certain to mark your check: "Memorial Flowers." The suggested amount is \$50. However, any gift, less or more than that amount, is acceptable. Notation of your special event or person will be included in the Sunday worship bulletin.

Remember, too, the opportunity to remember loved ones at a most important time of Christian celebration, by donating to the special Easter Flower Fund, which can be done at any time before Easter, April 8, 2012. Note the name of the one you are remembering, and mark your check: "Easter Flowers." The suggested amount is \$25 for this gift. A list of those being remembered is included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

— **Bev Simmons and Bruce Bridgess**

Cambodian Congregational News



The annual Cambodian Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Cambodian ladies prepared lunch for about 85 of our church members who stayed for the organ concert on Sunday, Nov. 13. We hope they enjoyed the food. We thank you for your donations contributed toward the Cambodian children ministry. Special thanks for the loving hands who prepared the food and Mrs. Saveth Anderson and Shirley for their coordination of the luncheon.

They sent their greetings and sincere thanks to us for our generosity during this natural disaster.

During that trip, I accomplished most of the projects on my list, such as recruiting the committee, give support to the children's programs, working on the animal, building, garden, digging well, water tower and other activity center projects. I also spent time with the chief of the village,

donating \$15 to sponsor a student in our Children Center in Cambodia. Please give to the church, mentioning CCM Student. During my trip I talked to many kids who dropped out of school in 9th grade. I thought they were still in school. I was a little bit surprised. Your support each year to these kids will encourage them to stay in school.

Have a Blessed Holy Days!

— *Pastor Peter Im*



Flood victims

Our Cambodians enjoyed our annual Saturday Thanksgiving Dinner. Special thanks to Mary Olson, her crew, and the event coordinator.

I would like to thank you all for your prayers and financial support toward the Cambodian children ministry and the flood victims during my trip in mid November. The province we are ministering to is one of the five provinces that are currently under flood.

With your financial support, we provided a bag of 25 kilograms of rice and six soy sauce bottles to 31 families, and sandwiches and bottles of water to 150 children. These are part of the flood victims' families in that community. There are many more.

church leaders and the children and youth. I had the opportunity to plant 50 banana, mango and jujube trees with the children and youths in the center's property. I also visited the poor, and flood

victim families as well. I thank God for the board members over there who gave time and worked with me during that period and for Bruce Anderson, who fixed my broken heater at home while I was gone. Another thanks to Pastor Ed Stelle for preaching to our Cambodians and my great leaders who covered the ministry during my absence. Our God Is Great! I was well during that trip. God answered your prayer.

Christmas is around the corner! You are welcome to join our monthly potluck on Sunday, Dec. 4, and Christmas luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 18, both right after church in the dining room. During this Christmas season please consider

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សូមពួកជំនុំយើងកុំភ្លេចនឹងអញ្ជើញមកចូលរួមពិធីបុណ្យគ្រីស្ទម៉ាសរសខ្មែរយើងនៅថ្ងៃអាទិត្យទី១៨ ខែ១២ ក្រោយពីការថ្វាយបង្គំព្រះរូប នៅព្រះវិហារធំ ជារៀបរៀងឡើង ប្រសិនបើពួកជំនុំយើងចង់ចូល រួមដាក់ដង្ហាយដល់បុណ្យគ្រីស្ទម៉ាសដល់មណ្ឌលកូន ក្មេងនៅស្រុកខ្មែរ សូមចូលជាមួយលោក សេរី គង់ យ ផ្សាយដំណឹងដោយ លោកគ្រូ ភីធី អ៊ឹម

Sermon Schedule

Dec. 4

“Good News in Hard Times”

Advent: Peace Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Isaiah 40: 1–11

Mark 1: 1–8

Dec. 11

“Rebuilding the Ruins”

Advent: Love

Isaiah 61: 1–4

John 1: 6–13

Dec. 18

“Who, Me?”

Advent: Joy

Luke 1: 26–38

Luke 1: 46–55

Dec. 25

“God, Here, Now”

Christmas

Isaiah 52: 7–10

John 1: 1–14

Jan. 1

“Time and Eternity”

First Sunday in Advent

Ecclesiastes 3: 1–13

Revelation 21: 1–6

Student Ministry Update



From WHY to WHAT

When I was a kid people used to ask me what I wanted to be when I grew up. When I was about six I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to be Santa Claus. That’s right, Santa Claus; the fat man in the red suit himself. I think I realized even then that the odds of me making it to that position were very low. After all, only one person can be Santa. Also, Santa has to be able to do amazing — even miraculous — things. Worst of all, the guy who has the job has been doing it for a long time, with no signs of ever retiring.

I wanted to be Santa because I figured I would be the most popular person on the planet. That was what I really wanted to be when I grew up; popular, loved by everyone, valued by all. At six I was a scrawny kid with a big mouth, no dad, few friends and no money. Kids called me names and treated me like dirt. So I felt like dirt. All I wanted was to feel loved and valued.

It wasn’t until I was 14, just after Christmas, that I found out that I didn’t need to be Santa so the everyone would

love me. I discovered, through the efforts of a school teacher, that Jesus loved me. He loved me so much that He died on the cross in my place so that I could be a part of His family and I could have a loving father. That was the greatest gift I ever received. It is the gift I am dedicated to share with others. So in a way I am a little like Santa. I have dedicated my life to giving others the gift that Christmas is all about; the gift of eternal life with a loving father in heaven. I kinda like that.

Night Games 11-11-11

On November 11, 2011, Middle School and High School students along with several of FBC’s fine young adults (32 people in all), spent the whole night going to a music festival and playing games. It started at 5 pm on Friday and ended at 8 am on Saturday. When the event was over we had seen 10 bands perform, ate pizza and frozen yogurt at Tartberry, played a ton of wild and crazy games, and came away wanting more.

— *Pastor Rick Francis*

December and January Member Birthdays

Lucille Gates..... 12/1	Jaimee Gubrud..... 12/24	Tuon Iem..... 1/10
Florin Ionescu 12/1	Carol Wheeler 12/24	Donna Riddell..... 1/11
Ratanak Jenkins..... 12/1	Tina Kirkendall 12/28	Ann Borquist..... 1/11
Dominick Gambino..... 12/2	Vila Tan 12/28	Dieudonne Mayi..... 1/12
Sally Lee..... 12/2	Seren Lay 12/31	Kevin Durrell 1/13
Singbory Nem..... 12/2	Vanna Kann 1/1	Charlene Fischer..... 1/14
Dan Beard 12/5	Irvin Voth 1/1	Eric Lee 1/14
Mike Woolwine..... 12/5	Merle McNeel 1/1	Alexander Noble..... 1/14
David Wheeler 12/8	Leakana Suy 1/1	Salisa Williams..... 1/14
Allen Hogeweide 12/10	Calvin Taylor 1/1	Khemavan Chan 1/14
Mary Bird..... 12/11	Ethel Lawrence..... 1/2	Sivy Luy..... 1/15
Joann Metcalf..... 12/11	James Wetmore 1/2	Carmen Pasley..... 1/17
Tom Muller 12/11	Nuon Suon..... 1/2	Luigi Flammia 1/20
Devon Greer..... 12/11	Emily Bryans 1/3	Eloise Ferguson..... 1/21
Evelyn Nix..... 12/11	Nelva Kibble..... 1/4	Cindy Beeks 1/21
John Mitsch..... 12/14	Sandee Maslen..... 1/4	Mary Lynn Parodi 1/22
Don Garrett 12/15	Pha Men..... 1/4	Robert Bowin 1/23
Dale Johnson..... 12/15	Beth Paul 1/4	Sandra Montgomery 1/23
Bettie Schweinfurth..... 12/15	Kathleen Arndt..... 1/6	Jennifer Smith 1/24
Carol Darlington..... 12/16	Ethel Fazzolari 1/6	Kristi Auvil 1/24
Charles King..... 12/16	Rob Knauerhase 1/6	Ellen Chellis 1/27
Robin Mills 12/17	Duane Nelson 1/7	Adelaide Andrews..... 1/28
Lois Knopf 12/18	Damres Nem..... 1/7	Louie Paul 1/29
Pauline Pagulayan..... 12/18	Brian Perkins 1/7	Lari Paul 1/30
George Hartman 12/20	Dagny Regan..... 1/7	Dorothy Pickard..... 1/30
Wayne Cody..... 12/20	Joe Miles..... 1/8	Steve Bils 1/30
Kakrona Khem..... 12/21	Larry Bishop..... 1/9	Janis Parke 1/31
Alberta Sanchez 12/21	Sudge Budden 1/9	Tommie Young..... 1/31
Charlene Millan 12/22	Genevieve Hollenbeck..... 1/9	
Nora Russell 12/23	Sharonann Jones..... 1/9	

Weekly Schedule and Activities

SUNDAY

- 9:00** Contemporary Service
10:00 Sunday School for all ages
11:00 Worship Service,
 Sanctuary
 Cambodian language,
 Rose Chapel
 Children's Church
 for ages 3 through 2nd
 Grade, follows the Time for
 Children at 11:00
1:00 Youth Meeting

SUNDAY, MONDAY, THURSDAY

5:00 pm: Transitional Youth

MONDAY—SATURDAY

6:00—8:30 am: Eye Opener
 (AA meeting)

MONDAY & THURSDAY

2:00—4:00 pm: Drop-In Center

TUESDAY

5:30 pm: Dinner And A Movie

WEDNESDAY

5:45 pm: Wednesday Night Dinner

6:15 pm: Youth Choir

6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study

6:45 pm: Kindergarten Midweek

7:35 pm: Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

Office closed

6:00 pm: FOCUS

SATURDAY

8:30—10:30 am: Cambodian Men's
 Fellowship Bible Study

5:30 & 7:00 pm: Solid Rock

DECEMBER 2011

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Please note: Year-end contributions must be received (or post marked) by December 31, 2011. Thank you.

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					4 Cambodian Potluck following the 11:00 am service Multonomah Bible Coffee	5	6
11 Children's Christmas Program and Carols Around the Tree 1:30 pm	12	13	14 Diaconate Meeting 7:35 pm	15 Downtown Fellowship 10:30 am	16	17	
18 Cambodian Christmas Party 12:00 pm Youth Christmas Party 1:00 pm	19	20 White Cross Meeting 10:00 am	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 8:00 pm	
25 CHRISTMAS	26 Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31	

JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Cambodian Potluck following the 11:00 am service NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	11	12 CE Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	13	14
15	16 Trumpeter Deadline	17 White Cross Meeting 10:00 am	18	19 Downtown Fellowship 10:30 am	20	21
22 FBC Annual Meeting 12:15 pm	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;">Want to become more involved in worship at FBC?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Both services have a need for ushers, greeters, sound operators, and computer support. Could you serve FBC in this way? If so, please contact Pastor David, Karen Knauerhase or the church office.</p>			

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Eddy Perez plays your
Christmastime favorites!

∞ December 15, 2011, 10:30 am ∞

