

Stillwater Community Chapel's January - February 2010

PowerLine

A MIRACLE ON US HIGHWAY 34!

It's no secret; things are tough in Grand County. If you've been around these parts for any length of time, you know it's not the first time we've faced times like these, but somehow knowing that fact doesn't make it any easier this time around. Of course, when the economy is down, many productive and valuable non-profit organizations necessarily feel the crunch as well, and it is a time when even the churches see their theology and the reality of life collide.

The Stillwater Community Chapel of Grand Lake has become a steady, well-respected, non-denominational church in our community over the past 18 years, and has done a great deal to provide support and encouragement for various individuals, programs and events in our county. They have grown accustomed to seeing God provide for their ministry in some pretty unusual ways including the building of a 12,000 square foot addition at a cost of \$825,000.00 with no mortgage payments to deal with when they were finished! There was one story after another of how just enough funding came in month after month to pay the bills all during

the construction process.

The Church Leadership insists "the Bible promises that God will supply all of our needs, and we believe that our only responsibility is to determine just what it is that the Lord wants us to do, and then we should get busy doing it. The provision of the resources for those directives is totally up to Him." "But there is one more criteria that must not be ignored" says Pastor Jim. "While God's love for every human being is absolutely unconditional, His blessings in our lives are absolutely related to our attitude towards Him and our obedience to what He teaches us in the Bible. If we want to take things in our own hands instead of trusting Him, then He just steps back and lets us have at it, and the result is usually pretty miserable. By God's grace we have seen a wonderful, loving spirit of unity in this church family the past couple of years that we hadn't seen in a long time, and tough, economic times are causing us to realize just how much we do need to learn to completely trust God and His way of doing things."

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On the very first Sunday of the New Year, Pastor Jim delivered the morning message entitled “The State of The Church Address” where he encouraged the congregation to look for specific ways to deliberately trust God for every need during 2010 – both individually and as a church. “We need a fresh new story of what God is doing in our lives so that we can be an encouragement to others,” he said. As he walked into his office after everyone had gone home following the worship service, he literally tripped over a package that was setting on the floor just inside of his office door. Inside of a blue gift bag was a cardboard box neatly wrapped in Christmas paper. He finished up a few last minute chores before leaving the church and then took the package home. Upon opening it up he was astounded to find the box full of cash along with a note that simply said: “Dear Pastor Jim, This gift is given for the sole honor and

glory of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Please apply the enclosed money to Stillwater’s outstanding line-of-credit. I pray the church will become completely debt-free in 2010. To God be the glory, great things He has done!”

Pastor Jim and his wife JoAnn immediately contacted the church Elders to let them know what was going on and a group of six gathered to count the anonymous, cash gift comprised of very old currency – some of which dated back to the early 1930s. The total.....you ask? It came to \$49,950.00. There is no other way to look at it other than to say it was a “**Miracle on US Highway 34**” straight from the hand of God. The Stillwater Community Chapel family is very grateful and excited about what He will do next if they will only give Him the chance! (Philippians 4:19) – “*And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*”

Attention AWANA Clubbers

Get Ready, Get Set . . .

Pine Wood Derby Coming to Awanas!



Get your creative juices flowing! Stillwater Awana Club will be hosting a Pine Wood Derby. The big event will be happening in April, however you will need to begin thinking about how to design your car now. Get your entire family involved in helping you. You will need to plan a design for your car for both performance and looks. Make sure you come to the Awana meetings every Friday so you can get all the details.

Some other Awana happenings in January and February include Knots Night, Birthday Night, Favorite State Night, Layer Night, and the Cambodia Orphanage Fundraiser.

Not a Clubber? You are invited to join at anytime. Don't miss out on all the fun, join us here at Stillwater Chapel every Friday night at 6:00 PM!

AL BARRETT CLIMBS ANOTHER ONE!

Al Barrett is starting off the New Year by going to Antarctica to climb “Vinson,” the highest peak on the continent of Antarctica. It’s summer there in January, but summer in Antarctica is about the same temperature as winter here in Grand County.

He leaves Thursday, January 7th, flying through Miami to Punta Arenas, Chili. The rest of the team will meet in Punta Arenas, and after spending a couple of days there, they will all fly to Patriot Hills, Antarctica. The climb will take 20 days to complete and Al is scheduled to return to Colorado on January 28th.

Al assures us that his shoulder is completely healed from the surgery he had on it last summer and he’s “feeling great and ready to go!” “I always appreciate your thoughts and prayers. It does get lonely out there” says Al.

There are going to be 8 climbers and 2 guides on his team, and if you would like to follow his progress on the big mountain from the comfort of your own home, you can go to www.alpineascents.com/vinson-cybercasts. As far as Al knew at the time this went to print, his team would be Team III for this season on cybercasts, but if not, the dates of the climb are January 7 – 28. Darlene will be staying home this time so be praying for her as well. Al will send out an email report when he returns.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you on your adventure!”

JUST SO YOU KNOW

Psalm 14:1 reminds us that “*The fool says in his heart, there is no God,*” and the fools are at it again! A radical atheist group called the Freedom From Religion Foundation has filed a lawsuit to abolish the National Day of Prayer, which will be commemorated this year on May 6th.

With an estimated two million participants annually, this is the largest organized national prayer event in the United States. In fact, Congress established it, and President Harry Truman signed it into law in 1952. Ever since the National Day of Prayer has received broad public support and the personal participation of presidents in the Whitehouse. **But now the Freedom From Religion Foundation claims the National Day of Prayer creates a “hostile environment” for nonbelievers and that it violates the First Amendment.** Therefore, it demands the National Day of Prayer be stopped by judicial decree.

This group of fools has also filed personal suit against Mrs. Shirley Dobson because of her involvement with the National Day of Prayer Task Force. For 19 years, Mrs. Dobson has been the dedicated, volunteer chairperson of the task force – the group that mobilizes evangelical Christians and others to participate in the National Day of Prayer events all across our nation. She is the wife of Dr. James Dobson, founder and Chairman Emeritus of Focus on the Family.

This is very dangerous! If the atheists at the Freedom From Religion Foundation persuade the courts to rule against the National Day of Prayer, it would directly violate constitutional protections for religious expression and set a major, chilling precedent against religious liberty. But of course that’s exactly what those aiming to silence Christians want to see happen.

It has always been a stirring sight to see hundreds of people from different backgrounds and beliefs – including Jews and Christians, Republicans and Democrats – assemble as one body to pray together for our nation. Like presidents, congressmen and leaders of old, their counterparts have come to bow their heads in humble acknowledgment of the God who divinely planted our country. This has been a long and accepted tradition.

“The fool says in his heart there is no God.” It is certainly their right to believe what they want, but let’s not stand quietly by and let them force their minority opinion on the rest of us!

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHURCH IN 2010

Over the years, I have been blessed and stretched by opportunities to attend a variety of pastor's conferences and seminars pertaining to the subject of church growth and spiritual formation. It has always been quite interesting to me, to find out that some of the workshops represented ideas and theories that seemed to directly contradict someone else we had just heard speak a few hours before! I've often come home realizing that the church in America is not really a melting pot, but it's more like a tossed salad. It would seem like the Holy Spirit of God works in a variety of ways, touching people at their point of need in some pretty diverse settings. If you stop and think about it, we have some pretty diverse cultural differences right here in Grand County! Look at the differences between what goes on in Kremmling and Winter Park for example. We at Stillwater Community Chapel may actually find ourselves situated somewhere in between, and that's not a bad place to be! But how do we grow a church that is naturally contagious?

A contagious church will spontaneously and naturally grow through a natural web of meaningful relationships. It will accomplish this natural growth without some major emphasis on special marketing and outreach programs, and it will do so in a way appropriate to the harvest field in which it is functioning. In other words, most everyone that makes a decision for Jesus Christ should be coming on the arm of someone who is already involved and content here at Stillwater. This then develops into a spontaneous system of natural assimilation.

How do we make sure that we have the right ingredients to nurture meaningful relationships within our body? I would suggest that we must pay close attention to one major factor, and that is the spiritual health and well-being of our own church family.

While we have been blessed with a group of people who are very committed and enthusiastic about what the Lord is doing here at our church, I was recently reminded that in the real church world, not everyone might be quite as enthusiastic about the ministry as I am. In fact, some of our own church family members may well be hurting and in need of support and encouragement at any given time, and we must be careful that we don't become so pre-occupied with reaching "those out there" that we fail to really serve

the people whom the Lord has already placed within our family!.

While it is a growing experience for JoAnn and me to be exposed to other church leaders and all that their ministries represent, it has always felt good to come home to Stillwater. As we approach another new year, I feel deeply compelled to re-commit myself to serving and training this special church family God has allowed us to be a part of so that each one of us can reach out and touch someone else in our community in a truly meaningful way during these coming days.

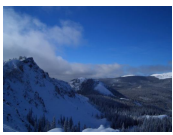
If all of us are satisfied with the product we receive here at Stillwater Community Chapel, and the process by which it's presented; if we continue to have trust in the integrity of our leadership, and if we are eager to grow; we will become confident "image-bearers" of our Lord Jesus. Before you know it, there will be others within our arena of influence that will be willing to come to church on our arm to find out about Jesus and all that He has to offer them. When that starts to happen regularly, we will have become a naturally contagious church!

As we step into the "New Year" I want to challenge each of you to ask the Lord to direct you to at least one new person with whom you can build a meaningful relationship during the next 12 months. Then upon earning your right to be heard and trusted, you can then introduce them to Stillwater Community Chapel as a place where they can really get to know who Jesus is and all that He has to offer them for life and living! Do you realize that would offer great hope to about 75 people who just might be in the dark about the joy and peace that accompanies a walk with the Lord Jesus.....and oh, it would also just happen to double the size of our church family as well! Now wouldn't that be something?

Remember – **just one person coming on your arm during the next 12 months!** I know each one of us can do that if we really want to and are willing to ask God to work through us in that way! Take a look at Hebrews 10:24 & 25 and then see what the Lord might do with your willing heart in 2010!

Serving Him Together With You,

Pastor Jim



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

January - February 2010



Birthdays

JANUARY

- 2 Bobbi Cook
- 5 Sarah Baker
- 5 Ken Wynstra
- 10 Hayden Goes
- 16 Glenn Harrington
- 24 Art VanEps
- 28 Alice Alley



FEBRUARY

- 1 Susan Goforth
- 2 Sue James-Stuart
- 3 Amanda Lindo
- 9 Debra Seebaum
- 18 Penny Hamilton
- 24 Cindy Frith

MARCH

- 5 Suzie Baker
- 7 Dawn Borgstrom
- 8 Mimi Kaplysh
- 8 Bill Weber
- 14 Wendell Burchett
- 14 Mary Beckert
- 19 Wm. "Vance" Coleman
- 22 Josh Bendrat
- 22 Bill Hamilton
- 26 Lee Blom
- 29 Mike Blasi

Let us know your special dates
by calling the office at 627-3937
or
printing it on a card in the pew
when you come to Worship with us.

Wedding Anniversaries



JANUARY

- 22 Carl & Dawn Borgstrom
- 26 Tom & Cindy Frith
- 29 John & Gail Bendrat
- 29 Jerry & Katy Pope

FEBRUARY

- 11 Ivan & Lee Blom
- 14 Michael & Holly Blasi

NO MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

God Bless you on your special day.
Happy Birthday
Happy Anniversary
... And many more!

BOARD / MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

Be sure to check Sunday Bulletins for updates

Weds.	Jan. 20	CE Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs.	Jan. 28	Board of Elders	6:30 PM
Fri.	Feb. 5	Women's Ministry	8:00 AM
Thurs.	Feb. 25	Board of Elders	6:30 PM

Please keep Pastor Jim
in your prayers
as he travels to
South Korea and Cambodia
on his mission trip,
Jan. 7th - Jan. 22nd

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS:

Adult Study:	
"Discover God Bible Study "	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM

TUESDAYS:

Praise Team Practice	7:00 PM
Grand Lake AA (in Applequist Hall)	8:00 PM

FRIDAYS:

Women's Fitness Fellowship	10:30 AM
AWANA	6:00 PM



SATURDAYS:

Men's Breakfast (Bear's Den)	7:30 AM
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Come As You Are

MARK YOUR CALENDARS **FOR THESE UPCOMING** **SPECIAL EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7 THROUGH **FRIDAY, JAN. 22**

PASTOR JIM ON MISSION TRIP TO
SOUTH KOREA AND CAMBODIA

SUNDAY, JAN. 10

DR. JIM COOK,
SPEAKER FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

BRAD PERRY,
SPEAKER FOR WORSHIP SERVICE