

Stillwater Community Chapel's

May - June 2010

PowerLine



God's At Work in Costa Rica

A special friendship with Darris and Aida Worchester, owners of the Pheasant Inn B&B in Hill City, Kansas has become a very special and lasting one for several of our Stillwater Community Chapel members over the years. As we have gotten to know each other well on some fun pheasant-hunting trips, a central theme of our fellowship has become the topic of our mutual involvement in cross-cultural mission projects. The Worchesters have been working with a primitive Indian tribe deep in the jungles of Costa Rica for over 10 years and have taken a group – largely from Kansas and Oklahoma down to work on projects every spring. They have taken clothing, food, medical help, and technical assistance to this remote village where 90% of the village are now Christians and a solid church is established.

The village is about a 4-hour walk from the closest road, on a narrow trail through the jungle, and everything that goes in and out of the village has to be carried by a person or on a horse. As the children grow to



middle school and high school age, the closest school is up at the trail head, and it becomes very difficult for them to continue their education due to the long walk each way. Permission was secured from the government and school to build a simple, wood frame, 60' x 20' dormitory on the school grounds so that these native kids can attend school and have a place to stay during the week. It was for this opportunity that **Lynn Brass, Brad Dinsmore and Pastor Jim** joined a team to assist on this project from March 10th – 20th. Long-time friend – **Jerry Brandt** from Fort Collins – (who donated all of the oak doors, hardware, and trim for our church building) also joined them for the trip!

While the team was there, they learned that there are ap-



proximately 60,000 indigenous, Indians living deep in the remote jungles of Costa Rica, and they appear to be largely ignored or forgotten by the rest of the culture. What a joy it was to provide some help to these remote people living at the literal

“end of the road!” Their view of the outside world was best expressed by one of their young men who – in seeking to describe the group of outsiders who came to help them - exclaimed “*These people came from a place even farther away than San Jose.*”

The 20' x 40' dormitory was completed with a room for the guys on one end, a room for the girls on the other end and a room for the teachers in the middle. A water storage tank and showers on each end were added, and needless to say, there were some young people who were very excited when we were done! By the way, some of the students were in their mid twenties and glad to be in the 4th grade!

After completing the project in the jungle, the teams met up with some staff from Global Connection International back in San Jose, and were introduced to Pastor Giovanni – a vivacious, local church leader who has a passion for reaching his nation for Christ. Pastor Jim will be working with GCI, Bi-Vocational Associate for Central America, Greg Dixon to build an on-going ministry partnership in Costa Rica with Darris and Aida Worchester (our pheasant-hunting friends from Kansas.) It becomes more and more interesting and exciting to see how God orchestrates people, places and resources to build His Church around the world. How blessed we at Stillwater Community Chapel are to be a part of it all! We will take a Sunday evening this summer to allow the team members an opportunity to share the details and pictures of the trip with the church family. Be watching for details!



Just So You Know!

By Pastor Jim

Enough is Enough!

As each passing day goes by, we are made aware of yet another action taken by our government to dilute the foundational principles guaranteed by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. We are at a point in our history where it is pretty hard to recognize America as being anything close to what made her such a great nation in the first place and that is very disconcerting!

We have become a people who are much more concerned about our personal privileges than we are concerned about our principles. Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower made this statement: *“A people who value their privileges over principles will eventually lose both,”* and it seems to me that we’re headed straight down that path.

More and more deliberate attempts are being launched to keep the voice of morality quiet and the light that genuine truth provides shut down. The Judicial branch of our government that was established to be the referee for the other two branches has gone far beyond interpreting the law and has instead stepped into the game as a major player.

1. Do you ever remember getting to vote on taking prayer and Bible reading out of our schools?
 2. Did you get to vote on the confiscation of personal property by the government?
 3. Did you vote to recognize gay marriages?
- Did you get to vote on the issue of abortion on demand that has allowed for the murder of over 50 million unborn children since 1970 in our country alone? That equals the combined populations of our 65 largest cities in the US – cities the size of New York all the way down to the size of St. Paul, Minnesota. It’s as if all 65 of these key metro areas were nuked and their populations simply disappeared!

Of course you did not, and these critical issues

along with hundreds of others have been decided by a handful of judges looking to government as their god. The trend has increasingly moved towards the removal of restraint and constraint which has protected us for the past 230 plus years, and the result has propagated a system that throws us as “Christ Followers” into a serious conflict! Frederick Bastrat once said that *“Conflict between laws and morality leave us with the cruel dilemma of losing our morality or our respect for the law.”*

Let’s be reminded that we are called upon by our Creator to be salt in a world full of decay, and light in a very dark place. No matter how intense the darkness may be, it can not disperse the smallest amount of light! So instead of sitting around and complaining about all the darkness around us, let’s remember this. The darkness is just doing what darkness does. **Maybe the trouble** isn’t with the darkness as such, but with the lack of light! There comes a time when **“Enough is Enough,”** and we can no longer sit back and tolerate the greed and deception that is running rampant around us. GK Chesterton once warned that *“Tolerance is the virtue of men with no convictions.”* It would appear that the majority of politicians responsible for guiding our great nation today have lost their way. They have no core values and as a result are scrambling to adapt to their environment. Our government threatens the church to “be careful and not step over the line – or else!” But I would agree with Rick Scarborough who recently released a book by the same name: **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.** *“We’re not in danger of stepping over the line. We’re in danger of backing over the cliff of apathy!”*

As goes the Church, so goes the nation. Let’s stay on the front line because the future of our kids and grandkids is worth defending!

WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR THE CHURCH TO REALLY MATTER?



I am quite sure that all committed Christians would agree that there is nothing more pathetic than a church that has lost its meaningfulness and power! The Bible speaks clearly about a gift from God that literally unleashes the power and wisdom of His Kingdom (II Peter 1:3) Just prior to Jesus ascending into heaven, He instructed the apostles to “*wait for the Promise of the Father,*” which He went on to explain in the following words: *You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now...You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...*” (Acts 1:4-5, 8)

The result of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the church was so dramatic that the world around them was literally shaken! “*They were all amazed and marveled...they were filled with wonder and amazement...they marveled.*” (Acts 2:7, 12; 3:10; 4:13) The question is, how often does the world marvel at the church today?

Unfortunately, I think we would have to answer – “not very often!” Most of the time what happens in the church is little more than a “spiritualized version” of the reasoning and values of the culture in which we live instead of a clear demonstration of the power of the Almighty God we claim to love and serve. And guess what? The world isn’t very impressed with that are they?

It is not at all uncommon for many of God’s people to approach their involvement in the Lord’s work with the wrong premise. Instead of asking “what can I do for God?” The question should be: “What does God want to do through me?” We must be very careful not to confuse the “Spiritual Gifts” given to every Believer by God with human talent and ability. Too many Christians end up seeking the *gifts* and *power* of the Holy Spirit instead of a *relationship* with the one whose presence gives that power. Such a mistake will always cause our focus to be on ourselves instead of on Him. James A Stewart in his book Heaven’s Throne Gift makes this statement: “*Many want the Spirit’s power but not the Spirit’s purity. The Holy Spirit does not rent out His attributes. His power is never separated from His glorious self.*”

It’s not uncommon for people in the church to lament their lack of skills or talent, and then conclude that they don’t have anything to offer God. The world tells us that we need to affirm self, but God tells us to deny self. The world wants us to believe that our identity and self-worth are found in our abilities, but the Word reminds us that they are found in our relationship with Jesus Christ. When it comes to serving God, we tend to figure out what we’re good at and what we like to do, then serve accordingly. We mistakenly think that our talents are our spiritual gifts. We never consider serving outside our areas of strength. And we can’t imagine God asking us to do anything that we don’t like to do. We end up looking at ourselves to try and discover what God’s assignment for us might be!

The result is that we don’t need or rely on the Holy Spirit at all because we are confident in our own abilities and are deluded into thinking that everything is under control. Thus, the world looks at the church and simply sees good people doing good things, but they do not see the power of God working through His people to accomplish **what only He could do!** When our talent becomes a substitute for the work of the Holy Spirit, we become useless to the Lord and His Kingdom work!

There is no doubt that God will use both the talents and spiritual gifts that He has given us as He allows us to get involved in what He is doing in the church and the world. But let’s remember that when He has a task that needs to be done, He is most concerned about finding someone with an **obedient and willing heart** rather than the one who has the right gift or talent. Then He can accomplish the task through that person and He will receive all the credit and glory. When that happens, the world will truly marvel at the Church and they might even start coming to see what in the world is going on here. Wouldn’t that be something!

Dear Lord, forgive me for trying to give others my best when what You really wanted, was for them to get to know you. Please help me to release my life to the will and work of the Holy Spirit, so that You will be glorified in every part of my life. As you show me your will, I will adjust my plans to Your activity. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Serving Him Together With You,
Pastor Jim



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AWANA HAPPENINGS . . .

May 2010

Club Meetings start at 6:00 PM



April 23rd “Pine Wood Derby” Night -
 Get Ready, Get Set . . .
 Pine Wood Derby results!



The night was snowy, the roads were bad, however the cars were ready so a race we had!
Congratulations to the winners of Stillwater Chapel Awana Club Pine Wood Derby!

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CUBBIES</u>	<u>SPARKS</u>	<u>T & Ts</u>	<u>LEADERS</u>
1st	Makenzie Rigdon 12.862 seconds	Josh Bendrat 12.241 seconds	Tyler Humble 13.600 seconds	Justin Lindo 12.443 seconds
2nd	Emma Bendrat 13.069 seconds	Jordan Rigdon 12.539 seconds	Eugene Cisneros 13.843 seconds	Vance Coleman 12.702 seconds
3rd	Brady Paugh 14.218 seconds	Cheyenne Jacobs 12.587 seconds	Caleb Martenson 14.659 seconds	Lee Blom 13.780 seconds

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MAY HAPPENINGS

May 7th “Campfire” Night - Learn how to make a campfire!

May 14th “Pie Eating Contest” Night - Come hungry!

May 21st “End of the Year Carnival”

Thanks for the great year!
We hope you will join us next fall.



The Men of
STILLWATER COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Present the



FOURTH ANNUAL MEN'S CHUCK WAGON DINNER

Date: Saturday, June 12th

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Place: Winding River Resort, Grand Lake, CO

Cost for Registration & Lunch: \$ 20.00

CALL 970-627-3937 For Tickets

*** Featured Guest Speaker: *Kirk Oldham***



Tracking down poachers, rescuing orphaned moose calves, teaching individuals to fish, trapping bighorn sheep, taking kids on a wildlife field trip, tracking elk from the ground and air, are just a few of the things that a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer does on a regular basis to protect and enhance our enjoyment of over 300 species of wildlife found in our state.

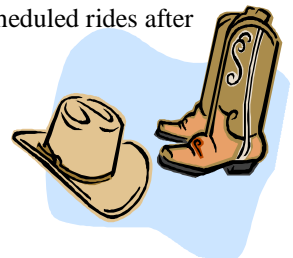
Come hear Kirk share breath-taking pictures and his experiences as a Colorado Division of Wildlife officer stationed in Grand County.

Featured Menu: Steak, Baked Potato, Corn on the Cobb,
Baked Beans, Biscuits, Coffee, Lemonade, & Ice Cream

Door prizes: There will be several very nice door prizes including an air rifle, binoculars, a brick of .22 rifle ammunition and other great outdoor gear!

*** *Other Opportunities Available:***

- ***Be here by 10:00 AM for some friendly competition in, Horse Shoes and Bait-casting Skills!*** (There are great prizes to be won again this year!)
- ***Black Powder Shoot immediately following lunch*** (Bring your black powder firearm if you have one.)
- ***Horseback ride into Rocky Mountain National Park*** (10% discount on regularly scheduled rides after lunch. \$31.50 for 1 hour ride.)
- ***Campsites available at 10% discount off of regular rates.***
(Call Winding River Resort directly for reservations at 970-627-3215)



AWANA PROGRAM A HUGE BLESSING!

We have a lot to be thankful for here at Stillwater Community Chapel, but the AWANA kids program has to be at the top of the list! A great program doesn't just happen by itself. It takes serious dedication on the part of some committed leaders and staff members over an extended period of time, and we have had that kind of dedicated leadership throughout the fall and winter months. Thanks gang for paying the price every Friday night and in all kinds of weather, to come and keep these special kids interested and fired up about the program and fellowship!



A couple of weeks back, the weather was so bad that hardly anyone ventured out on the roads for any reason on Friday night, but the church parking lot was full of cars as family members came to watch the "Pinewood Derby" races. Those cars represented lots and lots of man hours and creativity that all culminated with a regional competition over at Winter Park Christian Church. Our kids did real well in their first year of competition and a great time was had by all.

The AWANA program has taught all of us a lot about "Having Church" between Sundays.

Stillwater Community Chapel And Upcoming Community Events

This summer Stillwater Community Chapel will once again be out and about in the community. Watch for more details as we become more involved with these activities.

Sunday, July 4th

Special Patriotic Rally in Grand Lake
with General Dick Able

Saturday, July 10th

Sermon on the Mount
with Lew Sterrett

Sunday, July 18th

Cowboy Church
with Sandra Dee

Please remember the missions we support
when you pray:



John & Dee Cook - Indigenous Ministries Int'l.
India

Jim & Dottie Groen - Global Connection Int'l.

June Matson - Pregnancy Resource Connection
Grand County

Igor & Leana Yaremchuk - Neprin Seminary
Ukraine

Evgeniy Kalinichenko, Asst. Dir. -
Zaporozhye Bible College
Ukraine

Jim & Dorothy Weber - Ministering in Missions

Steve & Cynthia Bahlman -
Mobile Missionary Assistance Program

Brad Perry - Ministry to Grand County Jail Inmates

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Come As you Are

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 29TH - 6:00 PM

ALL CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A BONFIRE

AND POTLUCK

JOHN & GAIL BENDRAT'S HOME

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH - 5:30 PM

ALL CHURCH FAMILY

BUSINESS MEETING AND DINNER

APPLEQUIST HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH - 10:00 AM-2:30 PM

4TH ANNUAL

"CHUCKAWAGON DINNER"

MEN'S EVENT AT WINDING RIVER RESORT