

Stillwater Community Chapel's

September—October 2009

PowerLine



DR. RALPH S. BELL TO SPEAK SEPTEMBER 13TH

Pastor Jim will be hosting a special promotional banquet with Dr. Jim Groen and Legacy Quartet in Kearney, Nebraska over the weekend of September 13th, and in his absence we will be honored to have a very special speaker in the pulpit on that Sunday here at Stillwater Community Chapel!



As an Associate Evangelist in the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for many years, Dr. Ralph Bell was one of a special team of men selected by Dr. Billy Graham to assist him in the work of worldwide

evangelism. These handpicked evangelists assisted Dr. Graham in every major Celebration around the world. Along with responsibilities in the Crusades, they visited many schools, community groups, prayer groups, and prisons during the weeks before and during the actual Celebration period. In addition to those responsibilities, Dr. Bell held citywide, as well as single-church meetings in this country and overseas, preaching at conventions and other special meetings, and presented the Gospel on radio and television.

His background includes five years as Pastor of West Washington Community

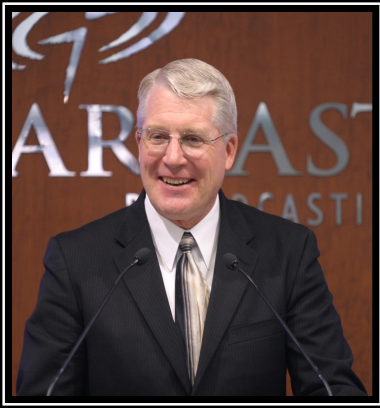
Church in Los Angeles, four years as Professor at Los Angeles Bible Training School, and four years as Chaplain at the Los Angeles County Jail. He became involved with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association during the Los Angeles Crusade in 1963, and served as an Associate Evangelist for the next 32 years.

Dr. Bell studied for three years at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and received a BA in History at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. He then received his Minister of Divinity Degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, and in 1978 Richmond College in Toronto awarded him a Doctor of Humanities Degree. In 1981 Indiana Christian University awarded him a Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Dr. Bell has hosted his own television program called, "*Soul Free*" and authored a book by the same name. Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Bell now resides in Bellvue, Colorado, with his wife Jean. They have two sons, Ralph S. Bell, II and Christian Eugene. Dr. Bell's interests include baseball, tennis, hunting, and woodworking.

Let's remember to uphold Pastor Jim as he provides leadership for a powerful, missions outreach in Central Nebraska, and we'll look forward to hearing this special servant of God, whom the Lord has used in meaningful ministry around the world.

I'LL GIVE YOU MY FEAR IF YOU'LL GIVE ME YOUR PEACE!



I don't know if it is just the affects of "getting older" or what, but this seems to have been the most demanding summer I can ever remember. Don't get me wrong – it's been 99% really good stuff going on, but my mind has been on "overload" with all the details that

needed attention in order to finish well. There were all the phone calls and details related to special events, and time spent caring for those who came to minister to us throughout the summer. We're responsible to try and meet the requirements of local authorities, keep up with the calendar of personal appointments as well as church-wide responsibilities and activities. Bills must be paid on time in order to maintain our testimony. Volunteers should be properly recognized with appreciation and respect. Communication channels must remain clear and open, so that we can maximize our team effort in getting things done. In the midst of all of this, we must not neglect the ongoing, personal needs of the individuals who make up the Stillwater family.

Any of us can feel a bit overwhelmed with the responsibility that falls on our shoulders from time to time. That is just part of the reality of life! Several years ago, my dad sent me a little book entitled *Leadership Prayers* written by Richard Kriegbaum. I want to share one of those prayers with all of you, as it seems to express my own feelings and heart so well at this present time:

"I've told you many times what my heart longs for, God. I want all our research and planning, our hopes and dreams, our extra work and sacrifices, our prayers, and our sincere motives to produce a great result. I want us to succeed.

I want us to reach the goal we set; I want us to exceed it! I want all these people to share the roaring ecstasy of success. I want them to gain confidence and believe in themselves and in the way we went about it.

Most of all, I want them to believe in you. I want people to say, "Wow! That is amazing. Look what God did there!" I want people to praise you for this accomplishment because they know that I am trying to do what you want.

But I wonder if you are going to do it. I talked with you about this all along the way, and I did my best to understand what you wanted us to do. Still, I worry that you might do something else, something unexpected. You know that I do not want anything less than your best for me and for the organization. But, what will happen if this fails?

Maybe you have lessons you need to teach me through failure. Maybe the process is more important than the outcome. Maybe this is just a small part of something much bigger that is not yet apparent. Maybe success will lead to problems I cannot foresee.

I do not fear the odds or the competition; I trust in your power. I am not afraid you will hurt me; I trust your goodness and wisdom. I am afraid of failing. That will make me feel stupid, God, and others will doubt me.

If this fails, maybe I need to step aside. Maybe you are signaling that we need somebody else to lead. Do not let this fail because of me. Get me out of the way if you have to, God, but let these people know success.

You are my God, this is your work, and I know you care about our success or failure. I will give you my fear if you will give me your peace...."

What a great consolation to know that the Lord has promised us His peace regardless of what our situation in life might be. "You will keep in perfect peace, him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." (Isaiah 26:3) Let's ask our Father in heaven to grant us the courage and strength to **finish strong**, and to give us His **perfect peace** in the process!

Serving Him Together With You,
Pastor Jim

Just So You Know!

The Difference Between “A Right” and “Charity”

I would suggest that there is a basic misconception within our American Society today that is largely responsible for a great deal of the bitter, political debate we encounter daily! We need to back up and take a good, hard look at a fundamental principle laid out for us by our Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, so let’s see if we can unpack it in a clear-cut and reasonable way.

The “**unalienable rights**” cited in the Declaration of Independence are **life, liberty and the “pursuit” (not the guarantee) of happiness**. The Preamble of our Constitution speaks about “**promoting**” the general welfare, not providing it. The Bill of Rights clearly outlines a list of basic, fundamental **rights that have been granted to us by our Creator**, and upon which the Government shall not infringe!

Now, let me suggest here that everything our current welfare system provides, are not one of those “*rights!*” If it were a right, it could only be delivered to one person by forcing another person to provide it for them. When that happens, there is necessarily a violation of the provider’s individual rights. **When we exercise our “rights” within** the context of what our founding fathers intended, (things like religious worship or free speech etc.,) it never imposes an obligation on anyone else. This is a key point!

It is because of our commitment to the Biblically based concept of the “**sanctity** of life” that we refuse to leave a homeless person to die out on the street in this country. We treat people that have no resources in our hospitals as well we should. Every time I respond to a medical call as a member of our local fire department, no one is ever questioned about their ability to pay for services rendered. Everyone is treated with the same concern and respect. But regardless of

where the funding comes from to care for these issues – whether from the tax-payers, private benefactors or by spreading the cost out among other patients, it is **charity**. It is not a right! While food, clothing, a roof over our heads and health care are necessary for maintaining life, individual Americans have always had the freedom to pursue them at different levels in a free market economy, and experience a varied “quality of life” based on their input, work ethic and ability to purchase them. When the government refers to these benefits as “**entitlements**,” it is because the recipients are awarded them by a statute legislated by the government, **not** because it is their “right” to receive them.

The Bible clearly instructs us to “*Love one another.*” Matthew 22:37 – 40 reminds us that all of the law hinges on two commands – “*...love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself.*” This is to be our personal standard of conduct as mandated by God Himself. At the same time, we must keep perspective regarding the foundational mechanics that drive our every-day lives, and understand that distributing material possessions, wealth and health care etc. by random lottery is neither practical nor healthy. It is socialism pure and simple. History has proven that socialism is doomed to failure because it lacks rewards and incentives for individual hard work, accomplishment and productivity. Without those elements of a free enterprise society, the whole system will eventually collapse when it runs out of the ability to spend other people’s money. Let’s be careful not to misunderstand the Biblical definition of love while neglecting to accept the Biblical truth regarding responsibility and a work ethic! It’s all about the right balance!

Pastor Jim

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CAMBODIAN MINISTRY PARTNER COMES TO STILLWATER

Over the past six years, Pastor Jim has made numerous trips to Cambodia with Global Connection International (GCI). The primary focus has been the development of meaningful relationships with local church leaders there in order to develop strong ministry partnerships that will build and strengthen the Evangelical church in Cambodia. Having a long-standing ministry in that country ever since 1995, GCI has numerous such relationships, but none hold more meaning than their relationship with Keat Kove and his lovely wife Sally.

Keat and Sally have an inspiring story of how they narrowly escaped death in the infamous "Killing Fields," met in a Khmer Rouge work camp, came to the Lord, got married and ended up escaping to freedom. They were sponsored into the US by a church in Hawaii, where Keat obtained a contractor's license and worked hard to establish a successful building business.

When their homeland was liberated from the crushing oppression of the Khmer Rouge, and opened up once again, Keat & Sally began returning to share the "Gospel of Jesus Christ" with their countrymen. They took the proceeds from their building business in Hawaii and purchased property in Phnom Penh on which they eventually built the "New Life in Christ Church" and "New Hope School." They started out with a preschool and have been adding a grade at a time as space and financial resources. Their school is now up to grade six, and they have added three more stories to their original, concrete building. Using the re-

sources from rental property they still own in Hawaii, the Koves are self-supporting. During the past two years, they sold their home there to pay for the expansion of their ministry compound in Phnom Penh to include 20 new classrooms for the New Hope School, guest rooms, office space, a computer lab and an auditorium that will eventually seat between 800 and 900 people. They still need about \$150,000 in order to complete the project, but they are trusting the Lord for those final funds in the near future.

GCI has asked Keat to serve as their "Point Man" for Global Connection in Cambodia, and he has proved to be a very talented, committed and trustworthy ministry partner during the past few years. Pastor Jim communicates regularly with him via email, as together they provide direction and vision for all that goes on to support local pastors and church leaders over there.



It is a special joy and honor to have Keat and Sally Kove, along with their daughter Hannah, join us over the weekend of September 6th here at Stillwater. They are sharing in our Sunday morning worship service, and the church family has the opportunity to visit with them personally at an informal reception held in their honor at John & Gail Bendrat's home on Sunday evening beginning at 5:30pm. Take some time to get to know this special family!

More Happenings . . .

**All church members are invited!
Come to Applequist Hall for a
"Farewell Snowbirds Get-together"
Oct. 4th - 6:30 PM**

Please bring your favorite finger foods and summer memories to share as we bid farewell to our 'family snowbirds'. This will be a fun evening of remembering our summer together as we wish those that leave us a safe and blessed winter.

AWANA Harvest Party

**Bring your family members and join us
for hot dogs, hamburgers and hayrides!**

**Friday, Oct 9th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Winding River Resort**

**This is a free event
for AWANA Clubbers and their families!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS so you don't miss these great events!

2009-2010 AWANA Club will start soon!

AWANA Club will start up with a Family Cookout at the Grand Lake Ball Field (next to the post office in Grand Lake). Bring the entire family and join us for a fun time at the grill, games and the chance to make your own home made ice cream in baggies! We hope to see you from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday, the 11th of September!

If you can help with AWANA, please contact Gail Bendrat, 627-3420. AWANA will meet at the church every Friday evening from September through May. AWANA is for all kids, ages 2 years old - 6th grade.



GCI BRUNCH

Global Connection International will be hosting its 9th Annual Brunch. This years event will be held in the Evergreen Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel - Denver Tech Center. Tickets to this event will be free of charge. Special guests will be Dr. Jerry Nelson and Lance Garrett at the Duo Piano's. It will be a great event, so put it on your schedule.

See Pastor Jim for more details or log onto GCI's website: www.gciworld.org.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

September - October 2009



Birthdays

September

- 5 Tom Frith
- 6 Sheri Smyth
- 10 Ben Monday
- 10 Leroy Reeves
- 15 Todd Monday
- 19 Richard Harper
- 21 Chuck Goforth
- 22 Brandon Monday
- 28 Alexis Gibson



October

- 2 Lee Jorgensen
- 4 Emma Bendrat
- 6 TJ Monday
- 9 Jim Lynch
- 14 Phillip Goes
- 16 Steve Bahlman
- 18 Gabby Burchett
- 22 Brett Thomas
- 26 Linda Austin
- 28 Kay Wynstra
- 31 Brian Cook



BOARD / MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

Be sure to check Sunday Bulletins for updates

Fri.	Sept 4	Women's Ministry	8:00 AM
Sun.	Sept 20	CE Meeting	7:00 PM
Thur.	Sept 24	Board of Elders	6:30 PM
Fri.	Oct. 2	Women's Ministry	8:00 AM
Tues.	Oct. 20	CE Meeting	7:00 PM
Thur.	Oct. 29	Board of Elders	6:30 PM

Please pray for Pastor Jim and JoAnn as they travel to Nebraska for the GCI Banquet Sept. 10th - 16th.

Let us know your special dates by calling the office at 627-3937 or emailing us at our **new office email address** diane@stillwaterchapel.net or printing it on a card in the pew when you come to Worship with us.

Wedding Anniversaries

September

- 11th Tracy & Diane Temple
- 21st Leroy & Betty Reeves
- 22nd Clyde & Alice Alley
- 25th Richard & Debbie Harper

October

- 2nd Al & Darlene Barrett
- 8th Bill & Camilla Weber

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



SUNDAYS:

- Adult Study:** "Exploring the Book of James"
Led by Ercill Hunt 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

LETTERS from OUR CHURCH FAMILY

August 25, 2009

Dear Stillwater Family:

We have had a wonderful summer of blessings and rich fellowship together, and it is hard to believe that the summer season is fast coming to a close. Many of the church family will be packing up to head to warmer climates for the winter, and we will lose nearly half of our congregation until Summer smiles on Grand Lake once again next year!

As Treasurer of our church, I am grateful for regular, faithful giving on the part of so many of you, and we have met our expenses all through the first months of our fiscal year – including three special events that we hosted for our community during the summer months. This is commendable – especially in light of tough economic times, and we are reminded of our Lord’s promise to supply all of our needs as we learn to put our complete trust in Him.

Last October, several of our people participated in a program to move our line of credit from the bank into the hands of our members, and we will be making arrangements to pay the 5% interest on these shares early in October. This brings the annual interest payment on the average \$5,000 investment to \$250.00. Some of our people have already called and offered to donate their interest amount back to the church for the year. That is a generous gesture on their part, but in reality, all of us have a Biblical responsibility to participate in both the spiritual and material well-being of our Stillwater ministry where ever possible! The “**possible**” almost always comes when we make ourselves “**available**” to the Lord so that “His mighty power” can work through us in ways **beyond our own ability**.

We currently have 45 - 47 family units who are active in our church on a regular basis. I would like to challenge each family to prayerfully consider asking the Lord to provide something extra between now and the end of the year, to go towards reducing our line of credit. If all 45 families would participate in some way, we could all be encouraged by the stories of what God did in each individual family’s situation to make it happen, and we will be surprised at the end result! That’s the power of one family at a time!

One thing is for sure - we can all pray towards this goal. Will you covenant with the rest of your family to at least do that?

Sincerely,
Glenn Harrington, Elder/Treasurer

August 25, 2009

Dear Stillwater Church:

Just a reminder to my fellow snowbirds - as you know you are all my special friends. Last year I reminded you that the monthly expenses of our church here in Grand Lake continue while we are not here and that there are not enough of those snow-loving members of our church that brave the long winter months, to meet all the expenses while the rest of us are gone!

I was so proud of all of you in the way you responded last year because we made it through the majority of the winter and spring without having to borrow any money. **YEA SNOWBIRDS!!** Please remember that it is important to keep Stillwater Community Chapel in your regular prayers, and once again, I want to encourage you to consider making a regular weekly or monthly financial commitment so we can once again meet all of our expenses this coming winter as well.

Please do not take this only as a reminder to give more, but also consider this a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR LAST YEAR**. All you Snowbirds are the greatest and I hope you have a great winter. I’m going to miss you all!

Sincerely,
Art VanEps

Dear Stillwater Family:

We just want to let you know how much we have appreciated the ministry of Stillwater over the years. Pastor Jim has been an amazing man of God who consistently gives a great message, and is always willing to stand up for America. When we were living in Grand Lake and for years of weekends, he not only gave support to our troops and veterans, but was also willing to speak clearly to the political issues that affect us as a Christian nation.

Since moving to Estes Park, we are active in our church and also politically. Sometimes it is difficult as many people that attend church just do that and will not step out for our Lord and neither for our Country.

Again THANKS for being a faithful church and supporting your courageous pastor and leadership!

God Bless You,
Ken & Kay Wynstra

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11TH

**5 - 7 PM AWANA KICKOFF -
FAMILY COOK OUT AT THE
GRAND LAKE BALL FIELD**

SUNDAY, OCT. 4TH

6:30 PM ALL CHURCH GET-TOGETHER

FRIDAY, OCT. 9TH

**5-7 PM AWANA HARVEST PARTY
WINDING RIVER RESORT
HAYRIDES, FOOD & FUN**

SATURDAY, OCT. 24TH

**GLOBAL CONNECTION INTERNATIONAL
BRUNCH - MARRIOTT HOTEL
DENVER TECH CENTER**