

Stillwater Community Chapel's

September—October 2010

PowerLine



PASTOR JIM ACCEPTS A NEW CHALLENGE!

At an all-church meeting held on Sunday evening, August 8th at the Stillwater Community Chapel in Grand Lake, Pastor Jim Weber announced his intentions to step aside from his pastoral duties to join the staff of Global Connection International (www.gciworld.org) as their Vice President of Strategic Planning & Development.

While the announcement brought lots of emotions and tears, the congregation has, without exception, expressed their support and affirmation for the Webers in their decision. There is no question that God has used Pastor Jim and his wife JoAnn as the catalyst for what He has done to grow the Stillwater Community Chapel ministry and facilities over the years. Pastor Jim has always been deeply involved in the community during the 27 years that he has lived in Grand County with his family. He coached basketball at the Middle School and High School, served on the East Grand School's District Accountability Committee, the Grand Futures Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, and is currently serving as Chaplain and a Certified Fire Fighter with the Grand Lake Fire Department.

Having grown up as the son of missionary parents who spent 26 years in Japan after WWII, Pastor Jim has always demonstrated a great ability and passion for ministry in the cross-cultural arena. As a result, that passion has spilled over into the on-going ministry of the Stillwater Community Chapel as an intrigal part of their day to day operations. "We are proud that an organization like Global Connection International has seen qualities in our pastor that have caused them to invite him to become involved

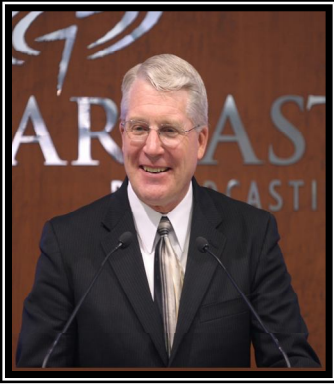
in a leadership role within their organization. It's not like Jim is leaving Stillwater, but rather – he's shifting from one important role to another as he steps out of pastoral duties to assume a new role in the missions organization that we have supported the most over the past decade. He and JoAnn will always be a special part of our extended staff and family" said Jim Campbell, Chairman of the Elder Board.

Dr. Jim Groen, Founder and President of Global Connection International has recently asked Pastor Jim to take the lead in authoring a strategic plan for the growth and expansion of GCI in the days ahead, and this plan will be presented to the Board of Directors at their annual meeting to be held on October 8, 2010. Jim is also deeply involved in the planning of three major GCI promotional events to be held on September 12th in Hays, Kansas, and October 21st and 22nd in Denver and Fort Collins respectively.



As the church begins to search out the person who will come and serve as only the second Sr. Pastor they have ever had in their 20 – year history, Pastor Jim will continue to preach on Sundays, and serve on a part-time basis between now and the end of the current fiscal year, or upon the church finding a new pastor. This change will eventually necessitate a move over to the Front Range, but they will have to sell their home here before they can make that move. In the meantime Jim and JoAnn will spend a couple of days a week over there and continue to conduct GCI business from an office here in Grand County.

GROWING THROUGH TRANSITION & CHANGE



If you're at all like me, you have to be wondering where in the world our summer went! There were three special events that the Lord used to bless and encourage us as a church family along with our entire community. Our regular men's fellowship breakfast on Saturday mornings

has proved to be a great time of fellowship, and the Women's Ministry has had several opportunities to bless our own ladies as well as those in other churches with their special events and programs. We've enjoyed some special, all-church picnics and get-togethers at the homes of some of our members and our kids are looking forward with anticipation to the first AWANA club nights of the fall! It's great to see new, young families in the church with lots of little kids running around the church on Sundays as well as during the week from time to time!

At the same time, we have been faced with several challenges and disappointments during the past few months. During the summer we had to say good-bye to some of our long-standing second-home owners who were not able to return for the summer due to health issues. The national economy has taken a serious tumble and the ripple effect has hit most if not all of our church families squarely in the pocketbook. These are critical days with serious issues facing our nation and local community, so how are we as God's children supposed to respond to it all?

JoAnn and I have shared some significant personal decisions with the church family recently that are based on several situations that we are negotiating in our lives as well. And while God often chooses to intervene in our lives with miracles, we also believe that there are times when He will use difficult circumstances to get us to "turn corners" throughout the course of our life's journey. The question then becomes – **will we allow Him to glorify Himself regardless of whether it is miracle time or testing time?**

So where do we go from here? What will the coming

days look like for our church? How will we find another pastor to shepherd our church family, and when will he be here? With finances being tight, how will we pay the bills, and how do we mix good common sense with a life of faith and trust in the Lord for His provision to do His work in His way? Those are the questions on all of our hearts and minds right now, and the answers are not always simple. Our Elders are doing their very best to carefully seek the Lord's leading and direction, and then ask for Godly boldness in making decisions about the next steps. While transition is difficult, it also provides us a special window of opportunity from which to review and evaluate where we have been and where we need to go next! What really matters, and how do we "keep the main thing the main thing?"

While Moses was in the middle of his journey through the wilderness with the people of Israel, he knew that he could not lead them without God's presence. In Exodus 33:15 he prayed "*...If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.*" But God's promise was "*My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.*" Having this promise, let's be sure to resist the temptation to try and fix things on our own, and continue to give God every opportunity to work out His perfect plan in both our personal lives and the life of our church!

If we will all stay closely connected in fellowship, participate in the process, and faithfully petition the Lord in prayer; we can absolutely look ahead with a great sense of anticipation, and rest in confidence that He has another exciting chapter in store for the Stillwater Community Chapel family during the coming days. **This community needs a healthy, God – honoring church to provide guidance and security during these troubled times, and each one of us has the responsibility and privilege of continuing to stand in the gap!**

Let's keep on keeping on!

Serving Him Together With You,

Jim

Pastor Jim

SELECTING A NEW PASTOR YOUR THOUGHTS ARE IMPORTANT!

As we begin the process of seeking out the Lord's will for the next man who would come to provide pastoral leadership for Stillwater Community Chapel, there are several ways in which each member of the congregation can be involved in this important process. We have agreed that instead of establishing a formal "Search Committee" as such, we will ask the Lord to lead us to His choice through the natural process of personal communication. He already knows exactly who the person is who will come and serve in this important teaching and leadership role in our church. It's simply up to us to pay appropriate attention so that we do not miss His directions. Here are some things each of us can do to expedite the process:

- ◆ Pray regularly and specifically for the Lord's leading to be clear to us and that we will not miss the signs along the way when He provides them.
- ◆ Think about a list of qualifications that would be absolutely non-negotiable in

selecting a pastor for our church.

- ◆ Then think of a list of qualities and qualifications that would be a great asset to him in leading our church in this particular community and culture, and prioritize that list.
- ◆ When you have prayerfully compiled your list, make sure that our Elder Board Chairman, Jim Campbell gets a copy of your list so that the board can begin to look for patterns of interest and concern among our church family regarding the overall process.

As we work through this exercise together, let's ask the Lord to give us a clear picture and a unity of heart and spirit that will ultimately provide us with a sense of genuine peace about the decisions that lie ahead. As we pray, communicate well with each other and trust the Lord for these vital parts to the puzzle, He will answer with exactly what we need! No doubt about it!

Thank You From Ukraine

Dear Pastor Jim:

Thank you for your recent letter. We appreciate your encouragement to Evgenie during the time that your church has been involved financially. Evgenie, as our Assistant Director in charge of Administration, has fulfilled a very important role in the ministry of Zaporozhye Bible College and Seminary. At the present time he is involved in the technical aspects of our new building, which includes dealing with the many government regulations and departments. This has been a monumental task without which we would never have a building. By the way, there has been good progress on the building recently, and we are looking for completion within this year.

Thank you for your vision for missions, and especially for your support of our Ukrainian staff as they seek to carry on this work. Please thank the church also, for their years of support and help. We look forward to learning more about your new ministry and the continuing ministry at Stillwater Chapel.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,
Mark Mackey
ZBCS UKRAINE

A CHURCH FAMILY PLAYS TOGETHER

We have often said that *“The family that prays together and plays together will stay together!”* One of the practical issues we have addressed in our study of the Word this summer is the value of genuine fellowship within the body of Christ. All of us will readily admit that the times we spend in informal interaction with each other are among the most desirable elements of our Christian life and walk. While some of the more formal times of worship and Bible study during our worship services should provide some valuable instruction and encouragement for our Spiritual development, there is just



nothing like the time spent in heart-felt communication with our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we mature in our Christian walk with God, we begin to notice that much of our conversation with other Believers centers around the Lord Jesus and what He has to offer for life and living.

Thanks to John & Gail Bendrat, Rich & Judy Olivo and Ted & Mimi Kaplysh for opening up their places of residence for some very special, all-church picnics and fun during the summer months. Others

have been faithful in providing personal invitations to dinner throughout the summer in order to get to know each other better. It really doesn't get any better than that, so let's all continue to look for ways to build additional depth into our relationships with each other in the days ahead. Oh! And don't forget those neighbors and friends who still may not be a part of the Stillwater Community Chapel family yet. Our hospitality might just be the thing that God uses to bring them to Himself!





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

2010-2011 AWANA Club starting Friday, Sept. 10th!

AWANA Club will start up with a Kick-off Party in Applequist Hall right here at Stillwater Community Chapel! Bring the entire family and join us for a fun time. We hope to see you from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on **Friday, the 10th of September!**

Are you hooked on Awana? Come back on the **17th of September** with a friend! Bring your friend to share the fun. Who's gonna get Awana Bucks for high points this night? You'll earn points for each friend, plus Sparks will get credit toward their first Red Jewel!

On **September 24th** Pastor Jim will be stopping by to say hi.

In October we have more fun plan with **October 15th** being our second Family Night at Winding River Ranch. All Awana clubbers are asked to bring their families and join us for a scavenger hunt out at the ranch! All Stillwater church members are also invited. This is a free event for the clubbers and families, however we will ask church members to bring a dish to pass, as this will be a potluck. Stay tuned for more details!

If you can help with AWANA, please contact Gail Bendrat, 531-6063. AWANA will meet at the church every Friday evening from September through May. Every Friday will have a different theme. AWANA is for all kids, ages 2 years old - 8th grade.

SAVE THE DATE

Global Connection International 10th Anniversary Celebration! **Thursday - October 21, 2010**

Dr. Billy Kim, Chairman, Far East Broadcasting Company and the Korean Children's Choir will help celebrate this big event! It will be held at the Hyatt Regency - Denver Tech Center - Ballroom. Everyone is invited. Cost is \$50.00 per person. For more information you can either call (303) 858-1181 or visit the Global Connection website - www.gciworld.org.

Would you consider being a sponsor? To sponsor a full table of eight, the cost is \$400.00. You can also sponsor a half table of 4 for \$200.00.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

September - October 2010



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 3	Women's Ministry	8:00 AM
Wed.	Sept 15	CE Meeting	9:00 AM
Thur.	Sept 23	Board of Elders	6:30 PM
Fri.	Oct. 1	Women's Ministry	8:00 AM
Wed.	Oct. 20	CE Meeting	9:00 AM
Thur.	Oct. 28	Board of Elders	6:30 PM

Please pray for Pastor Jim and JoAnn as they travel to Nebraska for the GCI Banquet Sept. 9th - 13th.

Let us know your special dates by calling the office at 627-3937 or emailing us at our

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

October

- 8th Bill & Camilla Weber

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS:

- Adult Study:** "What in the World's Going On?" 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:

- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



SATURDAYS:

- Men's Breakfast (Bear's Den)** 7:30 AM





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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10TH

**5 - 7 PM AWANA KICKOFF -
APPLEQUIST HALL**

FRIDAY, OCT. 15TH

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 21ST

**GLOBAL CONNECTION INTERNATIONAL
10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
HYATT REGENCY
GRAND BALLROOM
DENVER TECH CENTER**