



PASTOR'S GREETING

Dear Members, Affiliates, and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen and reigning Savior!

We are preparing for the annual return of our summer residents with great anticipation. After a long Lake City winter, their enthusiasm and energy are so very welcome! If you are among them, God be with you as you travel to Lake City.

We hope you will enjoy this edition of the Evangel. Blessings to you and all those you love!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor John

NEWS

Facilities Assessment Grant

As noted in the last issue of the Evangel, a \$10,000 facility assessment grant has been awarded to our church from the State of Colorado in order to determine what repairs are critical to the structural integrity of our buildings. The architect we chose has made two trips to Lake City and will make at least one more before presenting his recommendations. With those recommendations, we may apply for partial funding from the state to carry out the needed renovations. Jay Farrar wrote the initial proposal for the grant and has been our contact with the state since it was approved.

Lake City Student Ministries (Youth Programs)

After a long period of prayer and searching, the Lake City Student Ministry Council (LCSMC) hired Seth Dady in December 2006 to be the new director of student ministries in Lake City. Seth and his wife, Crystal, are serving together in directing our youth programs. The LCSMC is the ecumenical board overseeing these programs. The programs of the LCSMC are funded by all of the churches in Lake City and by donations from other churches and individuals. Community Church contributes strongly to the LCSMC. Seth and Crystal served on the staff of the Inn at the Lake during the summer of 2005, and were known to many Lake City residents before they arrived. They have energized the middle and high school Christian programs of Lake City, and the young people have already grown attached to them. Nearly all of the middle and high schoolers in town participate in student ministries functions.

The middle schoolers have been meeting weekly on Tuesday nights for fellowship and devotions, while the high schoolers have been meeting on Wednesdays. The high schoolers have also been meeting for Bible study on Monday nights, with Crystal leading the girls and Seth leading the boys. The Dady's have been assisted by parents and friends from Lake City churches and Camp Redcloud. Both middle and high schoolers attended weekend winter camps sponsored by Young Life in February, and reported having a great time, along with spiritual growth. The Dady's also eat lunch with the young folks at school once a week, host movie and game nights, and meet often with the young people informally. The Dady's will be taking both middle and

high schoolers to Camp Redcloud at the end of July. Mission or service projects are also in the works. The Dady's are doing a great job with our young people. If you have not yet met Crystal and Seth, they would love for you to do so!

Children's Fellowship

Children from all of Lake City have been enjoying Wednesday afternoon Children's Fellowship each week during the school year, since September. We have missed the able leadership of former director, Joan Scott, since she and Carl moved to South Carolina, but a wonderful volunteer staff has carried on. Children's Fellowship is one of the strongest and most effective mission projects of Community Church. Thanks to all of our volunteers! Please hold Children's Fellowship in your prayers.

DISCIPLE Bible Study

Six dedicated students have been meeting nearly every Tuesday night since early October, participating in the DISCIPLE Bible study, a thirty-four week intensive study of the entire Bible. Students read and pray each day of the week and meet for two and a half hours each Tuesday. It has been a terrific experience for all of the students, some of whom are not members of Community Church, and for the facilitator, Pastor John.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies

Sunday morning adult Bible studies have been running since late September 2006, including introductions to the Old and New Testaments, and currently, a five-week study of Ephesians. Pastor John facilitates these studies which will resume in the fall of 2007.

New Elders

In January the congregation elected Donna Kelley and Lori Winblood to serve on the Class of 2010 of the Session. Pastor John held a series of training classes for the new elders in January and February. Unfortunately, Donna has since resigned her position on the session. The session currently has the following members: Ron Bruce, Pat Ezell, Jay Farrar, Mary Farrar, Lynn Hudgeons, Ellis Linsey, Durell Thompson, and Lori Winblood.

Organ Refurbished

Able organ technician Bob Scott finished refurbishment of the Community Church organ in March, and it is like new. We have enjoyed it in worship since its completion. Janet Potter has been our faithful pianist and organist each Sunday since last fall, with Nancy Scott filling in when Janet is out of town.

New Members

New members since the last edition of the Evangel are Elizabeth Guthrie, Nancy Guthrie, Alan Moore, Barbara Moore, and Linda Ragle. Welcome, friends, to Community Church!

Annex Renovation Continues

Pete Main has been working to complete the renovation of the Annex, repairing and staining the exterior of the building, installing a new interior window, and staining the interior stairs. The Annex is looking great, thanks to Pete's work.

Community Church Endowment Fund

The Community Church Endowment Fund, whose existence is due to the generous support of several members and friends of the church, currently has a value of over \$560,000. We are deeply indebted to those faithful saints who have been moved to support the financial stability of Community Church through their generous gifts to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund

Committee consists of Ed Smith, Tom Robb, Pat Ezell, Ron Bruce, Helen Thompson, and Jay Farrar. Tom and Ed generously and wisely manage short-term decisions with respect to the fund. The Endowment Committee reports to the session of Community Church. At the present time, on recommendation from the committee, 3% of the total value of the fund is distributed to Community Church each year to support its programs and ministries. Needless to say, that support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Contributions of any kind and of any size to the Endowment Fund are always most welcome. If God is moving you to support our church in this way, please do so. Thank you!

Presbytery Meeting In Lake City

The Presbytery of Western Colorado held its Fall 2006 meeting at Community Church on September 29 and 30, 2006. The session and several other members of the church worked overtime to make the commissioners welcome. On Friday evening these dedicated saints provided supper, and also served breakfast on Saturday. The commissioners from other churches were very appreciative and complimentary.

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols

The annual Service of Lessons and Carols was held in Community Church sanctuary on Christmas Eve, 2006, led by the Lake City Community Choir and scripture readers from several of the Lake City churches. Once again, the house was full and chairs were set up in the aisles. It was a blessed opportunity to be in worship.

Holy Week 2007 Worship Services

Holy Week of 2007 offered many opportunities to worship with all of the churches of Lake City. On Easter morning all of the churches joined together in worship in the Armory, preceded by a community breakfast held in the Baptist Fellowship Hall. Our ecumenical worship services are a unique sign of the unity in Christ enjoyed by the five churches of Lake City.

Service of Healing and Wholeness

On Sunday night, May 6, Community Church gathered for a Service of Healing and Wholeness in which we sang, prayed, read scripture, listened to a message by Pastor John, and lit candles for individuals who are suffering physically, emotionally, or spiritually. The service was well-received, and plans are to continue these services. Future dates and times will be announced.

News from Members and Friends

Joan and Carl Scott have moved to Chapin, South Carolina. We miss them greatly, but their new home, and Carl's new job, allow them to be together all the time. For that, we celebrate with them!

Joanne Drake is now a resident of Fruita, Colorado. Joanne is also greatly missed, but she is enjoying warmer weather and new friends in Fruita. She appreciates phone calls, email messages, and personal visits from old and dear friends!

Ron Bruce was sworn in as the new sheriff of Hinsdale County on January 9, 2007, and has been doing a great job in his new office. He has even brought his new under sheriff to worship with us! Blessings to Ron as he carries out the duties of his new office.

Dot and Jim Main have moved into a new home in Amarillo. They are getting settled and are looking forward to gardening in their new yard as summer approaches. They enjoy hearing from all their Lake City friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Worship Schedule

Community Church begins its summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 17. Worship will take place at 8:30 and 10:30 am, with coffee fellowship at 9:30 am. With fellowship between services, you will be able to visit with friends while attending either service. This will hopefully lessen the crowd at the later service! Please join us each Sunday to worship the living God!

Wednesday Grill and Bible Study for Summer 2007

Our annual summer tradition, Wednesday Grill and Bible Study, will begin in June, 2007 meeting every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The topic for study is awaiting approval by the session, but it will be a wonderful time for fellowship and growth. If you will be in town any part of the summer, please join us!

Annex Landscaping Planned

Landscaping of the yard at the Annex is planned for June 7-9, and help is needed from all able-bodied members and friends! This undertaking is for Bobby Skerry's Eagle Scout project and he will be providing support and labor from other scouts. Mary Farrar is coordinating the project with Bobby. A workday is planned prior to June 7 for advance preparation of the grounds. Please let Mary know if you can help.

New Pictorial Directory

Mary Farrar and John Roose will coordinate the production of a new Community Church pictorial directory during the summer of 2007. The last directory was produced in 2000; we are due for a new one! Photographs will be taken before and after worship each Sunday for several weeks over the summer. These will be assembled, along with the most current information we have regarding addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails to be included in the directory. All members, affiliates, and friends are encouraged to participate. The directories will be printed and distributed later this summer. They will be mailed to anyone that cannot pick them up. Help us make the new directory a success: get your photo taken one Sunday morning.

Independence Day Worship

The annual community Independence Day worship service will take place on the Lake City Community School grounds on Sunday, July 1 this year. Every church in Lake City will be participating this year. If you are in town, please join us!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled Monday through Friday, July 16-20, 2007 under the able leadership of Crystal Dady, one of our new student ministries directors. The program this year is "*Avalanche Ranch!*" Volunteers are needed to make VBS 2007 a success. Please reserve this week to enjoy the little angels of Lake City!

Gold Hill 2007

The annual Gold Hill Cookout has been scheduled for Sunday, July 22 at 1:00 pm. Yes, this year we are going to have *lunch* on Gold Hill, in hopes that we can enjoy good food and fun before the afternoon thunderstorm rolls in. Please join us on Gold Hill due to the generous hospitality of the Vickers clan!

Ice Cream Social 2007

The annual Community Church Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, August 19, at 6:00 pm on the church grounds. Come join us for great ice cream and fun!

2008 Stewardship Campaign

The Community Church stewardship campaign for 2008 will begin in late July and extend through late August. Mary and Tom Curry have generously agreed to coordinate the campaign this year. The session and Pastor John encourage every member, affiliate member, and friend to be in prayer regarding their pledge of support to Community Church for 2008. All of our material possessions are gifts from God; we are merely stewards of those gifts. Disciples of Christ give generously in response to the new life we have in him, and in thanksgiving for all of God's goodness.

Tony Campolo Coming to Grand Junction

"A Faith Worth Sharing," a workshop by eminent evangelist, scholar, and speaker, Tony Campolo, will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Junction, Friday-Saturday, August 3-4, 2007. Tony's workshop is a rare opportunity to be challenged and equipped for personal evangelism. Please plan to attend if you can!

Presbyterian Cursillo

Presbyterian Cursillo (pronounced cur-see'-yo, a Spanish word) is a powerful renewal event for Presbyterians, held over a 72-hour period from Thursday through Sunday evening. During a Cursillo weekend participants worship, sing, listen to talks by clergy and laypeople, enjoy small group fellowship and sharing, and very often find their Christian journeys renewed and revitalized. Presbyterian Cursillo is restricted to members of Presbyterian churches, but there are similar events for members of other denominations. Cursillo and its relatives are unique opportunities to re-energize your spiritual walk with God. The next Cursillo is scheduled for October 25-28, 2007. See Pastor John or Nancy Guthrie for more information about Cursillo or other three-day renewal events.

Presbyterian Women's Groups

Lynn Hudgeons is considering beginning Presbyterian Women's groups at Community Church. Please see or call Lynn if you have ideas or would like to help.

Mission Project New Orleans

Walter Potter is serving as the coordinator for our church's mission trip to New Orleans in November 2007, in order to build a house with Habitat for Humanity. Community Church will be inviting all of the churches from the Presbytery of Western Colorado as well as all of the churches in Lake City to join with us. The trip is planned for November 5-9, with an extension for a second week possible for those who can stay. Please contact Walter if you would like to have more information. This trip offers an opportunity to help others in a significant way, as well as experience personal growth. Join us!

Prayers Needed

Members, affiliates, and friends of Community Church with current health concerns: Nan Huddleston, Laura Linsey, Dot Main, Marge Robb, Ed Smith, Jo Anne Smith, Helen Thompson, Emma Jean Vickers, and David Winblood. Please hold these children of God in your prayers.

Peace and joy to you and your dear ones!