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**Pause**

Dear Church Family,  
Ever wish you had a pause button for your life once in a while? Life seems to move at break-neck speeds and every so often it would be good if we could just hit the pause button and catch our breath before we move on. But we know that time waits for no man and keeps marching on. It is hard for me to believe that we are into the second half of the year 2008 already. July days are quickly fleeting by and while we may be complaining about the heat now the frost will soon be on its way. It is also hard for me to fathom that it has been 10 ½ months since you gave me the privilege serving full-time with the CCR. Time flies when you're having fun. I think as we reach this middle point of summer and middle point of the year it is a good time for us to "pause" to catch our breath a little and look at where we've been before we continue on this Journey that God has allowed us to travel together. We have been blessed in many ways in this past year. God has allowed us to see fruit of ministry in very vivid ways. We have seen 9 baptisms in the last 10 months. That is something we need to praise God for and we need to continue to pray for these new Christians and continue to disciple them in



the faith. Our mission is not to baptize people, but to make disciples who make disciples. We want to continue in the process of multiplication of believers knowing that we can plant seeds and water them but it is God who gives the increase. (I Cor. 3:7) We have also been blessed as God has helped us meet many of our goals. We have a new Church Health Team that will focus on helping us grow in the area of Passionate Spirituality (don't worry if you don't quite know what that means yet—you will hear a lot about our level of "passion" in the months to come. For now make sure that the CCR is the place you want to be every Sunday Morning). We have added to our small/home groups and they have grown. However, in May many groups dwindled in attendance and we put some on hold for the summer. I hope this is just the result of "summer slump" and that these groups will begin again in the fall. If this is not the case and our existing small groups are not meeting needs please let me know so we can adjust. Our other three goals are not as far along. We still are looking for those that God may be calling to step up into leadership roles in the church: Elders and Deacons. Perhaps God has been speaking to your heart with a

desire to step up. If that is the case I'd love to visit with you about that!!! Financially we still have work to do. We are being frugal with the expenses of the Church body, we have encouraged members to give, however we still have good months and bad months. I believe God wants only good months. I want to ask you to not only continue to pray about this area but take action. I recently read two books by Barry Cameron, a Pastor of one of our sister Churches in Texas, "The ABC's of Financial Freedom" and "Contagious Generosity". Christians ought to be the most generous people on the planet and the best at managing money, but this isn't the case today. Primarily because most Christians today are robbing God (Mal. 3:8) by not giving Him the first 10%. We have done a disservice to Christianity by looking at a tithe as the ceiling of our giving and not the floor. If you are already tithing, you are just giving God what is His, now it is time to be generous. We can't truly say we are being generous with our finances if we are only giving to God what is due Him anyway. (These are a few thoughts from Barry's books: If you want to really have God work on your heart and challenge you in life changing ways I

encourage you to pick up these books.)

Our last goal of expanding the youth ministry of the church has gained some ground but we still have work to do. We ask for your help and prayers as we not only minister to the children of our members but as we seek to reach out to the youth and college age of our community. There will be opportunities in the future for you to help us reach out. I hope you can help.

Thanks for “pausing” with me for a little bit this month as we look back and look ahead. I think the best days of the CCR are still in front of us and as we continue to work together to reach this community God will reward our efforts.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,” Hebrews 12:1

On The Journey,  
Pastor Todd

## Servant Evangelism

For July we will be taking part in the Fair Parade with a Float advertising the Nativity. We will also have people handing out chapstick with Church information on it. For those who want to help put the float together we will meet Wed. July 23 @ 6PM (or as soon as you can get here) at the Church. The Parade is Sat. July 26th. If you would be able to help hand things out that day see Todd ASAP. We won't have an event in Aug. but in Sept. we want to do the Convocation booth at CWC again. Last Sept. we gave away Pop and

Cookies as well as had a T-Shirt drawing. If you have ideas on what we could do for a give-away this year, maybe with a College Survival Pack theme, see Todd. We also will gear our Movie Night in Sept. for the College Students and maybe do a Pizza and Movie Night???? We'd love to have your ideas for evangelistic outreaches or give-aways. Our goal is to try and do one event a month throughout the school year. See Todd or Isaiah if you have ideas. Or write them down for a S.E. meeting in Sept. where we can map out the next 9 months.

## Adult Sunday School:

The adult Sunday School class will be moving upstairs beginning July 20th. We will still have coffee and goodies so make plans to join us each week at 9AM. This fall we will have two adult classes again. Michelle will be teaching Acts upstairs and Todd will be teaching on the Holy Spirit and Evangelism downstairs. If you would like to order the resources that will be used see Todd as soon as possible. “The Holy Spirit in the Early Church” by Joseph C. Talley is \$4 and “Evangelism Without Additives” by Jim Henderson is \$11 or \$15 for both. Books are optional!!!

## Lessons in Leadership:

As our By-Law Committee works on revisions to our Church By-Laws make sure you attend the Sermons on Church Leadership in August.

Aug. 10 – Biblical Eldership, Aug. 17 – The New Testament Deacon, Aug. 24 – Can Women Be Dea-

cons?, Aug. 31 – Things We Know & Things We Don't.

## Movie Nights:

August – Due to our licensing agreements we cannot show August's Movie in a public showing, so Todd & Melissa would like to invite you to their home for a family movie on Friday August 22nd at 7PM. Please call: 857-7561 to RVSP for this showing and we'll make sure there is enough room and popcorn to go around. If we run out of room we have multiple showings.

Sept. -- “Facing The Giants”. With school back in session and football season underway we thought this would be a good time to have a movie night geared toward College Students. We can advertise at our booth at the CWC convocation day and have the movie that Friday night (date to be announced). If we have the funds/donations available maybe we could offer Pizza and a movie that night to the College Kids. Just an idea to reach out to the younger crowd, if you like it and would like to help in some way see Todd or Isaiah.

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## Wisdom, waiting for you...

James 1:5-8

[5] If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. [6] But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. [7] People

like that should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. [8] They can't make up their minds. They waver back and forth in everything they do.

Here James tells us that if we need wisdom, we just need to ask! That in itself is amazing, but the problem is that we don't follow the rest of what he says... In verses 6-8 he goes on to explain that we need to believe that God will answer us... A doubtful mind is one that is tossed about by the wind, all of the little things will blow a person like this off course very easily. So the question to each of us is this, "Do I believe that God will answer me when I pray?"

"Do I believe that if I ask for wisdom, God will give it?"

"Do I doubt God's power?"

In Christ,  
Isaiah

were impacted for eternity. We had about 40 campers each week. We had one young man give his life to Christ at Senior week. What a celebration as we gathered for his baptism in the cold mountain stream.



The view from the top of Candy Mountain

Two campers from Junior Week were baptized in their home churches the Sunday following camp. Over \$800 was raised for the new Church in Laramie during Senior week and over \$2000 was raised for Safari Insight Mission to Mozambique during Junior Week. Wow! God is good. I hope all of you involved in camp are resting up from your time on the mountain. Don't forget our fall Camp meeting isn't until September, so you have a couple of months to rest up before we ask you to consider doing it all over again.

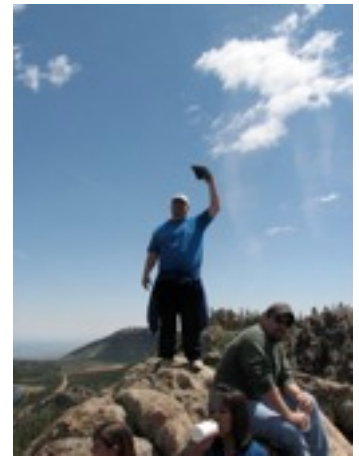
God Bless,

Todd

**August 7th - 7pm:**

Musical Comedian Greg Strange @ The Holiday Inn. Free Admission. A free-will offering will be taken at the end. See gregstrange.com for

more information.



Todd on top of the mountain

## CCR Goals for 2008:

**1. Establish a Natural Church Development team.**

The team would meet once a quarter, help the church work on the minimum factor and help the leadership set ministry direction for the next year.

**2. ~~To go from 7 Home/Small Groups to 9.~~**

**3. To expand the leadership team of the church by:**

\*Seeking out men who are qualified and aspire to the Eldership

\*Seeking out two men or women to be Deacons over two of the quality characteristics for churches: Need-Oriented Evangelism & Gift-Based Ministry.

**4. To solidify the financial base of the church by:**

\*Encouraging members to greater support the ministry of the church.

\*Praying for wisdom in expenses.

\*Praying for God to add additional people to our congregation

**5. To expand the youth ministry of the church by:**

~~\* Starting a program/study designed for elementary age students.~~

~~\* Have two youth groups meeting with Junior High and Senior High ages.~~

\*Do more outreach geared toward the youth of the community. i.e. Servant Evangelism ideas



\*Continue to reach out to the CWC students.



WWCYC Camp 2008

Well we all survived the 2008 camp season!

I guess I should re-phrase that, we thrived in the 2008 camp season. We had a great two weeks up on the mountain. The road in was good. The staff for both weeks was wonderful to work with. Many kids grew in their faith and

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>13)</b> Music: B <b>Text:</b> Job 38-39 <b>9am</b> Sunday School <b>10am</b> Worship <b>6pm</b> Middle School YG 	<b>14)</b> <b>7pm</b> Life of Christ at DesEnfants	<b>15)</b> <b>7pm</b> Men's Life Transformation Group	<b>16)</b> <b>1pm</b> Minister's Prayer Meeting <b>6pm</b> Church Health Team	<b>17)</b> <b>7pm</b> Youth Group	<b>18)</b> <b>7am</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>7pm</b> Family Movie Night - Double Feature	<b>19)</b>
<b>20)</b> Music: C <b>Text:</b> Job 40-42 <b>9am</b> S.S. <b>10am</b> Worship Board Meeting following <b>6pm</b> Middle School YG	<b>21)</b> <b>7pm</b> Life of Christ at DesEnfants	<b>22)</b> <b>2pm</b> Homestead Services <b>7pm</b> Men's LTG <b>7pm</b> CWF	<b>23)</b> <b>1pm</b> Minister's Prayer Meeting <b>6pm</b> Parade Float Meeting	<b>24)</b> <b>7pm</b> Y.G.	<b>25)</b> <b>7am:</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast 	<b>26)</b>
<b>27)</b> Music: A <b>Text:</b> Ecc 1-2 <b>9am</b> S.S., <b>10am</b> Worship Fellowship Dinner following <b>6pm</b> Middle School YG	<b>28)</b> <b>7pm</b> Life of Christ at DesEnfants	<b>29)</b> <b>7pm</b> Men's LTG	<b>30)</b> <b>1pm</b> Minister's Prayer Meeting	<b>31)</b> <b>7pm</b> Y.G.	<b>1)</b> <b>7am:</b> Men's Prayer Breakfast <b>8am</b> Elder's Meeting	<b>2)</b>

**Birthdays & Anniversaries in July**

**July 2nd:** Jim and Paula Pilon  
**July 8th:** Weston Borst  
**July 10th:** Bill Looney  
**July 13th:** Calie Hahn  
**July 25th:** Deb Huddleston

**August**

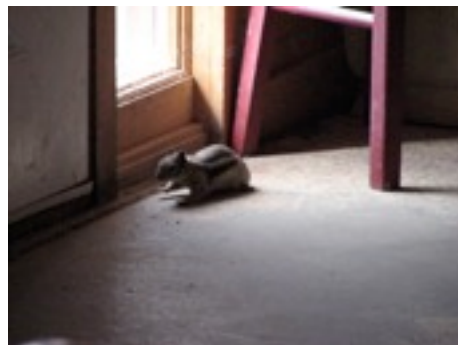
**August 6th:** Rita Schmidt  
**August 8th:** Brian and Kenna Borst  
**August 11th:** Amy Tank  
**August 15th:** John DesEnfants  
**August 16th:** Cole Anderson  
**August 18th:** Todd and Melissa Smith  
**August 19th:** Ron Schmidt  
**August 28th:** Shawn and Deb Huddleston

**Major Events in July:**

**July 18th:** Family Movie Night Double Feature - 7pm  
**July 20th:** Board Meeting following Worship service  
**July 26th:** Float in Parade  
**July 27th:** Carry-in Dinner following Worship service

**Major Events in August:**

**August 7th:** Comedian Greg Strange @ Holiday Inn - 7pm  
**August 22nd:** Movie Night at Smith's - 7pm



**Wildlife fun at Senior Camp**



**Merle Powell - Speaker at Senior Camp**

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<p>27) Music: A Text: Ecc 1-2 9am S.S, 10am Worship Fellowship Dinner following 6pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>28) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEnfants</p>	<p>29) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>30) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>31) 7pm Y.G.</p>	<p>1) 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>2)</p>
<p>3) Music: C Text: Job 1-3 9am S.S. 10am Worship Board Meeting following 6pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>4) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEnfants</p>	<p>5) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>6) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p> 	<p>7) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Circle of Friends group</p> 	<p>8) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>9)</p>
<p>10) Music: A Text: Job 4-14 9am S.S, 10am Worship 6pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>11) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEnfants</p> 	<p>12) 2pm Homestead Services 7pm CWF 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>13) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>14) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>15) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Elder's Meeting</p> 	<p>16)</p> 
<p>17) Music: B Text: Job 15-21 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Board Meeting following 6pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>18) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEnfants</p> 	<p>19) 7pm Men's LTG</p> 	<p>20) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>21) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>22) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 7pm Movie Night at Smith's</p>	<p>23)</p>
<p>24) Music: C Text: Job 22-31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Carry-in dinner following</p>	<p>25) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEnfants</p>	<p>26) 2pm Homestead Services 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>27) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>28) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Circle of Friends group</p> 	<p>29) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>30)</p>
<p>31) Music: B Text: Gal 4:12-31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship</p>	<p>1) Happy Labor Day</p>	<p>2) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>3) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>4) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>5) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>6)</p>

Date	Meditations	Prayer	Nursery	Children's Church	Music
7/20	Rod DesEnfants	Retha Reinke	Autumn Vick	Carol Stelzner	C
7/27	Randy Stelzner	Dean VonKrosigk	Charleen VonKrosigk	Henni's	A
8/3	S. Huddleston	Rod DesEnfants	Lori Santee	Michelle DesEnfants	B
8/10	D. VonKrosigk	Michelle DesEnfants	Sara Henni	Melissa Smith	C
8/17	Thomas Smith	Rita Schmidt	Autumn Vick	Carol Stelzner	A
8/24	Archie Tank	Retha Reinke	Charleen VonKrosigk	Henni's	B
8/31	Barney Himes	Dean VonKrosigk	Sara Henni	Melissa Smith	C
9/7	Rod DesEnfants	Michelle DesEnfants	Autumn Vick	Michelle DesEnfants	C

**Men's Prayer Breakfast Chefs:**

Date	Chef	Date	Chef	Date	Chef
7/18	Rod	7/25	Isaiah	8/1	Barney
8/8	Dean	8/15	Todd	8/22	Rod
8/29	Isaiah	9/5	Barney		

If you would like to do meditations, prayer, CC or Nursery, please see Todd, or Isaiah, respectively.



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