

To my family at Springs Community Church:

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your interim worship pastor since February, 2007. It has been a real pleasure and spiritual reward to be able to serve God and you in this capacity once again in my life. While I readily admit I am no choir director, I hope you all know how much I appreciate and enjoy hearing them sing. We have a talented group of vocalists at Springs Community Church and I anticipate they will continue to bless us all for many years to come.

The band and technicians at our church are definitely first class, and I have enjoyed being a part of those groups even from before I moved into the leadership spot. I look forward to continuing to serve in various capacities in the worship ministry under Ephram's leadership.

- Dave Bettinger



Elizabeth's Insight on High Altitude February 5-7

by Elizabeth Manzione

Full of passion, love, and experiences like never before, High Altitude 2010 was definitely a weekend to remember. With laughs, smiles, and even a handful of tears, our group of 21 students and leaders approached Fraser, Colorado with a focus on fellowship. By the end of the weekend, new relationships were formed and closeness was revealed.

Friday night chapel opened the weekend with a high-energy crowd. This energy only increased over the next few days. By Saturday night, the same room that was filled with a bounding energy the night before was now filled with an indescribable grace. Whether it was for the first time, or the hundredth time, I can honestly say that each student felt the presence of the Holy Spirit that night. As the instrumental music faded, a silence swept over the room until all that was left were the quiet voices of over 350 students worshipping their Savior. After a powerful message, with no dry eye left in the house, Springs Community silently walked into their "Family Time" trying to fathom what had just happened. Words just were not enough. Some said that their hands were lifted in worship, but it wasn't their doing; it was God's doing. Some tried to find the words to explain the unconditional love they felt for the first time that night. But still, words just were not enough. In silence, we held each other in our arms with tears rolling down our faces.

To this day, I still don't think that anything we say or write can hold the depth of what we experienced over those few days. We can laugh and we can cry, but the presence of the Holy Spirit is worth more than these words. You could almost say that the fire continued beyond High Altitude weekend. Whether it was a building of flames or a smoldering of the hottest coals, the unconditional love and promise of Jesus Christ is spreading. Ignited inside each high school student is an authentic desire for an intimate relationship with Jesus.

by Caleb Dahke



SNOWBOUND 2010

What form does God come in? Is it a loud lightning bolt, a loud mysterious voice, a burning bush? I believe it is youth worshipping and praising Him in one moment and time. It doesn't have to be as complicated as everyone thinks it is, but all they have to do is be spending time with each other while focused on God.

When you see middle school students acting lovingly toward people who they met two minutes earlier as if they had known them their whole life, it seems as if that is God. As a matter of fact, as far as I am concerned, that is God. It is love, compassion, kindness, power, it is indescribable. Sure the lessons help point you in the right direction, but they don't necessarily show you God. God is when there is no shame or embarrassment. When I was up at Snowbound, I got to take part in the future of God. I got to talk with others, praise with others, share with others; I got to experience God in his fullest.

Note: Caleb was one of our Revive middle school students who attended Snowbound at Frontier Ranch outside Buena Vista this past January.



Ministry News

(send your Ministry News to marcia.matheny@sccrca.org)

Story time with Pastor Ben Children of all ages, accompanied by a favorite adult, are invited to come and enjoy a fun, creative and engaging story hour every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month - March 11 and 25 from 10:30-11:30am in the atrium.

Listening to stories is a great way to encourage imagination and creativity as well as to begin to develop reading comprehension. It's also a great time to connect with other parents! Contact Pastor Ben Brooks at 590-1705 x18 or ben.brooks@sccrca.org.

Children's Choir on Palm Sunday We invite all children, preschool through grade 4 to join our Children's Choir, as we prepare to sing several songs at church on Palm Sunday, March 28. Please come to rehearsals on March 14 and 21, between services from 10:00 to 10:20 am in room 208. Contact Dennis or Lorraine Pelley at 219-5779 or pelleypad@gmail.com.

Recovery from Loss Workshop All of us go through losses in life -- the death of a loved one, a broken relationship, a job loss or change, relocation, a serious illness or disability. Learn skills in helping one another grow through these times by attending our Recovery from Loss Workshop on four Wednesday nights, April 21, 28, May 5 and 12, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The only cost is \$10 per person or couple, which pays for your book. The workshop will be led by Pastor Dennis Pelley, a certified grief and trauma counselor. To enroll, contact Dennis at 219-5779 or pelleypad@gmail.com by April 10.

Women's Ministry Retreat Make plans to attend the upcoming Women's Retreat at the Franciscan Retreat Center on Saturday, April 17th. Cost will be \$45 per person. The theme will be "Beauty from Broken Pieces" with speaker Laurra Fitzgerald. Contact Carolyn Mackety, 268-0768.

Adult Sunday Classes *beginning April 11*

Overview of the Old Testament Led by Rev. Dr. Ivan Rymes Most everyone knows that studying and understanding God's Word is essential for spiritual growth and wisdom. This 12-week class will acquaint the participant with the essential story of the Old Testament and examine some foundational concepts of interest to all Christians. (8:45 am - rm 120)

Fellowship Group Led by David Greene You are invited to join a small group that is focused on fun, fellowship, and feasting on the Word of God. There may also be some food involved! Come and participate in this fellowship held during the first service each Sunday morning. They meet across from the kitchen on the first level - east doors. (8:45 am - rm 114)

Experiencing the Gospel Led by L.B. Lee Everyone is welcome in this ongoing class where you can feel comfortable and relate to others wanting to have a genuine experience with the Lord. The way L.B. teaches is very laid back...and in each session, the discussion opens up to those who the Spirit is leading to a relationship with Him. As the class begins, L.B. will be doing a study of the Gospel of John. (10:30 am - rm 118)



Church-wide Fellowship Luncheon

If you have been missing some old friends who attend a different service, would like to get to know more SCC folks or simply don't want to cook after church then be sure to experience a time of fellowship over lunch immediately following Sunday, March 21, 12 noon. Enjoy a casual lunch of pizza, salad and cookies in the Upper Room. The suggested donation is only \$5 per person or \$12 for a family.

This luncheon is response to the input at the fall Fireside Chats that recommended SCC have more opportunities for fellowship. If you'd like to help co-chairs Lorraine Pelley and Edna Mast make this event a success please contact them as they'd enjoy your help.

Holy WEEK

Don't miss this Easter season!

No week in the Church calendar commands more attention than Holy Week. Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. It begins on Palm Sunday, continues through the solemn reflections of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and culminates with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This year, Springs Community Church will journey through Holy Week through a variety of worship experiences, prayer times, and special presentations. It's our hope that as a community, we'll set apart some extra of time to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter. The events and experiences that we've scheduled for Holy Week 2010 are designed to help you, your friends, and your family journey through Holy Week so that the celebration of Jesus' reality-changing resurrection will be all the more profound in your life!

Holy Week Schedule

Sun., 3/28	Palm Sunday, 8:45 and 10:30 am services
Mon., 3/29	The Holy Week Journey, 7-9 pm
Tues., 3/30	Christ in the Passover, 6:30 pm <i>Presented by Jews for Jesus</i>
Wed. 3/31	The Holy Week Journey, 7-9 pm
Thurs., 4/1	The Holy Week Journey, 7-9 pm
Frid., 4/2	Good Friday service, 7pm
Sat., 4/3	Easter Eggstravaganza, 9 am
Sun., 4/4	Easter services, 8:45 and 10:30 am

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