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September 15th
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September 21st
BEN SPECKMANN GOLF CLASSIC

October 6th
SENIOR SUMMIT

October 7th
RMBC PRAYER SUNDAY

October 8, 9th
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRAYER SUMMIT

October 9th
DISTRICT WIDE CONCERT OF PRAYER

November
AREA FAMILY GATHERINGS

March 7, 8th
50TH ANNUAL GATHERING

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The RMBC is empowered by God to equip our people, engage our culture and expand our redemptive impact in the Rocky Mountain region.

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EQUIPPING PASTORS AND LAY LEADERS...
"WINNING ON PURPOSE" SEMINAR APRIL 12TH

The "Winning On Purpose" seminar will offer RMBC leaders a way to organize congregations for success by creating structures that enable church life and health. Attendees will learn about three issues that keep our congregations from succeeding in mission. You will master the basics of a strategy that sets up pastoral leaders to achieve mission. Your leadership team will differentiate the best use of the board, the pastor, the staff, and the congregation. You will also pick up practical tactics for implementing the Accountable Leadership strategy. Several RMBC churches have already read the book and are excited about implementing the principles. One RMBC pastor said, "This is the best book I have ever read on how to organize a church for successful ministry."

Our guest facilitator, John Kaiser, author of Winning on Purpose, is a nationally recognized expert on organizing our ministry efforts for results. John is currently the President of the Evangelical Baptist churches in Canada. John provides consultation and training to churches on growth, reinventing their leadership structure, and reproducing new congregations. The seminar will be held April 12 from 9:30 AM to 4 PM at the Colorado Christian University, Thornton Campus. (Insert address or directions.) Cost is \$15.00 per participant. Register online at RMBC.com Let us know asap how many of your team will be attending. Space is limited.

CELEBRATING 50 years Of Rocky Mountain Ministry!

IT was 1958 when the first RMBC Annual Gathering was held at Bethel Baptist in Greeley, Colorado. Pastor Robert Wells was moderator that year as delegates voted into existence a brand new district of churches. Over the past 50 years thousands of people have found Christ through RMBC churches, new congregations have been launched, young leaders trained and missionaries sent out. There is much of our past history worth celebrating...even more to celebrate as we look to the future.

Plan now to attend the 50th Annual Gathering of the RMBC. "Legacy" takes place March 7-8, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Denver Tech Center. Pastor Dave Pearson is this year's moderator. Past executive ministers will be honored, powerful worship times will be experienced and we'll also do family business and get an update on the E3 vision.

This year's Annual Gathering will feature some of the best Christian communicators in the country:



Dr. John Jenkins, senior pastor of First Baptist-Glen Arden in Landover, Maryland is an exciting speaker who will motivate all of us to attempt greater things for the Kingdom. Dr. Jenkins is a much sought after speaker and leads a church well engaged in their community and passionate about church planting.



Coach Bill McCartney, national championship football coach and founder of Promise Keepers will share his personal faith journey at the pastors and wives lunch on Friday. Coach McCartney's story is a powerful picture of what happens when God's people take prayer and God's Word seriously. Extras tickets may be available to the general public at a cost of \$20.

SATURDAY EQUIPPING SEMINARS:

Tom Nebel, will inspire members of town and country churches with the reality that God is able to accomplish big things in small places. Learn practical ways you can capture your community for Christ.

of his brother and his continued passion to reach Muslims with the love of Christ.

Lori Nebel, will share practical insights and helpful tools on how to share your faith with others. Eight-six percent of our region is unchurched. Learn how your church can become magnetic in the ways you draw people into God's Kingdom.

Dr. Jerry and Dawn Sheveland will be special guests. Extra special guests will include former executive ministers Ed Nelson, Bud Peterson, Marv Kanengieter and Mike Huber.

Pamela Heim, encourages leaders with her time-tested wisdom on how to build your volunteer base and help believers activate their spiritual gifts.

Registration materials are available in your church office. You may also register online now at rmbc.com. Start praying now for God to move in big ways! This will be an historic gathering in the life of our district. Encourage many families in your congregation to make the trip to Denver. Let's celebrate all that God has done!

Roubik Hoospianmer, shares his compelling story of persecution in Iran, the martyr death

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

PHILIP. 1:6 (NIV)

Wyoming Regional Director Named

To coordinate the efforts of our Wyoming churches and raise our effectiveness in reaching this state for Christ, a director is needed that knows Wyoming and is respected as a leader, visionary and man of God. Pastor Dick Young is that man. Dick has accepted the role as Wyoming Regional Director for the RMBC. Dick is already active in nurturing pastors, and casting vision for our next church planting sites. Pastor Young has also been instrumental in development of a crisis Rapid Response Team and will be leading a compassion trip to Mississippi in February. Pray for Dick and his wife Ruthie as they give leadership to our Wyoming churches. Dick will join a growing team of strategic directors that will assist Executive Minister Paul Mitton in carrying out the E3 vision.

Expanding Our Redemptive Impact

“Extreme Home Makeover” Cheyenne Style

Cheyenne Hills Church put a different spin on the Rocky Mountain Baptist Conference’s annual “Serve Across the Rockies” by playing host to Ty Pennington and the gang from Extreme Makeover Home Edition on national television. Dan and Dawn Miller had purchased a home on a 20-acre property just east of Cheyenne, Wyo. in order to pursue their passion: saving and finding placement homes for unwanted and abused animals. Their dream turned into a nightmare as the family began to suffer from respiratory illnesses. Their home, which had been built into the side of a hill, was permeated with Radon gas. This gas is an invisible, odorless, cancer-causing gas and was causing health problems for their two children.

In early August, Dennis Humphrey, a roofing contractor and elder at Cheyenne Hills, was contacted by Carter Brothers Construction team about volunteering for the project. Carter Brothers was selected by Extreme Makeover to head up this project. Thinking that this would be a great opportunity for the church to make an impact in the community, Dennis and his wife, Charlene went to work. They spent hours coordinating the contractor’s meeting and recruiting volunteers. Finally, he and his entire crew stayed up all night to roof this not-so tiny house for the Miller Family. Work began on Aug. 19 when the old house was literally blown up. By Wednesday morning, the entire new home was framed and roofed, and on Friday everyone was excited to “move that bus!” The edition of Extreme

Makeover: Home Edition aired on Nov. 4. Pictures of the project and a diary are available on www.cartbroconstruction.com.

Cheyenne Hills Church (is located near the Miller property and proved to be an ideal site for the production crews. The church facility was used for five days to conduct interviews with the TV celebrities, the Miller Family, and others who worked on the project. In addition, Cheyenne Hills hosted the Miller family after they returned from their vacation and before they returned to their new home. More than 100 people from Cheyenne Hills volunteered to help at the home site; some as skilled tradesmen and others as general volunteers. The church also resourced the VIP refreshment tent for three days of the project, distributing snacks and beverages to the volunteers. A number of other individuals, churches and organizations helped the process, along with nearly 200 businessmen and women in the Cheyenne area.

Submitted by Vicky Schinzel, Cheyenne Hills Pictures: Carter Bros. Construction

Shannel Welcome

After an extensive search, Shannel Lorance has been hired as the new RMBC Office Manager. Shannel has over 20 years of office management experience for the State of Colorado and is excited about using her abilities in a Kingdom-focused organization. Shannel has a warm personality and is excited to get to know the people of the RMBC. She brings a fresh perspective to the administrative needs of our district and will be developing new ways to make us more effective in working together. Shannel’s office hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. She will be contacting your church to introduce herself and gather the best contact information for you and your key leaders. The search team of Keith Carson, Dean Hill and Janelle Mitton are to be applauded for their time, insight and expertise in hiring Shannel. They did a great job!

Mission Hills WOW

October 28th, Mission Hills Church was filled with white “WOW” towels as the congregation celebrated final approval of their new building site. It was a long, prayer filled process but God answered in big ways. Pastor Mike Romberger and his team skillfully negotiated with land owners and city government

officials to make the dream a reality. But Pastor Mike would be the first to admit that God’s hand was clearly seen throughout the entire process. (Mission Hills Church has graciously hosted the RMBC offices for the last several months. Their generosity and hospitality is greatly appreciated.)

New Birth! The EDGE-Colorado

October 28th The EDGE Colorado held it’s first public service in the Littleton “Gotta Dance” studio. Almost 140 attendees were on hand to worship, share in communion and listen to a message by Pastor Mark Kraakevik on lost sheep and the Good Shepherd. The church, a daughter of The Rock at Southwest, is targeting young singles and

families in the southwest Denver metro area. Over the last couple of months The EDGE has seen steady growth and is now meeting in a church building that was in need of a congregation. Continue to pray for Mark and Heidi Kraakevik as he raises additional financial support and seeks God’s will in growing The EDGE.

Northwest Baptist Featured ReTool Church

Pastor Keith Miller and the ReTool Kit team from Northwest Baptist-Denver were featured in the December issue of BGCWorld magazine. The team has done in depth analysis of their church’s history, strengths and the demographics of the community. From that research, and much prayer, the team shaped a new

vision and is now in the implementation stages. Miller has found the ReTool Kit pathway very valuable for his congregation and encourages other RMBC churches to take advantage of this resource. Contact Pastor Byron Johns at Mission Hills Church if you would like to check out the ReTool Kit materials.

New RMBC “Expansion” Director Appointed

Jim Piper, pastor of Creekside Church-Aurora, is the new Expansion Director for the RMBC. Jim’s passion for church planting and his gifts of leadership and evangelism make him a perfect match for the new position. His duties will include recruiting/assessing planters, training coaches, developing parent churches, raising financial support for land and new church grants and

working with LEAD teams to strategically launch new congregations. Currently, Jim is building a team of leaders around him to assist in this huge responsibility. Jim will also work hand in hand with Paul Mitton and RMBC Overseers to develop and implement an RMBC church planting strategy. Pray for Jim as he begins this important role with the RMBC.