

### Mark Your Calendars

**September 15th**  
**BEN SPECKMANN GOLF CLASSIC**

Broadlands Golf Course  
Broomfield, CO

**September 23rd**  
**SERVE ACROSS THE ROCKIES**

**September 24th**  
**SENIORS HYMN SING**  
The Rock of Southwest Church

**October 1st**  
**RMBC "PRAYER FIRST" SUNDAY**

**October 2-4th**  
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN PRAYER SUMMIT**  
Mission Hills Church

**October 14-18th**  
**SENIORS MISSIONS TRIP**  
Juarez, Mexico

**November 12th & 13th**  
**CELEBRATION BANQUETS**

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## Mitton Installed As New Executive Minister

With gratitude to God, the Overseers and search committee of the Rocky Mountain Baptist Conference are excited to announce the call of Rev. Paul Mitton to serve as the new District Executive Minister. RMBC delegates confirmed this decision with a unanimous vote at the 2006 annual meeting in Estes Park, Colorado.

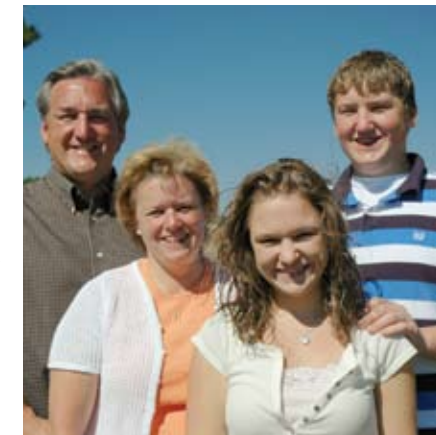
Paul and his family come to us from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. He had been serving as interim DEM since January of 2005. Paul graduated from Bethel seminary with a master of divinity degree and brings over twenty-five years of pastoral experience that includes church planting, pastoring churches of various sizes, and working with TeAmerica at the national level. He is also on the Denver board for VisionUSA.

The Mittons have quickly adopted this region as "home." Paul's wife Janelle is director of personnel for the radiology department at Rose Medical Center. Rebecca, their daughter, will be a senior at Chatfield Senior High. She went to the Colorado state finals in forensics and debate last spring. Their son James is a 10th grader. He is on the Chatfield baseball

team. Both Rebecca and James are active in their youth group at The Rock at Southwest.

Paul comes to the RMBC with a heart focused on the Lord and passionate about expanding God's Kingdom in the Rocky Mountain west. It is his desire to see a great movement of healthy, effective, reproducing

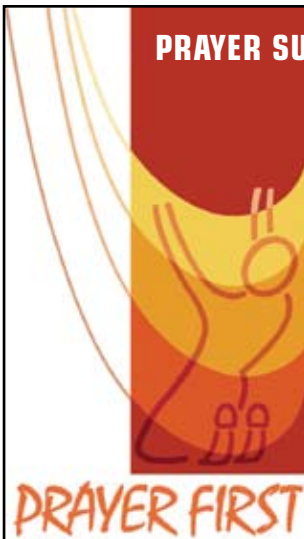
RMBC churches emerge that will radically reshape the spiritual landscape of our region. An inter-dependant team of congregations sharing resources, people, expertise and financial investments to make a greater impact together for the glory of God... churches that are centered on Christ, given life by His Word, and given power by constant prayer. Please pray for Paul and his family as they transition into this new position and seek God's wisdom and direction in leading our district.



### PRAYER SUMMIT TO INCLUDE "DISTRICT WIDE CONCERT OF PRAYER"

The Rocky Mountain Prayer Summit will be held October 2-4th, 2006. The event is normally reserved for pastors and their wives, but this year will be a little different.

Tuesday night, October 3rd, everyone is encouraged to come and join together in a district wide prayer service at Mission Hills Church. As we move forward into a new season of Rocky Mountain ministry it is imperative that we seek God's direction and discern His instruction for our movement of churches. The Tuesday evening session will include times for confession and healing: Opportunities to honestly deal with past hurt or sin areas that may be hindering our unity and mission. We will also worship together and pray for God's power and vision to be unleashed in our churches. The goal is to have four or five prayer warriors from each church in attendance that night. Dana Olson from the BGC will facilitate. Contact the RMBC office for more information.



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## REGISTER NOW FOR SPECKMANN GOLF CLASSIC



Friday, September 15, 2006 you are invited to the BROADLANDS GOLF COURSE for a little fun, fellowship and ministry investment at the Ben Speckmann Golf Classic. The shotgun start kicks off at 9 AM. Besides bragging rights, door prizes and a fantastic trophy for the winning foursome...the Classic also raises much needed funding for international missions.

Recently a team returned from Venezuela where they witnessed the difference last year's contributions made in the ministry of missionaries Scott and Ruth Millar. Ron Blatchley relays, "I was part of a team of 14 that went on a working trip to our two BGC mission churches in Santiago del Estero and Catamarca in Argentina. Our team added a classroom at the Church's school in Santiago del Estero (which was originally helped by the Classic) and helped remodel the building last year's Classic funds helped buy in Catamarca.

Once again the Ben Speckmann Golf Classic is giving you the chance to participate in this mission effort by playing or making a financial contribution.

If you have not received a registration form, please call the RMBC (303.388.2525) or inquire at your local church office. This year you can also register online at RMBC.com. Just click the link to the Ben Speckman Golf Classic. Please complete your registration by the end of August. For more information contact Ron Blatchley at 303-989-6932.

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### Living Water Celebrates 30 years of Ministry!

Living Water Bible Fellowship in Alamosa, Colorado celebrated thirty years of fruitful ministry on July 16th. Planted initially through the work of Pastor Ed Nelson and three faith-filled families, the church continues to grow and expand their ministry in the Alamosa area. Pastor Jeron Parkins and his congregations have bought a new piece of property next to the high school. They are in the strategic planning phase of deciding what kind of building will best fulfill God's future plans for the church. Rev. Skip Hanson, former Living Water pastor and current DEM of the Iowa district was the keynote speaker for the week-end celebration. Paul Mitton presented a plaque on behalf of the RMBC. Please pray for Living Water Bible Fellowship as they continue to serve the Lord and impact southern Colorado and the San Luis Valley.



### Message Board

We encourage readers to send in articles and photos about what God is doing in your church, your neighborhood or throughout our three-state region of Colorado, Wyoming and western Nebraska. Please mail pictures and copy to ruth@rmbc.com



## 2006 BGC Annual Meeting Highlights

ABOUT 30 REPRESENTATIVES FROM RMBC CHURCHES ATTENDED THE NATIONAL BGC ANNUAL MEETING AT BETHEL UNIVERSITY IN ARDEN HILLS, MINNESOTA. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE HIGH POINTS:

**Wednesday Night:** The opening session celebrated the record number of BGC churches started and missionaries sent out over the last five years. Pastor Danny Mendez of Iglesia Agua Viva in Loveland was featured as an emerging leader in the BGC.

**Thursday:** President Jerry Sheveland presented the new vision for the BGC. "Our global vision is to exalt Christ's reign by catalyzing regional movements of reproducing churches," he stated. Using the acronym ACTS, he cited four tasks ahead: empower Acts-like movement leaders; establish Centers of spiritual reproduction; equip Teams for mobilizing and multiplying; and energize Sending churches for a church-based missions movement. "He named seven initiatives the BGC will pursue:

- 1) Enlist and empower Acts-like movement leaders
- 2) Establish training centers that major on reproducing leaders
- 3) Move from a national/international mind-set to a mind-set of regional movements worldwide
- 4) Integrate and contextualize our ministry systems
- 5) Excel at a church-based missions philosophy that energizes the initiative and involvement of sending churches
- 6) Ramp up Compassion Ministries as an integral element of regional movements
- 7) Launch a Conference-wide initiative around Building Generous Communities.

**Friday:** BGC business included unanimously electing Steve Doggett as new Vice President of International Ministries. Delegates approved a 2006-2007 budget of \$17,145,700. Steve Schultz, vice president of finances, asked church leaders to include the Global Mission Fund in their budgets to underwrite Conference leadership. BGC finished 2005-2006 in the black. In other business, delegates welcomed 26 new churches from eight districts, removed from membership 13 churches from six districts and recognized two church mergers. Lou Petrie reported that 67 churches completed XtremeSteps campaigns that raised more than \$50 million, with \$13,652,748 given to district and national/international ministries.

There were 517 delegates, 216 non-delegates and 104 youth and children for a total attendance of 837. Make plans to attend next year's meeting in Anaheim, California. The site is one block from Disneyland and Pastor Mike Romberger, senior pastor of Mission Hills Church, is moderator.



## Serve Across the Rockies

Rocky Mountain Baptist Conference

### Sharing Christ in the Great Outdoors



IF YOU EVER want to find Mike Brooks, member of Elk Creek Community Church in Conifer, you better be in good shape. Mike can be found in the mountains chasing Big Horn Sheep, Elk or Mountain Goats with his camera year round. "I love to escape to the mountains and get away from busy city life. I can reflect on God's wonderful creation by overlooking a mountain meadow or sitting by a gurgling brook."

"It's not always been this way," he remembers. "Living back in Wisconsin was tough at times. I lived for deer season, but life was much more than getting into the woods during November. I had an emptiness that I couldn't shake. That's when I realized that hunting could be an incredible ministry if used in the right way. When I first started hunting in Colorado, I knew that inviting others was my ministry to outdoor people. The talk around the campfire was incredible. Guys opened up with things they would have never shared with their wives or friends. Different perspectives were shared and discussed. Lives changed. You could see men's

hearts being molded into the image of the Lord's. That was exciting to see and hear."

Mike loves the outdoors and sees it as a perfect way to connect with seekers. Brooks is one of four co-founders of Christian Outdoor Fellowship of America. The vision and goal of COFA is to use God's great outdoors through hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and other activities, to promote the gospel and a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Brooks says, "I feel that the last great frontier of evangelism is in the outdoors. With over 100 million participants in the woods and waters during the course of a year, how can you not miss bumping into these folks and share the gospel. Can you imagine the impact if each one of us made Jesus real to every hunter, fisherman, hiker or camper that we met out in the woods, waters, or fields?"

Mike is excited to come alongside RMBC churches and help them develop an outreach ministry for folks who love the outdoors. Along with planning "Elk Camp In The City," Mike hosts other seminars and is available as a speaker for church groups or men's events. For additional information on COFA contact Mike at mbrooks33@aol.com or 303.456.0555. We are excited to have Mike in the RMBC family!

### SERVE Saturday Scheduled for September

SERVE Across The Rockies is a day set aside for RMBC churches to work together sharing the love of Christ in practical ways across our region. Last year church volunteers painted houses and passed out free gasoline. Other congregations joined together to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Plan now to link arms with other RMBC churches on September 23rd and make an impact in your area. SERVE T-shirts are available and can be ordered through the RMBC office. Please turn in your order by August 31st. Cost is \$5.00 a piece. For more information about SERVE contact Paul Mitton at the RMBC office.

## 2nd 1/2 For Him... Hymn Sing And Short-term Mission Adventure

Here are two upcoming events to plug into your calendars. Circle your calendars.

1) Sept. 24 – Seniors Hymn Sing at 5 p.m. at The Rock of Southwest Church. Special music and coffee fellowship.

2) Oct. 14-18 – Short term service mission to Juarez, Mexico to build a house for a poor family with Border to Border Missions.

Call Sam Watne at 303-530-4412 for details.

## RMBC Website Gets a Make Over

Check out the new RMBC web site at RMBC.com. Besides a lot of helpful information, the site also features a complete church directory, reading room and an interactive online community area. In the online community you can share prayer requests, get involved in a discussion forum, pose a question, share a resource and even register for an upcoming RMBC event. Take a look. We'd love your feedback. Our hope is that the site will become a helpful tool in drawing us closer together as a strategic community of churches.

