

# THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

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## Tents and Stars by Pastor Chuck

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Not long ago I was forwarded this story: It seems that once upon a time, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes said, "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see." Watson answered, "I see millions and millions of stars." "And what does that tell you?" Holmes asked. "Astronomically," Watson replied, "it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What does it tell you?" Holmes answered, "Elementary, my dear Watson. **Somebody stole our tent.**"

The friend who sent me this went on to reflect on this little story:

*Indeed there is a "tent" view and a "star" view in which to survey life's wonders and circumstances.... The story reminds me that both [the tent-view and the star-view] are important. Somebody better notice the tent is gone and do something about it or we are going to be vulnerable to the forces of nature. And somebody also better help us keep in mind that there is more to life than [just] the tent roof over our heads - for goodness' sakes there are stars to see!*

The "tent-view" and the "star-view." The Bible speaks of both. Jesus told a parable that reminds us that the wise Christian knows and counts the cost of things (Luke 14:28-30). At the same time, one of the truest lines in scripture is the reminder that "Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:19). Each and every life has in it both its tent-view and its star-view. Each and every **church**, including First Christian, has in it both its tent-view and its star-view. For all of us are both lured by the big things, the

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Sunday Worship Service @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School @ 9:30 a.m.

vision-things, but we are also formed and shaped by the realities of what is - the tent-things. We all are mixtures of star-view and tent-view. The problem comes when one or the other gets out of whack, gets emphasized to the exclusion of the other. I think that's particularly true, though, when the tent-view tries to take over.

There are days, for example, in the life of our church, where it may seem that all we are able to see is the roof of the tent of our life together - the limits and practicalities and not the possibilities. It is on those occasions that we are called to stick our heads out of the tent and pick a star to follow, not forgetting or ignoring the tent-view, but not letting it dominate either. In our life together at First Christian we need both "star-view" and "tent-view," we need to keep holding what **could** be in creative tension with what **is**, what **might** be in creative synergy with what **isn't** yet.

In fact, let me say what is on my heart: We here at First Christian have gone through a season of our lives in the last several years when we needed to focus on the tent-view. We needed to make sure that our tents were the right size, that the holes were patched, that we truly were living within the tents that we were able to pitch. But now I believe that we are in a different place, and I believe we are called to gaze at the stars, to follow those stars, to let that star-view animate us. For God has great things in store for us, I am convinced. Our Vision and Ministry Statement, which we've recently revisited and re-claimed, lures us on toward "**radical hospitality, outrageous generosity, and joyful service**"; it sets our sights on the star of increased growth in numbers and in depth. And there are signs that indeed we are on our way toward those stars: our worship attendance is increasing, we have a small but steady stream of new members, we have a growing group of visitors, we have excitement around new small groups that are succeeding beyond our expectations.

It is time for us to keep shooting for those stars, to offer - out of our thankfulness to God! - our best efforts of time, talent, and money. It is time for us to continue to bless the future by our commitments to use everything that we have in service of where God is calling us - toward those stars! This Sunday, you will have that very opportunity as you offer your commitments of support for our ministries in 2011, for our continuing efforts to live out the vision God has put before us. I hope that you will give generously, give - as our Vision Statement has it - even **outrageously!**

And let us always remember this: God will go with us at all times and in all ways, continuing to offer us vision - lest we perish for lack of imagination - but also offering us the gifts and the talents and the practicalities that we need to do God's will, to accomplish God's purpose, to be about God's mission. For **God never calls us to a mission for which God does not also equip us!** For that good news, for that "star-view," I say: thanks be to God!



BEARS IN THE PEWS

Have you seen the Bears in the Pews? Every year about this time they show up. Every Sunday the congregation is encouraged to add to the Bear Family. A week before Christmas the Bears are collected and distributed to various agencies in Colorado Springs. It can be Christmas Unlimited or the Children's Ward at a local hospital or maybe the Police Department so that it can be given to a frightened child. FCC Bears are always well received and agencies look forward to our donations.

## Missions and Outreach by Nancy May

As we consider what our personal contributions will be to the church this year, the Mission and Outreach Committee would like for you to reflect upon what your tithe has enabled our congregation to do this past year.

- Ongoing commitments to; Disciples Mission Fund, Ecumenical Social Ministries, Tennyson Center for Children, Urban Peak, Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Golden Circle Meals.
  - Highlight Urban Peak and Golden Circle with guest speakers and special donations.
  - Special contributions to; The Uncle Wilbur Fountain, Humane Borders, Tabatha Thrasher's Medical Mission trip to Africa, Crop Walk Mission, flowers for the homebound, Week of Compassion for flood relief in Nashville and hurricane relief in Haiti, and Bailey Harders for Gulf Oil Spill relief effort.
  - Sponsor the following efforts; 19 people to participate in the Feed My Starving Children program, blood drive, stuffed animal collection, donation wish lists for several agencies, table at the ESM Christmas Tree Dinner, special collections for Week of Compassion and Easter, food collection for ESM for Thanksgiving and Christmas, ads in the newspapers for Christmas and Easter, and a volunteer activities survey of the congregation.
  - Organize special events; Colorado Springs Tennyson Center for Children Fundraising Dinner, Addie's Kitchen Freezer Meals for those in need, Alternative Christmas Fair and Make a Difference Christmas Catalog to benefit agencies aiding those in need.
- We have been fortunate to affect the lives of people locally and globally this past year and we have exciting plans to continue these generous activities, plus some new opportunities to participate in mission work around the world. We, therefore, encourage everyone to remember the good we can do with your tithe and to be generous with your financial commitments.



## SPEND WISELY, GIVE WILDLY!

At 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, all are invited to join us for the **Community Thanksgiving Service** for the downtown churches to be held in our sanctuary. Child care will be provided.



You're invited to join our **Family Thanksgiving Dinner** on November 25<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day. Please come with your food at 1:30, and we'll say the blessing and eat at 2:00. Look for a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

We'll be decorating our building and sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas season on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m., concluding with a light lunch. If you'd like to help with the **Hanging of the Greens**, please see Steve Delaney.



FCC's Children's Train presents:

## ADVENT FESTIVAL of FUN—Saturday, December 4th



**On Saturday, December 4 from 3:00-6:00 p.m., our Children's Train Ministry is sponsoring an Advent Festival. There will be lots of fun crafts to make, carol singing, and a soup/chili supper, then going out to Tejon Street to watch the Parade of Lights. Please invite neighbor families with children to come with you for an enjoyable time of fellowship.**

### Pledge Replacement Gift by Don Sarton

Recently First Christian Church lifted up the saints of this congregation who included the ministry of the church in a gift at their death. This is a great vision and wonderful way to continue to support the mission of the church after one dies. As a friend once said to me, "it is important to leave more than an empty pew." I have often thought of this comment and upon the gift this person left his congregation.

This person was one who had tithed most of his life. Upon his death the negative impact to the life of the congregation could have been great. But, in his humble way, he considered this and established a Pledge Replacement Gift.

The pledge replacement gift works this way: Multiply your annual church pledge by 20. Then designate that amount, through your will, living trust, planned giving instrument or other estate documents, to go to the church with instructions that 5% distribution from this gift replace your pledge. If the initial amount is placed in a long-term, endowment-type investment, the annual distribution also should grow over time to keep pace with inflation.

An Example: If you're annual pledge totals \$5,000.00, and you multiply that amount by 20 the total is \$100,000.00. If this amount is put into a named fund that distributes 5% to the congregation annually, the pledge will be maintained. We also assume that over the long time period, the fund will grow by 8% which means that with 3% growth, the pledge will grow along with inflation and the value of the gift will be maintained.

Don Sarton, Vice-president of the Mountain West Zone of the Christian Church Foundation is willing to work with individuals in a confidential way to put into place plans and instruments that will help persons benefit the church ministries cherished by the donor.

Welcome to our new members!

Andrea and Jay Vickerman

And

Pat Barnes who transferred her membership

And

Reina Wheeler



### Quilters Sale \* Great Success!

With lots of advertising we have now reached our outside market.

Our income from this sale provided \$8783.00 for missions and youth work. We will send 10% of this (\$873) to Disciples Mission Fund. With our balance of about \$7500.00 after expenses, great things will be accomplished for those in need.



We will now get our needles and thread working for another sale in two years.

### Rebekahs Meeting in December

The Rebekahs, an FCC Women's study group, will hold it's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 7 at the home of our jolly ole' (but far from old) elf, Ginny Grant (4671 Winewood Village Dr.) Ginny goes all out in decorating for Christmas and we enjoy gathering in this magical setting for our December meeting. We will gather at 7pm for light refreshments then delve into the second lesson of our Revelation study, *Seven Letters to Seven Churches*. We are finding this study to be very positive and full of hope. All women of FCC and their friends are encouraged to join us! If you have questions, please call Ginny at 591-6434. Hope to see you there!



### Staff Appreciation Fund

Want to put a little extra Christmas Cheer in our Staff's Stockings? If the thought makes your tummy shake like a bowl full of jelly, then please put "staff appreciation" in the memo of the check you place in the offering tray!

### *Christmas Poinsettias*

*If you would like to order a poinsettia plant for the church sanctuary in loving memory or in honor of someone special in your life, or give a donation to Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), please fill out the form and turn it into the church office by December 15.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 each) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of/in honor of (circle choice):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please give my donation to the IHN. \_\_\_\_\_

*Poinsettias can be picked up AFTER the worship service on December 24.*

Make checks payable to: First Christian Church or FCC

## WHAT IS IN A DATE? By Ray Killian



The history of Christmas may date back as far as 4000 years. One will find many traditions we use today that were borrowed from history. The 12 days of Christmas, the bright fires, the Yule log, the giving of gifts, carnivals (parades) with floats, carolers who sing while going from house to house, the holiday feasts, and the church processions can be traced back to the early Mesopotamians.

The Persians and the Babylonians celebrated a festival called the Sacaea. Part of that celebration included the exchanging of places, the slaves would become the masters and the masters were to obey.

Early Europeans believed in evil spirits, witches, ghosts and trolls. As the Winter Solstice approached, with its long cold nights and short days, many people feared the sun would not return. Special rituals and celebrations were held to welcome back the sun. In Scandinavia during the winter months the sun would disappear for many days. After thirty-five days scouts would be sent to the mountain tops to look for the return of the sun. When the first light was seen the scouts would return with the good news. A great festival would be held, called the Yuletide, and a special feast would be served around a fire burning with the Yule log.

The Roman's celebrated their god Saturn. Their festival was called Saturnalia which began the middle of December and ended January 1st. With cries of "Jo Saturnalia!" the celebration would include masquerades in the streets, big festive meals, visiting friends, and the exchange of good-luck gifts called Strenae (lucky fruits). Here, too, masters and slaves traded places.

Why the lesson? By understanding the origins and contexts, it helps me to not get all worked up about Christmas music before Christmas. It is not the date that is of importance to me. It is the opportunity to be revived, re-born and invigorated for God's work using a moment in history as inspiration. Through the great Advent and Christmas hymns, I can do this. When in the sanctuary, I turn this renewed spirit to worship the One who gave us all using the same hymns.

Tradition. History. Renewal. What a wonder-full season.

Saturday, Dec. 11 3pm 1<sup>st</sup> UMC—***Tell Us of the Night***

Ray Killian is making his conducting debut as new music director of the 120-voice Soli Deo Gloria, featuring orchestra, brass, and sing-a-long with Soli.

## Special Music by Carol Wilson

We have lots of special music coming up in our Advent worship services. Phyllis White will be playing lovely music for the season on flute for the first Sunday of Advent, November 28. Our services on December 5 will be enlivened by the joyful music of the Swallowtail Celtic Trio - hammered dulcimer, Irish flute and guitar. Future Sundays will feature our handbell choir, and a special presentation of Vivaldi's *Gloria* by our CHANCEL CHOIR, strings, organ and soloists on Sunday, December 19th.

On Sunday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m., our concert series is presenting "The Gift: Seasonal Reflections," a holiday pageant of musical, theatrical, dance and literary perspectives on the year-round season of giving. The program will be presented by students ages 5 through 19 and faculty of the Colorado Springs Conservatory. From ancient carols to works by Shel Silverstein, students and faculty will perform classical and contemporary works that are appropriate for all ideology and ages. Donations of non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted for Care & Share Food Bank

The Colorado Springs Conservatory is an after-school preparatory program for the arts. Programs in music and theater are offered for children ages 4 through 19. CSC faculty includes the region's finest performing and visual artists. CSC is the proud recipient of the El Pomar Awards for Excellence for Arts and Humanities in 2008 and also a 9-time winner of the Gazette 'Best of' Awards. The mission of the Colorado Springs Conservatory is to inspire, challenge and motivate students to their highest potential as artists and human beings through arts immersion studies and community arts advocacy participation.

## Resonance Women's Chorus

On Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m., [our concert series](#) is presenting the 125-voice Resonance Women's Chorus from Boulder. The ensemble, [directed by Sue Coffee](#) will perform Robert Seeley's powerful *BraveSouls and Dreamers*, a contemporary anti-war piece, with text adapted from and inspired by words of some of the world's great peacemakers and visionaries. [All are invited to a reception following the concert, and a free will offering will be taken.](#)

Singing contemporary women's choral music with an emphasis on songs of social awareness, the 125-voice Resonance Women's Chorus of Boulder aspires to create a community of women who share an artistic vision, a human connection, and a desire to express both through song. Their sound and presence are energized by their joy in singing and by commitment to the shared project and to each other. This is their first performance in Colorado Springs. For more information about the group, check out [www.resonancechorus.org](http://www.resonancechorus.org), call 303/473-8337, or contact [resonance\\_chorus@yahoo.com](mailto:resonance_chorus@yahoo.com). Director Sue Coffee may be contacted at 303/664-9773 or [scoffee@ecentral.com](mailto:scoffee@ecentral.com).



"*BraveSouls and Dreamers* is a profoundly beautiful work, a powerful and cathartic musical offering," said artistic director Sue Coffee. The text is adapted from and inspired by words of some of the world's great peacemakers and visionaries, including Jesus Christ, the Dalai Lama, Mother Theresa, and Jimmy Carter. "Composer Robert Seeley's music is tonal, accessible, and beautifully crafted. It is easy to listen to and extremely effective at conveying deeply emotional messages."

There is a short but potent narrative line in the piece. Two opposing soldiers experience the disorientation and terror of combat, and encounter each other on the battlefield. A mother deals with the grief of losing her son, and works her way through a path of forgiveness. Throughout, a sage offers words of simple wisdom and spiritual truth, and the chorus offers a witness to the emotional journey of the piece. "Choruses sing about peace so often. It's one of the primary roles of a chorus, I think, to keep sounding these deep truths. But what I am so moved by in *BraveSouls and Dreamers* is that we are asked to engage with the complexities of war and peace. The messages of forgiveness and triumph of the human spirit are offered in a context that feels real and in a way that is helpful to our hearts and souls," said Coffee.



The work was commissioned by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus as a response to the war in Iraq, and premiered in 2007. Resonance performed the Colorado premiere of the piece, as well as the first performance by women's chorus, in 2009.



Boulder soprano Nakita Kawal will sing the role of the Mother. Kawal sings in Sound Circle and the Spirituals Project, and has performed the role of Mother Wisdom in the rock opera *Magdalene, Woman of Light*. Mezzo Leslie Remmert Soich will sing the role of the Sage. Soich is a well-known presence in Denver's music community and a member of the voice faculty at University of Colorado-Denver. The roles of the two soldiers will be sung by Josh McGirk, who sings with the Boulder Renaissance Consort, and Marcus Gilliland, Minister of Music at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue United Church of Christ in Denver.

## Many Thanks by Jan Haley

Many thanks to the helping hands of Lenna Fajerman, Pat Barnes, Becky Erickson, Cheyenne Erickson, Faith Buschel, Pat Snepenger and dear friend, Mary Jane, Bruce and Dorothy Smith, Carroll and Barbara Bloomquist helping me make "Gifts That Last" ornaments and decorating FCC's Christmas tree on site for ESM Festival of Trees November 19, 20 and 21. We'll know how we fared in the sale and competition soon after this note is published. Judging from what I see, it was another job well done. Thank you, Thank you!

PS. The VIP table at the Jingle Bell Gala is reserved for Pat and Joe Snepenger celebrating their 60th Anniversary. Congratulations. May you continue to know God's Richest Blessings. In His Love, Jan Haley



**Third Annual  
November 19-21, 2010  
Colorado Springs Doubletree Hotel**



**ESM**

THE FESTIVAL OF TREES is an elegant event for the holiday season including:

Beautiful Christmas Trees – over 30 entrants with awards given

Jingle Bell Gala – dinner on Friday night with entertainment, awards for our best trees, wreaths and table décor, plus an auction of trees and other items. For more information contact ESM.

**Family Festival – two days (Saturday 9-5 & Sunday 10-3) of community music and entertainment groups, photos with Santa, and our Christmas Boutique vendor hall with unique gifts, Christmas decorations, and kids' crafts. Admission \$5; children 12 and under are free.**

### Event Location

The DoubleTree Hotel  
1775 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

### Event Dates, Times

**Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010 9-5**  
**Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010 10-3**

THE FESTIVAL OF TREES **benefits ESM (Ecumenical Social Ministries)**, a local nonprofit organization committed to serving low income and homeless people in our community with food, medicine, jobs assistance, housing and utilities assistance, mental health assistance, and educational programs. We helped over 19,500 people this past year with over 62,100 services.

This past year's economic downturn brought an increase of 10.9% in the overall numbers of people we helped. The number of utilities assistance clients increased by 43%. Current unemployment numbers for Colorado are at 8.0% and for El Paso County 8.9%. ESM offers a collaborative response to those in need while protecting their dignity.

Join us for a lovely evening, an exciting weekend, and an opportunity to give back in our community.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry by Lenna Fajerman

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a unique way to reach out with love and care to others who are hurting, to comfort those in need of healing, to console those who are grieving, to bring hope to those in despair or in transition, to thank someone in a special way, to remind someone that they are not alone, to celebrate a significant milestone, or to provide for someone in need of a special blessing.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Come join us if you can. Contact us if you would like to work at home. If you would like to donate to this ministry you can donate three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn. Or you can make a monetary donation to help purchase yarn. It takes about \$25 of yarn for one prayer shawl.

Please help with this new ministry. Questions? Contact: Judy Boss @ 448-8483 or email: nursejudy76@hotmail.com

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## Women's Ministry



The **Dough Girls** baking group had a great time making pie crusts and trying a new pumpkin pie recipe. More fun is coming up. Would you like to learn to make Sweet Rolls? Join us December 11th @ 1:30 p.m. Contact: Sue Hesser @ 439-0569 or suehesser@yahoo.com

The **Treasurers By Hand** craft group spent many hours making the ornaments to decorate our church's donation for the 3rd Annual *Festival of Trees* to benefit ESM. We hope you had a chance to check our tree.



once you decorate one switch plate all the rest will cry out to be decorated too! Want to join us? Contact:

Jan Haley—661-3670—janhaley@comcast.net  
Lenna Fajerman—719-429-0619—coloradogirl@pcsisys.net

The **Piece Makers** quilting group will have their first meeting December 4th @ 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the I Do Meeting Room to make a Christmas Table Topper or to work on your own projects. All skill levels are welcome. Questions? Contact: Sue Hesser @ 439-0569 or email: suehesser@yahoo.com



In January we are going to learn how to decorate light switch plates with polymer clay. Here is a great way to make some "jewelry" for your house! Watch out -

**Girlfriends! SAVE THE DATE:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. *Gifts Galore!* A Christmas in January event just for you! After the stress and time crunch of the holidays, this is a time for you to enjoy the season. A time for just you and your girlfriends.

*Changing Hearts. Changing Lives. One Girlfriend at a Time.*

## Addie's Kitchen by Addie Sale

On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> we had 27 people helping make Freezer Meals. We made 122 meals that people had purchased and an additional 19 meals for the church freezer. We also made 54 dozen cookies! This was all in 3 ½ hours time and we shared a pot luck meal in the process. We all had a great time and really enjoyed the fellowship and hard work from all. I will be taking time off from the Freezer Meals for December as I have lots to do for the holidays, but we will start back up in January. I will try to post a date soon.



Please note that the meals and bags of frozen cookie dough in the church freezer (either upstairs in the church kitchen or downstairs in the youth lounge) that are not labeled or have "EXTRA" written on them are available for church members to take to shut ins, families with someone in the hospital or home recuperating, people or families in need you would like to assist, IHN meal help, etc. You do not need to ask anyone, please just take a meal and deliver it. It is my hope that it will touch someone and they will enjoy the love and fellowship that was poured into making it.

Thank you to all who have participated and helped with the freezer meals. Special thanks to Betsy Straka, my foreman in the kitchen and Jeff for helping me with ALL the shopping!



We BEFRIEND women, so they feel like they BELONG. Then they will be open to hear about what we BELIEVE, which will open their hearts to BECOME someone different ... a follower of Jesus! To complete the circle, we want women to BE-FRIEND others, and help them BELONG, too.

To get connected to a small group with other women, please return your survey to the church office. If you did not receive one they are available on the Welcome Center or the office can mail it to you. Call 633-8888. Also pick up a survey for a friend who is searching for more girlfriends with shared interests.

From the surveys received so far and the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall we have interest in 27 small groups existing and new! Now looking for more surveys to be returned. And looking for Fun-cilitators to lead some of the groups. (*Help and training available for all nervous leaders!*)

*We can always use more Girlfriends!*

Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall either on the east wall or on the bulletin board in the North Hallway. **While there add a leaf to our Vision Tree telling us where you envision the Women's Ministry going in the future.**

Do you have a heart for Women's Ministry? Join our GAB (Girlfriend's Advisory Board) to help organize and plan the small and large group activities. Also to keep Women's Ministry new and exciting and moving forward. We need women with various spiritual gifts: Prayer, organizer, prayer, hostess, prayer, publicity, liaison, worker bee, prayer. Share your spiritual gifts with other women.



### BIRTHDAYS

Kayden Vandepas	12/1	Stephanie Smith	12/8	Michelle Vandepas	12/22
Laurel Farinaro	12/3	David Peckham	12/10	Larry Bishop	12/23
Ben Foorman	12/7	Tiffany Haley	12/11	Chuck Blaisdell	12/23
		Sydney Nutche	12/14	Eva Reynolds	12/25
		Ulrich Schwartz	12/14	Marthe Schwartz	12/25
		Joyce Doerffel	12/16	Christy Apodaca	12/27
		Wendy Grider	12/17	Erika Luttmann	12/27
		Linda Langston	12/19	Barbara Bloomquist	12/28
		Dustyn Sale	12/19	Marcia Boutz	12/29
		Bill Woods	12/19		

Due to IRS regulations, any gift from you must be in the church office by December 31, 2010, in order to be credited to your 2010 giving. ALL monies received after December 31, 2010, must by law be counted as 2011 contributions.

October 2010 Income & Expenses		OCTOBER	YTD
	Contributions	\$31,225.23	\$265,993.14
	Facility	\$1,425.00	\$17,098.00
	Tejon Property Receipts	\$3,500.00	\$35,000.00
	Copy Charges	<u>\$94.73</u>	<u>\$1,914.05</u>
	Total Income	\$36,244.96	\$320,005.19
	Less: Expenses	<u>&lt;\$34,381.29&gt;</u>	<u>&lt;\$331,075.67&gt;</u>
	Net Income/<Loss>	\$1,863.67	<\$11,070.48>
	Transfer from Reserve		<u>\$7,000.00</u>
	Adjusted income/<Loss>	\$1,863.67	<\$4,070.48>
Special Offerings—WOC	\$100.00		
- Reconciliation	\$308.00		
- ESM	\$100.00		
Designated Donations	\$2,117.00		



### Wish List for December

#### Tennyson Center at Colorado Christian Home

Hats and Mittens  
Kleenex  
Hair Bands, Ties and Barrettes  
Liquid Hand Soap

#### ESM

Cake/cookie Mixes

#### Searchers Christmas Luncheon on December 1

The Searchers Women's Group will meet for a Christmas Luncheon at the El Paso Club on Wednesday, December 1, 2010. Meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. and we will walk together to the club. All FCC women are welcome. Please RSVP to Helen Howard.



Luncheon guests will make meal selections from the menu and pay cash on the day of the luncheon to Melba Mayall. As we will be in a private room, following the luncheon we will have the study led by Donna McWhirter. The lesson includes completing discussion of Chapter 2, Hope, and we will begin Chapter 3, Children, from *New Day for Christians*, One Person Can Make A Difference! If anyone needs a study booklet (\$15) contact Donna McWhirter. If you have questions please contact President, Jan Haley at 598-6920.



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## CHURCH STAFF

### **Rev. Charles (Chuck) Blaisdell**

Senior Pastor

### **Ray Killian**

Director of Music, Children's Ministry

### **Carol Wilson**

Organist/Pastoral Visitor/Concert Series

### **Nate Thrasher**

Youth Ministry Team Leader

### **Kathe Petersen**

Administrative Assistant

### **Diana Serna**

Bookkeeper/Wedding Coordinator

Mon., Tues., Wed.

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### **Norman Heimer**

Coordinator of Small Group Ministries

### **Laura Patino**

Custodian

7:15 a.m.-3:15p.m. M-T; Sunday a.m.

### **Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs 9-5:00 p.m.

Friday—9—2:00 p.m.

## Gifts That Last

People the world over see a moment of opportunity and hope for a better life for our world family. This Christmas, we will change millions of lives by giving gifts that last through Heifer International to the world's "least of these."

An eight pointed star, the symbol for God, is part of the topper. The color scheme is carried out with blue orbs among rich greenery, life-giving raindrops, and rainbow colors in ribbons. Handmade ornaments represent gift packages of animals – real solutions to world hunger, the "blue marble" we live on, God's rainbow, with a promise of a new day of dignity and productivity, and the ark, as a symbol of refuge against the storms of hunger and poverty, anchor our theme.

Decades later, when our grandchildren ask us what we did to make the world a better place, we can say, "We gave gifts that last. Our congregation filled an ark for Christmas."

