

# Water From the Rock

Coming together to Worship God, Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, and Care for Others

MARCH 2010



## A TIME TO BUILD...UPDATE ON FACILITY EXPANSION PLANS

One of the year's goals is to "Decide on an option for expanding our facility on or before the third quarterly business meeting." This goal received 73% in favor of approval at our January meeting. While that is a very strong majority, it is short of what I would hope for such a major goal. Perhaps there was some confusion on the goal or some may be concerned about setting a deadline for decision, but regardless the vote indicates a need to communicate a little bit more about this important aspect of achieving our 2020 Vision.

A review of how we got to this point and what is currently happening may be helpful. In December of 2007 the Stewardship Team commissioned a Worship Facilities Enhancement Team with the approval of the Ministry Leadership Team. The function of this team was "To research and design a proposal for updates to the worship facilities of Steamboat Rock Baptist Church." The team was tasked to provide a detailed plan of action to update the worship facilities including, seating, remodeled platform, lighting, sound, décor etc. The plan they developed was to come to the congregation for approval.

Dave VanderWilt as Moderator and Stewardship Team Leader appointed the following people to the Worship Facilities Enhancement Team: Andrea Benning, Ken Hogle, Deb Johnson, Randy

Kramer, Craig Miller, Jack Rogers, and Janie Strickler.

The team met for the first time on Jan. 25, 2008 and selected Ken Hogle as chair and Deb Johnson as secretary. They laid out some ideas on process including identifying architects and gathering design ideas. At the April 2008 business meeting they requested and were approved up to \$25,000 to pay for blue prints and planning from an architectural firm. No blueprints exist for our current facilities.

The team found Steve Walters who offered to do design work for a fraction of the cost. They also determined that updating our current sanctuary would not be cost effective. At a special congregational meeting in September of that year they presented several options for the congregation's feedback. No decision was made.

After that meeting Randy Kramer approached the City Council to obtain an option to purchase the street west of the church. After a short discussion where I presented some of the advantages to the city they voted to approve that possibility.

At the annual meeting in January 2009 the Shepherding Team moved to change the direction of the Facilities Enhance-

ment Team from a sanctuary remodel/update to a facility expansion and allow up to \$7000 from the Phyllis Ruppelt Trust Fund to pay Steve Walters from Gunder Manufacturing to design and model our facility expansion. This was approved by the congregation.

During 2009, after a trip to Blairsburg to view a new sanctuary there, the team shifted their focus to going south. Kay Roelfsema was approached about the possibility of obtaining a portion of her property. No resolution came from these discussions and the church was focused on hiring a worship pastor and so the team slowed down.

This past month Steve Walters came here again to gain feedback needed to develop two more mature design options for the congregation to consider. Stewardship discussed pursuing an option to purchase property south of the church. On Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the Shepherding team, Ministry Leadership team, and the Facilities Expansion Team will be meeting with Phil Yntema to develop a timeline and milestones to help answer the questions needed to decide on an option by October's business meeting. Please continue to keep this process in prayer as we look to God for direction and provision.

Pastor Harrison Lippert

## TRANSFORMATION

## UNO TOURNAMENT

Back by popular demand is the annual UNO Tournament at SRBC. Children's Ministry will be sponsoring the event and we encourage anyone in the church who wants to get in on a fun night of UNO to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Supper will start at 6:00 PM with the UNO Tournament to follow.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**March 7**

1st Service: Paul & Tami Williams  
 SS: Sue & Rebecca Catron, Bret Clikeman  
 2nd Service: Wayne & Gwen Wrich

**March 14**

1st Service: Joe & Carrie Simon  
 SS: Sue & Rebecca Catron, Kim Mullins  
 2nd Service: Ken & Tam Hogle

**March 21**

1st Service: Jen & Ashley Stahl  
 SS: Sue & Rebecca Catron, Kathy Bengtson  
 2nd Service: Mike & Kaitlyn Bartling

**March 28**

1st Service: Roger & Cathy Sutton  
 SS: Sue & Rebecca Catron, Norma Hyde  
 2nd Service: Bob & Vickie Hutchcroft

**USHER SCHEDULE**

**March 7**

*1<sup>st</sup> Service:* Maury Hyde, John Bear, Doug Bleeker, Lee Oelmann  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Service:* Ryan Rieken, Tim Carosone, Steve Kjormoe, Todd Kjormoe

**March 14**

*1<sup>st</sup> Service:* Maury Hyde, Bob Hutchcroft, Matt Cave, Bill Trampe  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Service:* Ryan Rieken, Dave Strickler, Justin Strickler, Chase Strickler

**March 21**

*1<sup>st</sup> Service:* Marvin Kramer, Steve Kanagy, George Butler, Randy Kramer  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Service:* Ryan Rieken, Keith Bunger, Kevin Bunger, Mike Bartling

**March 28**

*1<sup>st</sup> Service:* Marvin Kramer, George Hemmen, Dale Hartman, Ken Buckley  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Service:* Ryan Rieken, Darin Benning, Kurt Kreimeyer, Vince Lindaman

**GREETERS**

**1st Service Greeters**

Randy & Laura Kramer  
 Bill & Sandy Trampe  
 Jim & Sonjia Michaelson

**2nd Service Greeters**

Randy & Kay Davison  
 Arnie & Linda Luiken  
 Craig & LuAnn Miller

Welcome him with  
 Christian love and with great  
 joy..  
 Philippians 2:29a (NLT)

**COMMUNITY IN ACTION**

Last month we highlighted the Kitchen Team and the Focus Team. This month, I would like to make you aware of two more valuable teams that are helping to make ministry take place at SRBC.

Nursery Team—Lindsay Eekhoff, Kim Mullins, and Mindy Kreimeyer are the members of this team. Sue Catron, Kayleen Perry, and Emily Schuneman also served on this team during 2009. While these ladies served directly to oversee the nursery ministry, we have many others who continue to give of their time to help watch the many little ones who God has blessed our church with.

In the past couple of years, the Nursery Team has done much to improve the safety of the children. All of the following has been accomplished: (1)-paggers for the parents, (2)-monitor upstairs so parents can see their children, (3)-new electrical outlets installed, (4)-finger guards installed on doors, (5)-cushions put on corners of counter, and (6)-background checks completed on nursery workers.

All of this is done to ensure that all needs are met for both parents and children by providing a safe, Christian learning environment.

Thanks to each of these ladies and to the many workers who have helped to make the nursery a positive experience for all who are there.

Greeter Team—Al Johnson, Marvin Kramer, Lora Kramer, Cathi Burnette, Brent Ewoldt, and Marsha Ewoldt are the members of this team. Deb Johnson also served on this team from when the team first formed through this last January. Like the Nursery Team, there are is a large list of men and women who serve this body by serving as greeters on Sunday morning.

This team plays a huge role in the ministry of this church. Each person who attends on a Sunday morning is first met by one of the greeters. The very first time that a visitor comes to our church, the interaction that takes place between that

visitor and the greeter is crucial to that person’s view of SRBC. We are blessed to have a group of people who take this job very seriously. While they are serious about what they are doing, I see a joy in each one of them as they serve with a smile as they welcome all as they come to worship our Lord and Savior.

This team has done much to improve the atmosphere as people enter the church. This includes the following: (1)-information table in main foyer, (2)-nametags for all greeters, (3)-signage to direct people, (4)-painting of foyer and outside doors.

We give thanks to the over 100 people who are serving on the Nursery Team and the Greeter Team. The ministry of SRBC would come to a halt without you.

Jim Kramer  
 Minister of Community Life

## GIRLFRIENDS

Girlfriends will be meeting on Thursday, March 11th at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are excited to have Kitty Hemmen and Iva Mae Crosser giving the program this month on gardening. Even if you don't garden, this is sure to be very interesting and fun. The program will be followed by a Bible study and a time of fellowship. All women are invited to come. This will be a great spring event you will want to invite your friends and neighbors to.

Following our time of fellowship we will be assembling our annual College Care Packages. Last year we put together over 20 care packages. These bring the students such joy!

If you would like to donate items for the College Care Packages, you may bring them to the church kitchen anytime between now and March 11th. Some ideas for items are: popcorn, fruit cups, granola bars, highlighters, pens, pencils, notebooks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex, small bottles of shampoo, anything that will make them more comfortable.

## COUNSELOR IS AVAILABLE AT SRBC

Nancy Stubbs from Firm Foundation Counseling Center will be here again on Tuesday, March 9th from the hours of 12:00-5:00 PM. Please call Nancy at 515-290-9145 to set up a time to meet with her. Nancy and her husband Ron are also available Monday through Friday at their offices in Ames and can be contacted at 515-233-8441.

## WORSHIP

Saturday, February 20th was our Worship Conference with clinician Doug meeker. I was pleased with how it went. We had 20 in attendance who were from first and second service and our youth worship teams.

Doug took the morning to speak on worship that I want to highlight in this article.

What is worship? Worship is my personal acknowledgement of who God is. It is centered around my relationship to Christ. It is not so much about the music but about the heart of the worshipper. Worship does not just happen at church but it can happen in the car, in our homes, while we are at work, while we are enjoying some recreation. Worship is being open to God and how He wants to work in our lives all the time.

God wants us to have this attitude in worship. The Bible says "In everything give thanks". It is not "for" all things give thanks. But in every circumstance, in every weather condition, every health issue, in every roadblock, in every instance where God wants us to wait for the answer to our prayers... "In everything give thanks" because God is working His good plan and purpose.

If we give God thanks and praise in the

bad as well as the good that is worship. It's like the song that says "You give and take away... You give and take away, my heart will always say... blessed be the Lord"

Doug also talked about several hindrances to worship. Busyness is a hindrance to worship. We don't take time with God personally or we don't prepare our hearts for worship on Sunday.

Fear of man. Being self conscious of what others think instead of what God thinks. This spoke to me as well as our praise team members. It's easy when we are leading worship to be thinking... "I wonder what our church thinks of this song, or I wonder what so and so in the congregation might be thinking?" Certainly as musicians and singers we work hard to present good worship to you our church family but the most important person in worship is God. What should be most important is what God thinks about our worship and praise to Him.

Not preferring one another. We can get caught up with "our preferences" in worship. As believers in the Lord Jesus we should be sensitive and careful that if we don't like something in worship we approach it with grace and not condemnation. We should always strive to make our worship to God better but as

we grow in worship and try new things God is pleased when we are patient with one another and work to understand one another.

Doug also spoke about creating an environment for worship. We can't do much about equipment failure or surprises that happen on Sunday morning but we can create our own personal environment for worship. What that look like is: Make sure your heart is right before the Lord, Make sure you are right with other people, Make sure you are submitting to God's will and leading in your life.

The day also consisted of a rehearsal time where Doug worked with our second service praise team members. I felt that was valuable as he was not only professional but encouraging as he helped our team work together musically.

As a church we want to bring our highest praise to our wonderful Lord. Having Doug here gave us some tools and ideas to grow in worship. And it has better prepared me for planning future conferences that we would either host or that I would take worship team leaders to.

To God be the glory!  
Pastor Mike



## REACHING OUT IN RADIATE

Radiate Youth Ministries has several outreach opportunities we're focusing on in the next month. We would love for you to join us in praying for these events. Our prayer is that students will be challenged to make godly changes in their lives, that they'll be courageous in reaching out to their friends, that great contacts will be made with parents who don't have a church home, and that many would be exposed to the love of Jesus Christ.

### To Save a Life Movie

Starting Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> the movie *To Save a Life* will be showing at 7:00 nightly at the Eldora Theatre. Here's a brief description of the movie:

*To Save a Life* is the story of an all-American teen, Jake Taylor, who seemingly has it all. After a childhood friend's death, Jake's world turns upside down, and he is forced to make a decision that could change his life forever. The movie is about making unexpected choices and sacrifices, while having the courage and determination to persevere against all odds. This movie does a great job of showing the reality of many High Schools and the students as they struggle through important choices.

We have sent out letters to the parents of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade and H.S. Radiate students. Thanks to the partnership of the Community Team and Evangelism Team, we were able to send 2 tickets for parents to see this powerful movie. We wanted parents to see this film in order to encourage their students to attend our free H.S. student showing of this film on Sunday night, February 28<sup>th</sup>. I would encourage any adults who have children in the M.S. or H.S. age group, those that work with students this age, those that may have grandchildren in H.S., or anyone else looking to get out for a night to go see this movie! The movie runs in Eldora through Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Area Dodgeball Tournament

On Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, H.S. Radiate will be hosting an outreach-oriented dodgeball tournament at the Steamboat Rock Gym. H.S. teams of 8 competitors each will square off against other teams from various schools. The double-elimination tournament will start at 4:00 PM. All teams registering will receive pizza and pop during our supper break. During this break, students will get to hear from a couple of their peers about how God has and is working in their lives. We hope that many teams from our surrounding schools will be a part of this fun evening!

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual M.S. Student-Parent Bunco Tournament

We will be inviting all of our M.S. students and their parents to a first time event for Radiate Youth Ministries. We will be hosting a Bunco Tournament at the Steamboat Rock Gym on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. This will take the place of our regular Radiate youth time for that evening. Our hope is to provide a fun environment for students and their parents to connect with other M.S. students and parents. We also want our youth leaders to be able to connect with parents as well. Pray that parents would feel welcome to attend and that key contacts would take place.



## BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

In March, be on the lookout for some yummy M & M Mini's to become available for you or your family to take in the back of the sanctuary. Our hope is for you to enjoy the tube of M & M Mini's and then take extra quarters over the course of a month and fill up the tube. This could be a fun family event to help the children of Chain of Love and the Brazil Mission trip team. If you're a family, maybe you could have kids do a simple job each day to receive a quarter to put in the tube.

The youth will also be serving an Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM during the S.S. hour. Donations will be accepted to benefit the 2010 Brazil Mission Trip.

## DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL PEACE?

Almost everyone agrees that the Bible contains great advice about life, from improving your marriage to getting along with your boss at work. But does the Bible really say much about money? Does it really give us advice that we can apply to our own life in today's world?

The Good News is Yes! Absolutely! We believe the Bible is as relevant and helpful today as when it was written, and God has a lot to say about money. *Did you know money is mentioned in the Bible over 800 times?* God must be pretty serious about this subject to talk about it that much.

In fact, Jesus says in Luke 16:11, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" It appears from this verse that God uses money as a test of our management and stewardship skills before entrusting us with spiritual things.

### Financial Statistics

**1. Marital Problems** - 37 percent (the

highest rate) of marital problems derive from financial situations

**2. Cash Flow** - 70 percent of all consumers live paycheck to paycheck, meaning they run out of money before the end of the month

**3. Savings** - The average family would have to use a credit card to pay a \$1,500 unexpected expense (ex: home or car repair).

**4. Retirement** - Nearly half of all Americans (46%) have less than \$10,000 saved for their retirement.

It is a problem that affects everyone, inside and outside of the church. In fact George Barna says that the fastest growing churches are teaching about marriage, child rearing, finances, and careers. Money is a serious subject, and God is serious about money, which is why we should study closely what he has to tell us.

Here's your chance. Steamboat Rock Baptist Church, Hardin County Savings Bank, and the Hardin County Endowment Foundation are teaming up to offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Financial Peace University is a 13 week program that teaches you how to beat debt, build wealth and keep your own economy thriving. David Vander Wilt will be facilitating classes starting Monday evening March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in the youth room café. If you are interested in joining Financial Peace University please contact Jen Stahl in the church office to sign up. The cost will be \$100 per family and thanks to our partnership with the Hardin County Endowment Foundation half of the registration cost will be reimbursed if you complete the course. Don't miss this opportunity. It could change your life and the lives of your children as you discover God's way of managing your money. The sign up deadline is Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE HITCHED & HAPPY

Don't forget about the Hitched & Happy Seminar coming up on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The Friday night and Saturday Seminar makes way for a fun, engaging, relaxed atmosphere where you'll experience highly interactive, skill-based coaching on topics such as communication, problem solving, forgiveness, and criticism. Fifteen couples are already signed up and we would love to see even more marriages strengthened! We have young couples and older couples signed up; we have couples that have been married 6 years and couples that have been married 45 plus years! The cost is super low – only \$15 per couple. If you go to a seminar in Cedar Rapids or Des Moines, the cost would be well over \$100. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary for a great weekend. Sign up deadline for childcare is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to Bryce Roskens, Jim Kramer, or Kendra Bunger if you have any questions about the weekend.

## MARCH CCN SCHEDULE

March 1 - When the Going Gets Tough!

March 2 - Intellectual Property - Who Owns Your Sermon

March 3 - When the Going Gets Tough!

March 8 & 10 - Changes that Heal Primer

March 9 - Pastor to Pastor - Extraordinary Leadership

March 11 - Peppermint-Filled Pinatas

March 13 - Money, Purpose, Joy - Proven Money Strategies for Tough Economic Times

March 15 & 17 - Anger, Contempt, and Hate: Which One is Good for You?

March 18 - Lifestyle Makeover for Families

March 22 & 24 - How to Know God's Will for You

March 23 - The Leaders Recipe for Growth

Check out [ccn.tv](http://ccn.tv) for times and a more detailed listing of all of these events. It will give you information regarding the speaker/teacher and detailed information regarding the subject.

## MISSIONS

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We're on the Web!

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## EVANGELISM

### REACHING YOUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

Evangelism is living a lifestyle that intentionally proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ daily in speech and action, being full of grace and truth in all situations to further God's kingdom here on earth. My evangelism team notebook reminds me of this truth. Recently, the evangelism team discussed the part that prayer can play in evangelism efforts.

Prayer is a good place to start on that lifestyle I think. The best way to get to know God is through prayer. Talking to God is what prayer is. Prayer prepares your heart and mind as you do life. I think when your prayer life is active, you see better what opportunities for evangelism there are

around you. Woodrow Knoll, director of Back to the Bible says: "When men and women pray, they seldom ask for a change in character, but frequently they ask for a change in circumstances. That is a huge mistake. God controls our circumstances to improve our character....allow your prayers to be a vehicle for God to shape your character into the character He intends you to become." There is a lot to ponder in that quote. It seems that if we rely on that principal we would be reflecting a Christ-like image that would strengthen our walk with the Lord. I especially love what he says also: "Prayer is the preface to purpose, the prologue to power and the prelude to peace." Reaching the lost for Christ has divine purpose. The Holy Spirit gives us

power and the peace of being in God's will as we seek to love others is like no other peace I think.

Our church small groups are encouraged to devote time to prayer, and specifically to pray for the lost, be they friends, family members, or acquaintances. Even if you are not in a small group, consider devoting some of your prayer time to letting God use you in your daily life to reach the lost.

Gwen Wrich

Evangelism Team

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