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Greetings from, seemingly, 'Spring-time in the Rockies' and the Lord's family that meets in Estes Park.

We have had quite a 'wild ride' with the weather during the past few months. We had a lot of snow that lasted quite a while prior to our thirty plus days of unseasonably warm weather that has taken most of it away. Patch in a number of wind storms, some that exceeded 100 MPH in some parts of the city, that helped to 'recycle' some items and do some damage in some places. We are praying for more moisture to help lessen the dryness and limit fire danger. But you did not want to learn about the weather conditions here since many of you have had as bad or worse, including deep snows, slick roads, flooding, and even tornadoes. Visitors sometimes seem to formulate visions of weather here being worse than it is. Remember: we live in 'Paradise'.

The Lord's work here continues to move forward with our usual smaller 'winter' church family, aided by a number of locals who visit faithfully on Sunday mornings, giving us opportunities for teaching and building our relationships with them. They have expressed how much they enjoy our church family and the worship services. This regularity in attendance by non-members is quite unusual, so we feel wonderfully blessed. Please pray for these. Our members continue to make their impact on Estes Park. We feel that the Lord has placed us here to 'witness in Jerusalem' (Estes Park) and to the 'utmost parts of the world', (our mission to our continual visitors to the area). My wife and I recently visited in Lihue, Kauai (Hawaii) where the church nucleus is small, but they host many visitors during the year...all seasons. They have no supported preacher and seemed a little apologetic about that. I had the privilege of reminding them, as a member of a similar congregation, that they have a great ministry (Jerusalem i.e. Lihue and the whole island of Kauai) and (Uttermost parts i.e. all those visitors from everywhere) like we do and to thank them for all of us visitors for their faithfulness in their ministry. One of their leaders stopped me to tell me how much they needed to hear these words. We know how they feel.

All of our other activities continue on strongly during these winter months: the McDonalds ministry, our work with EPMC Hospice patients, our Grief Group meetings, our popular EPNews weekly article, work with the Blood drives, and, generally, just trying to be ready unto every good work. And those works continue to pay off with other opportunities and positive results.

One of those positive results is the baptism that we reported in the last newsletter. Sam Logan, as you may remember, was baptized in a special tub at the Prospect Park Living Center. Sam's obedience resulted largely from the tireless efforts of Dave and Joanne Logan and their daughters Holly and Tammy.

Attendance

Jan 27
Feb 23

Average Weekly Contribution

Jan \$1,067.37
Feb \$1,054.56

Prayer List

Debbie Meador
Ben Oualline
Karie Kavka
Joann Jackson
Tim Garrouette
John Kamkratt
(Walker's neighbor)

Birthdays

Ben Oualline 2/26
Dean Garrouette 2/26
Rosemary Brewer 3/17
Sherlyn Garrouette 3/25

We met regularly with Sam following his baptism, having communion and talking about his newly chosen direction in life. He said, "I know where I'm going!" as he preached to a distant relative on the phone. Three weeks ago Sam Logan went to be with the Lord. His service will be in a few weeks due to his body being donated to scientific study. Many of the people who knew Sam in his pre-Christian life are calling to find out when their friend's memorial will take place. I imagine that we could see quite a number of people who rarely 'darkened the door' of a church building.

Among the works we're heavily involved in here is the Boy Scouts program. Our members were very active in the recent Pinewood Derby, with several of our group receiving awards. This week we will be well represented at the Blue and Gold Awards banquet where all the troop members will receive their



patches, medals, and other recognition. Among those receiving awards are some scouts who will receive special 'God and Country' badges for completing...with their family...daily Bible readings and activities put together in a manual by our Cody Walker. Numerous families have gotten involved and are studying the material daily as the program requires.

One of our newer efforts will be involvement with the Estes Park Victim's Advocate Program. Cody plans to take the intense training and our building will be one of the locations where counseling will be taking place. In preparation for that we will be installing cameras in the main rooms. Cody will soon finish his term on the School Board, freeing him up to work with this Victim's Advocate Program. We commend Cody, Kathy and their family for zeal and commitment. As you know he also serves as Trustee on the Town Board.

Gabe Bruyere, our preacher intern, has moved to Durango, Colorado to continue his training. We were so blessed to have Gabe, Rachel, and young Cameron, with us for the past couple of years. We will soon begin exploring other prospects

to continue this vital work. Gabe wrote the church last week and said, "If I had not gone through this time with the Estes church and gotten this training, I highly doubt that I would have decided I wanted to preach." Please continue to pray for our / his efforts.

Well, it's time to begin to look to the upcoming months and the influx of visitors that we will welcome and do our best to serve. We received a reminder to urge people planning to visit the area in the Memorial Day – Labor Day period to be sure to get their requests in if they need a camping spot or cabin. "Make your campsite, cabin, yurt or RV site reservations online at the [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#) (CPW) website or by calling 303-470-1144 (Denver) or 1-800-678-2267 (Monday through Friday)." You remember also that we have some camping space behind the church building with hookups. You can call me at 720-530-6446 if you have specific dates in mind. Remember our special Fourth of July fellowship / fireworks. We hope you will join us for that and any other time this summer. You will be a blessing.

The 2017 version of our DVD is ready to print. ['God's Heaven on earth: Colorado's sights and sounds'](#). When you come to see us, be sure to get your copy. Also ask about horseback riding passes and 'wild west' pictures of your family.

Well, I need to wrap this up and get it out where you can see 'what we are up to'. We solicit your suggestions about and participation in any of the activities and programs of the church here. We all are here to glorify God and help Christ's church to grow. Please remember all of us in your prayers, but, in a special way Joann Jackson and Debbie Meador who have loved and impacted this church, as they deal with cancer treatments. Thanks for all that you do. God bless.

For the Estes Park Church of Christ Bob Lewis