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June/July 2017 Newsletter

Greetings from a very warm...but cooler than many places...Estes Park.

It's time for our June/July newsletter to give you an update on what is happening in our little 'Paradise' here. The tourist season has started and we are having to make some adjustments to our shopping, downtown activity, schedule to allow for the crowds. I only get to spend half as much time in my 'office' in McDonalds, since I notice as people keep coming in with no tables available so I head for my office at the building and enjoy the solitude that I find there for study and other such work. We are grateful for the tourists because many show up at church services and are such a strength and blessing to us. So, please, come our way. If you need to have a place to park a camper or RV check with us. We have a couple hookups behind the building and at our house to help accommodate you.

Since our last newsletter some interesting things have happened in our community. One was a three-foot snow on a Thursday one week...one tourist told a friend, "*We had an epic snowstorm this week!*"... but all that snow was gone within three days. That's the way it is here. Snow leaves quickly.

About this time you might have wondered what I was 'up to' because my house area was surrounded by about 30 law enforcement vehicles...from SWAT and armored vehicles to cars from every jurisdiction around. It was the result of a standoff with a person down the block. The police handled the situation perfectly, with no one but the suspect being hurt...and by his own

hand. Such happens...even in 'paradise'. This is just one reason why Martha and I are so proud of this community, the church here, and our blessings. Small wonder that visitors who, while visiting here, check house prices ('high') and yet consider the possibility of someday moving here.



In the church we have been so blessed by such. Dean and Sherlyn Garrouette, and Richard and Margaret George are our most recent. We've spoken of the Garrouettes before, but the Georges moved to the area when Richard retired

Attendance

April 25
May 32

Average Weekly Contribution

Apr \$1,058.00
May \$1,328.16

Prayer List

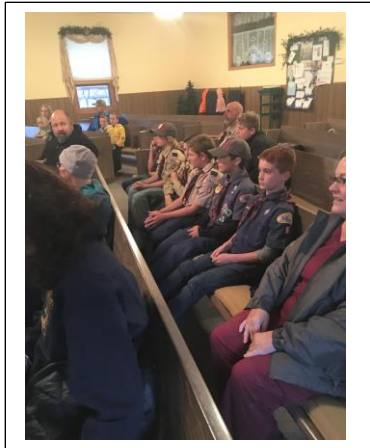
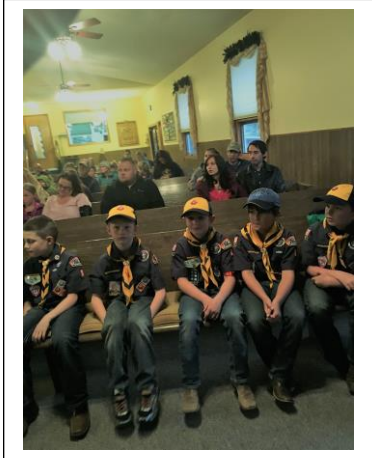
Debbie Meador
Ben Oualline
Karie Kavka
Joann Jackson
Barb Toler
Jon Kamkratt
(Walker's neighbor)

Birthdays

Levi Smith 6/15
Mike Marshall 6/21
Bob Lewis 7/9
Travis Golden 7/22

after preaching for many years, most recently in Texas. Although he and Margaret live about an hour from here, they have been very involved in our work. We are so blessed to have them and all who come our way. We continue to have local families visiting our services on an ongoing basis and look forward to good results from their involvement.

All of our ongoing activities continue to build relationships with the community. We recently hosted a large group of Boy Scouts and their parents at the building for a 'back yard'



cookout and awards ceremony. Cody Walker and Mike Marshall have valuable influence with these parents and Scouts. Our Hospice work continues to do good things with the terminally ill. Our 'Grief group' leadership helps those who have lost loved ones. Our newspaper articles are well regarded and enjoyed by many. Our attendance at services is increasing, and with tourist season should swell.

Our immediate focus is on the Fourth of July celebration that we host every July. On the Fourth we have a wiener roast at about 5:00, followed by some fun karaoke, with our professional Golden Tones karaoke leaders, Travis and Shelvia Golden. At 8:30 – 9:15, we have a patriotic devotional in the building and then head for the parking lot where we watch a great fireworks display over Lake Estes. We hope that, if you are in driving distance, you will bring your best singing voice, favorite song, a dish to share and smile and join us as we celebrate our nation's greatness.

In this regard if you are in the Colorado area your congregation probably got a flyer about the Fourth activity. We send out invitations to about 50 congregations, hoping to accomplish two things. One, of course, is to get some of their members to come to the celebration. Second, we want to keep churches throughout our area thinking about the work going on here so that their members will 'drive up the hill' when they can and be blessed by and bless our congregation. We have many doing this during the year and we want to keep that happening, especially in the 'off-season'.

If you visit, be sure to ask for our current DVD; entitled: *"The Creator's Masterpiece, Portraits from Paradise"*, it is encouraging people all over our country. One, sent recently to a man on his deathbed in Louisiana, resulted in a 'resurgence' of sorts. Those tending him said that as he watched it, they saw the stress of his pain and discomfort seeming to melt away. He was an outdoorsman and seeing the animals, birds, fish, etc. he seemed to drift back into those memories. "He died a peaceful death" (they reported) a few days thereafter and his family was so thankful for our help. While thinking about health issues, on a personal note, I want to thank you for your 'effectual prayers'. Months ago I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's

Lymphoma. My treatments consisted of months of chemotherapy and your prayers. Two weeks ago I underwent a scan. As I walked into my doctor's office to discuss the scan, he said, with a big smile, "Bob, we are going to miss seeing you around here. All signs of lymphoma are gone. See you in six months". Those prayers were answered.

Which reminds me, I head for Canada in mid-July for a Gospel meeting. Please send up your effectual prayers for that also, and for all the work the church here is involved with.

Well, I'd better close and get this on its way to you. We thank you for your continued interest in the Lord's work here. We welcome any help that you want to give to the work here, either by your personal presence, your suggestions about how we can do the work here better, or any way that you want to 'partner' with us. God is doing good things here and we are thrilled to be a part of it. We are blessed that you are too, by your prayers, visits, and other encouragements.

On behalf of the Estes Park Church of Christ
Bob Lewis

**ESTES PARK
FIREWORKS**

LOCATION:
**1470 FISH CREEK ROAD
ESTES PARK, COLORADO**

**4TH
OF JULY**

**FIREWORKS
VIEWING**
(over Lake Estes)
(9:00 PM or so)
WEINER ROAST
(5:00 PM on 'come and go')

And more!
Enjoy Estes Park
Old Car Show
Community
activities

(For information or to 'register' call 720-530-6446)

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Located 2 miles south of Highway 36 on Fish Creek Rd.