

NEWSLETTER—November / December 2015



Estes Park Baptist Church

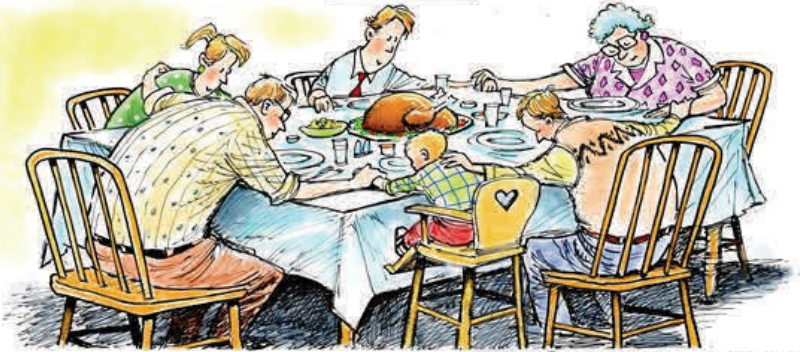
2200 Mall Road, Estes Park, Colorado 80517

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Sundays: 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Study / 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Service

Thanksgiving...

It's not about what's on the table.
It's about what's **around** the table.



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Praise the Lord! We exceeded our Nicy Murphy Mission's goal of \$1,500.

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Weitzel	Nov. 21
Verna Hogue	Dec. 13
Barb Ruesch	Dec. 14
Ann Weitzel	Dec. 14
Celeste Pennington	Dec. 18
Carole Nations	Dec. 26



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Barb Ruesch	Nov. 5
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Paul Logue	970-214-2444 (cell)
Music	Ralph Nations	970-586-4284
International Ministry	David Taylor	720-403-5420
Church Secretary	Geraldine Treacy	970-586-2463 (church)
Church office hours	Monday	2:00—4:30 p.m.
	Tuesday	9:00—12 noon
	Wednesday	12:30—4:30 p.m.
	Thursday and Friday	9:30—1:30 p.m.
Church website	www.epbc.net	
Church e-mail	office@epbc.net	

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TAYLORS' TALES

Fall is here in Estes Park, the mornings are cooler, and this morning there was a frost on the car's windshield. No snow yet, but I saw the weather forecast and we are expecting some in November. I love this time of the year, the changing of the colors, and seeing deer and elk right by our home; it is another season for which we are thankful to God.

It was three years ago on October 20 that David and I moved to Estes Park. We feel blessed to live in such a beautiful area. We are grateful for our church that has allowed us to live in the mobile home next to the church. We have been through many different seasons in our lives these past three years, but again we thank God for leading us here and allowing us work with the church and with internationals.

Our journey here actually started seven years ago when we came back to the states for furlough from 2008-2009. Once here, I applied to become a U.S. citizen. We stayed in the states for 11 months and during that time I started my paperwork, and in February 2009 I became an American. We were asked by Pastor Paul to speak at a missions banquet here in Estes Park in November 2008. Of course we came here and spoke, and I clearly remember saying, "It is so beautiful here, I would love to live here." God heard me and blessed us.

Now things here have *slowed down a little*. David has finished coaching middle school boys' soccer. They won some and lost some, but as a team really bonded. David is still stocking shelves for Nabisco and this also is beginning to slow down since there are fewer tourists. Some shops and local attractions have already closed down for the winter. Many of the internationals have returned to their homelands.

I spoke to a young man from Uzbekistan and he wants to come back next year. We have relationships with some Internationals that live here year round and we hope to invite them to a Thanksgiving get together.

During the summer it is often hard to connect with them. An example of this was one young Romanian woman whom I met in a tourist shop. I invited her to meet with us, and she was very excited about it. A few days later I saw her in a restaurant and she mentioned to me she was very sad but could not meet with us. I asked her why, and she told me because she has four jobs and could not get time off. This is a situation we run into quite often.

We did host an International Goodwill meeting and although we were prepared with food, games and prizes, unfortunately no one came. However, we do not despair, we just step back, pray and look at another way to interact with the local internationals. David and I realize *we need to connect quickly with the new Internationals* as soon as they arrive in Estes Park, before they get busy.

So we are now praying and seeking the Lord's guidance for the next steps in this process. We are excited to see all that the Lord will do in the next couple of months.

Our oldest son's wife Diane has *started attending BSF* (Bible Study Fellowship) with a friend from the High School booster club. This is exciting news because she has not been attending

anywhere for quite a while. Please pray that our son and the rest of the family would also find a Church and Bible study to be part of.

As you may have heard, these are turbulent times for the International Mission Board. At this time we are entering the season that Christians in Southern Baptist churches are encouraged to give during an event called the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*. What an exciting time to be involved in what God wants to do with these things.

So let's join God together, praying that His will be done and for us to consider how we could give sacrificially this year. I heard from a missionary on the field in Europe that if one in four Southern Baptists gave \$45 a year to The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering then every missionary could stay on the field overseas.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving with loved ones as you celebrate thankfulness. For us, we are thankful that we heard the good news and for the feet that brought that good news to us.

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

Be the feet today to someone who does not know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Thank you so much for your prayer support for all our ministries here in Estes Park and abroad.

May God richly bless you!



Luke 2:12 *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.*



A Psalm of Gratitude

by Virginia Lee Cox

The Lord is my Father and Provider

I shall not want.

By His grace I have a roof over my head

And a cozy bed in which to lie down.

There is always food on my table.

I have His word and Nature's beauty to feed my soul.

He eliminates my enemies and places a cup

Overflowing with blessings in my hand.

Even though I walk through life's deepest valleys,

And death is imminent; I am not afraid

Through His Son, He forgave me and took away my sins

So that I might enter heaven and live with Him

For Eternity.

Calendar Highlights

SUNDAYS

- 9:15 a.m. Family Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Evening Prayer Service

Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Craft Night

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Longs Peak Association Senior Adult Fall Harvest at Derby Hill Baptist Church, Loveland

Sunday, November 8

Thanksgiving Fellowship meal following Morning Worship. Turkey provided; please bring a side or dessert.

Sunday, December 6

- Fellowship meal following Morning Worship
- Business Meeting

Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Our annual Christmas World Missions Catered Banquet.

Thursday, December 24—6:30 p.m.

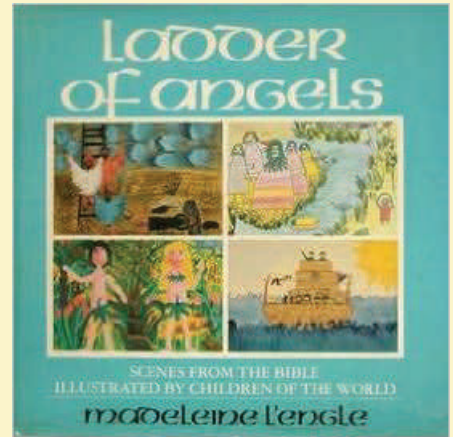
Christmas Even Candlelight Service.

Through November on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.: Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall based on the book "You are Loved - Embracing God's love for you."

LIFE-CHANGING BOOKS

by Celeste Pennington

Madeleine L'Engle is a favorite children's book author of mine. I confess my introduction to her works—*A Wrinkle in Time* and *A Wind in the Door*—was as an adult—a book editor seeking inspiration for children's mission study books that we produced regularly at the Home Mission Board.



L'Engle's literature is characterized by deep imagination and adventure and science and faith. "Why does anybody tell a story?" she once asked. "It does indeed have something to do with faith—faith that the universe has meaning, that our little human lives are not irrelevant, that what we choose or say or do matters, matters cosmically."

A beloved, tattered copy of L'Engle's *Ladder of Angels, Scenes from the Bible Illustrated by Children of the World* often finds its way from our library here in Estes to the nightstand of a visiting grandchild—or adult friend.

Most of the kids' drawings are detailed and astonishing. Perfect with L'Engle's intriguing verse and cosmic intimations.

Excerpt from *Ladder of Angels*

DAVID AND GOLIATH

*A spiral, a galaxy, an expanding universe,
a grain of sand, a gnat.*

Each sits securely in the hand of God.

*A giant looming over a child, secure in his size
and strength and superiority (this child surely takes
less room in God's hand than the great Philistine) swaggers with pride and
certainty.*

*A star, blazing with the fierce heat of hydrogen
furnaces in fission.
A pebble, small and cool in the hand.
A leather thong and the pebble flying through the air.*

*A dead giant, small and crumpled in the vast plain.
A child, holding an empty slingshot.*

And the hand of God holding all.

Pastor Paul's View



Pastor Paul and wife Tonya

Our finance committee has put together a good and practical budget for the following year. Although challenging, it is one that calls for faith. It is that faith that will bind our hearts together and cause each of us to reach out to see what our Lord will do through us. Budget and building seem to be what we talk about a lot. What they need to represent is our concern for reaching people who do not know Christ. That should be the driving force of our lives.

The following is part of an article that expresses my thinking. The article was titled "WHY AREN'T YOUNG PEOPLE GETTING MARRIED IN CHURCH?" by DR. JIM DENISON

"Human words cannot change human hearts. You and I can do nothing eternal, spiritual, or God-glorifying in our natural capacity. Only the Lord can draw people to the Lord. Only He can save souls and change lives. This He does through us, but only when He can work through us. Self-sufficiency is the spiritual cancer of our age. When we admit our need of God and submit to his Spirit, he uses us to advance his Kingdom and change our world.

Leonard Ravenhill wrote these convicting words years ago. I say they are still true today. "The church has many organizers, but few agonizers; many who pay, but few who pray; many resters, but few wrestlers; many who are enterprising, but few who are interceding. People who are not praying are playing." Tithes may build the church, but tears will give it life. That is the difference between the modern church and the early church. Our emphasis is on paying, theirs was on praying. When we have paid, the place is taken. When they have prayed, the place was shaken (Acts 4:31).

It is my prayer that Estes Park Baptist Church will be "**SHAKEN**" as we see what God does through us this year. Where will our ministry lead us this coming year? To what end of the earth will we go? What neighborhood will we reach this year with "Impact?" Who will be the next person to be baptized? We may be a small church in size, but it is not the size of the church that counts, but the size of the vision of our God. This is God's church, we are God's people, let us take Estes Park Valley for God's glory.

December 13 will be our annual Christmas World Missions Banquet. It will be a great evening together. The ladies decorate and it is a high-class event, and it is always filled with good food and facts and fun.

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Pastor Paul

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