



The Longs Peak Link

Resourcing Churches in North Colorado

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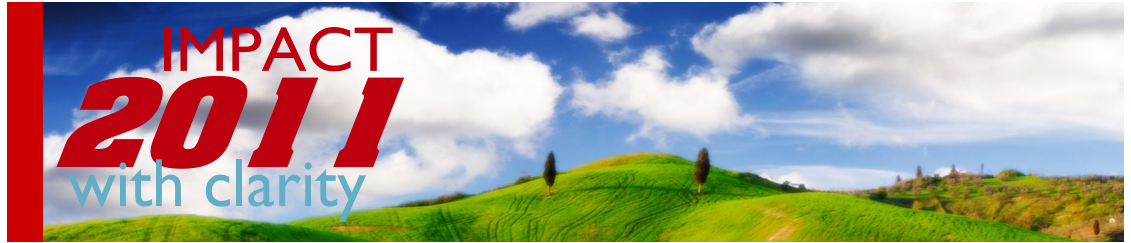
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The New Year is a time to reflect on the changes we want to make and many of us seem to make the same New Year resolutions each year, i.e. become debt free, lose weight, exercise more, make time to read our Bible and pray. However, for most people New Year resolutions become merely good intention after a month or so.

The ancient Israelites had a type of a New Year's opportunity of sorts. God opened a way for them to take possession of the Promised Land. A once in a lifetime opportunity for a new start in a new land to grow a godly nation. Unfortunately, Israel made a different resolution.

After the Lord had told Moses in the book of Numbers to send men to explore the land of Canaan, Moses sent 12 who returned after 40 days. Their report was as God had said, the land did indeed flow with milk and honey, but

was inhabited by giants. Of the 12 sent, 10 were pretty sure that the land could not be taken. You know the story; the people began to complain. To them, this "New Year" opportunity was too scary, too risky, and altogether impossible.

Bottom line, God is not asking for resolutions, He wants "riskolutions." Going into the Promised Land would prove to be difficult and risky, but the results would be well worth the cost. Staying in the desert would be easier and safer, but the results would be zero impact for God's glory.

Offer God not a New Year's resolution but a "riskolution." Resolutions fade with time and are forgotten, riskolutions grow with God's power and make an eternal impact. Take advantage of this New Year's opportunities, even if there are giants in the Promised Land.

*Executive
board meeting*

Monday, January 24th

Discovery Fellowship
Ft. Collins

6:00 PM



We Our Churches



Networking Notes. . .

As we begin the new year of 2011, it is a great time to think about priorities. Whatever is truly important in our lives is what is a priority. Yet, we seem to be living in a time where people lack singular focus. Someone has said that the most common disease among Americans is *FRAGMENTOSIS!* Trying to do a hundred things at the same time and yet spread too thin! In Philippians 3:13, the Apostle Paul gives a great prescription of bringing clarity and focus on what is priority in our lives when he said, "I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." Paul lived by priorities. In the Greek this is the word "one" with an exclamation point! Paul is telling us to find out what counts, what is really important or priority in your life and then do it!

My Doctor of Ministry project is focused on helping church plants, existing churches and Christian organizations within the LPBA prioritize their ministry into what is really important for them to accomplish, that is, their true core values. I define values as core, deeply felt motivators or beliefs that dictate behaviors that are in keeping with biblical principles. Values are what truly drive an individual, church or organization. As one of our newest church planters stated recently, "values give the *traction* that is needed for churches to move toward their mission and vision."

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I have become convinced that it is not enough for a church to identify and clearly operate by its core values. Why? Because some of the core values of a church are what hinders it from accomplishing the great commission! Instead, I am interested helping a church determine their core values and then discover what values NEED to be in play to help them carry out the great commission which basically is the mission of every church!

Erwin McManus, pastor of Mosaic Church in Los Angeles came alongside a sister church that was consumed in conflict and helped the pastor lead the church to health. In an interview McManus later stated, "The real challenge is that aging congregations tend to value their buildings more than they value people or the gospel. There is a reason churches are dying. It is not about style; it's about *values*. If you can change what people care about, you can turn things around or, more importantly, birth something new."

In 2011, I will be leading the LPBA to not only identify and live by our core values but to make sure that we possess core values that lead us to lead churches toward fulfilling the great commission! Said another way, the most important thing we will care about is that which helps our church fulfill the great commission!

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
DAY OF PRAYER
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2011



JOIN WITH CHURCHES AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR THIS SOLEMN ASSEMBLY OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND REPENTENCE



COLORADO
Baptists

February 1st & 2nd
Day 1 from 1:00 to 8:00 pm
Day 2 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Cost: \$50

Includes: training, meals during training, manual, books
For additional information call Heather at: 303.771.2480 x237

www.coloradobaptists.org/transitionalpastors



TRANSITIONAL PASTOR TRAINING



Pastor/
Staff &
Wives
Luncheon

Thursday, February 10
@ Noon
West Greeley Baptist



Don't Just Start a Church...Serve a City.

The Pursuit Church is a new work in Fort Collins, Colorado, led by church planter Alan Reed. The "Pursuit Team" moved to Colorado last year, 3 days after Christmas, and came with the vision that they were not just coming to Fort Collins to plant a new church, but that they were going to passionately serve a city.

The Pursuit have been holding weekly worship services since September 12th, 2010, and currently has 55 adults in small groups, with 14 coming from the community through their *DivorceCare* Ministry. They ask that we continue to pray that God would continue to give them boldness

and humility as they engage their community and city with the love of Christ. You can learn more about their work by going to The Pursuit Church website: mypursuitchurch.com.

Below are pictures from their November 21st worship services where they baptized four of their participants.

The Pursuit Church would like to say a BIG "thank you" to Mt. Airy Baptist Church (Easley, SC) and Longs Peak Baptist Association for their donations toward the purchase of their new baptistery. They plan to keep it very busy and are excited to offer it to other churches in Northern Colorado.




Building
Powerful
Ministry
Teams

Training Seminar

Tuesday, February 8th
Southside Baptist
Fort Collins
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Loveland Community Church



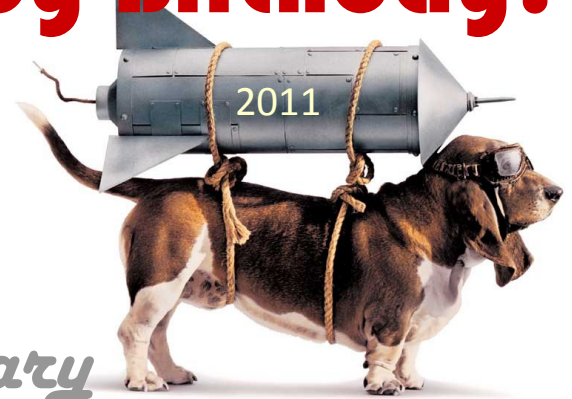
Wednesday, January 12th

Church Planter
Assessment Training Lunch Provided

**UPCOMING EVENTS ON
THE CALENDAR...**

- 1/12 Church Planter Assessment
Training @ Loveland Community
- 1/17 LPBA office closed in observance of
Martin Luther King Day
- 1/24 LPBA Executive Board Meeting @
Discovery Fellowship
- 1/30 SBC Day of Prayer
- 2/1-2 Transitional Pastor Training in
Colorado Springs
- 2/8 Building Powerful Ministry Teams
Training Seminar @ Southside
- 2/10 Pastor/Staff & Wives Luncheon
held by West Greeley @ noon

Happy Birthday!



January

- 11 Jose' Ramirez
- 13 Heather Heady
- 16 Carolyn Huffman
- 22 Bertha Chavez
- 23 Amy Gilliland
- 8 Shorty Huffman
- 10 Rhonda Howeth
- 11 Lou Silva
- 21 Rick Vannoy

February

The purpose of the LPBA is to resource and network churches and ministries together as they make disciples of their world through gospel saturation and fulfill their distinct, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission.

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