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SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!

THE PAST SEVERAL ARTICLES I have written for Momentum, I have shared with you the changes which are taking place across our state. I have shared about new strategies which are rolling out to better model partnership with our associations so we can all better serve the churches. However, due to recent events, I feel I must shift my focus to the wider work of Southern Baptists.

I have had a number of conversations with pastors and church members related to concerns they have with some things that have transpired at the national SBC level. Some have chosen to move away from the SBC all together. However, I feel there are things which need to be clarified. I feel there has been a disproportionate amount of negative publicity, which has completely overshadowed the great work which is still being done because of our partnership together.

There have been concerns related to the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission's handling of the sexual abuse allegations and their hiring of Guidepost Solutions. To be honest, I am concerned about that choice as well. However, this decision by the ERLC does not negate the good which they have done for churches. The ERLC has been on the frontline fighting for the rights of the unborn. In 2015 when the Supreme Court made same-sex marriage legal, the ERLC partnered with the Alliance Defending Freedom and co-authored a document called *Protect Your Ministry*. This booklet helped churches position themselves to navigate a new landscape where discrimination charges could be brought against churches for not performing same-sex weddings. While one good does not excuse a poor decision,



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The North American Mission Board was the catalyst for seeing 740 new churches in 2021. These are churches started in areas where no Gospel witness exists or where the Gospel is underserved. Yet, NAMB cannot spearhead this work alone, they are able to provide direction because we all work together to provide resources and support to church planters all across our nation. No one church can do this, but we can celebrate what we are doing together!

While the SBC is not perfect, it has never been. In the early 90's we saw a shift which came through what we call The Conservative Resurgence. This happened because Southern Baptists stayed the course and did not give up the fight for what they believed. Let us not give up on what we can do together. There is so much to celebrate in Colorado and beyond because we are better together!

God's Blessings,
Mike Proud



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HAVE A PLAN

BY MARK SPENCE
President of Colorado Baptists



“for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.”

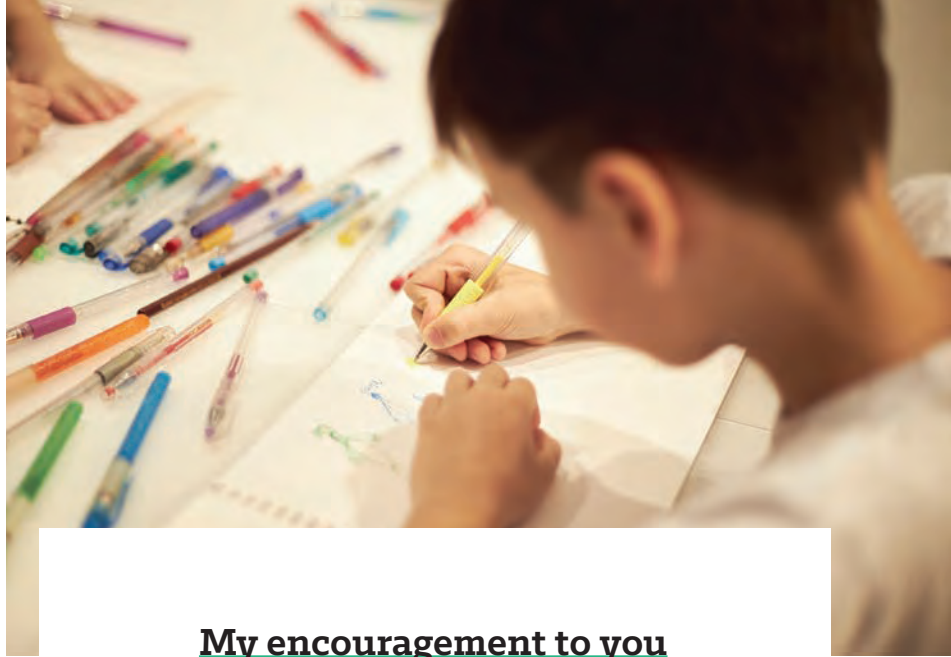
—MATTHEW 10:26

DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, but my church is largely oblivious to the comings and goings of our national convention. They only know about SBC stuff when I tell them. So, when the results of the Sexual Abuse Task force were revealed, I was not sure what to do. I was tempted to let them remain blissful in their ignorance.

On the other hand, if the statistics on abuse are true, there are victims in my church even though their abuse is not from within my church. Within every church are silent sufferers whose history is horrific. That horror created within my team a resolve to help victims and prevent abuse. My team and I are committed to making Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church a place safe for children and unsafe for future abusers.

As a result, we are doing three things. First, we are addressing prevention. Next, we are clarifying reporting. Last, we will be caring for victims better.

Let me take a moment and share our plan in hopes that you will create one of your own for your church. Our plan certainly contains elements of building the bridge as we cross it. Rather than sharing a completed plan, I'm sharing our work in progress to encourage you to create your own.



My encouragement to you is to establish a process of prevention, reporting, and care within your church family for victims of sexual abuse.

In the past at MABC, prevention was limited to background checks and making sure volunteers were not alone with kids or students. We have engaged the services of Ministry Safe for improved background checks. Included in our partnership with Ministry Safe are training videos that leaders are required to watch with a comprehension test at the end.

Second, our reporting is simple. We are empowering every leader and every volunteer with the authority to call the police if they have reason to believe a child is in danger. Each leader has been given the non-emergency number for our local Police Department and, through the Ministry Safe videos, are better aware of the signs of a groomer and the evidences of abuse.

Last, we are forming partnerships with local Christian counselors. We are reviewing their Statements of Faith to make sure that they line up with our own. Also, we are investigating where they earned their degrees to ensure that their Christian counseling is actually Christian.

In addition to these partnerships, we have set up a designated fund for victims of abuse. This fund is for people within our church and it is reserved for our counselor partners. However, it is not limited to those who have been abused while at our church (which we hope will be no one!).

Friends, the sexual revolution has been a destructive force within our country. Sadly, society is running as quickly as possible towards theft, death, and destruction. My encouragement to you is to establish a process of prevention, reporting, and care within your church family for victims of sexual abuse.

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MOMENTUM HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOCUSED ON HELPING YOU ACCELERATE GOSPEL IMPACT. LIKE YOU, THIS INCREDIBLE RESOURCE IS READY TO TAKE ITS NEXT STEP IN GOD'S MISSION.

In February of 2023, Momentum will move to an all-digital and expanded format. You can expect weekly articles via the coloradobaptists.org website that are encouraging, practical and provide a pathway for you to interact with their writers. These interactions will include interviews, Zoom Q and A's and podcasting that will be rolled out during 2023.

We are proud of our print version of Momentum! We are committed to building on its excellence and moving it forward to keep up with what God is doing in and through our churches. This resource is preparing to move from its starting position, to sharing your stories as they happen. We are excited to unleash Momentum's potential of providing avenues of partnership and collaboration for all Colorado Baptist ministry leaders in every context of our state.

SO LET THE COUNTDOWN TO FEBRUARY 2023 BEGIN! GET READY TO RUN YOUR RACE WITH A NETWORK OF CHURCHES BY YOUR SIDE.

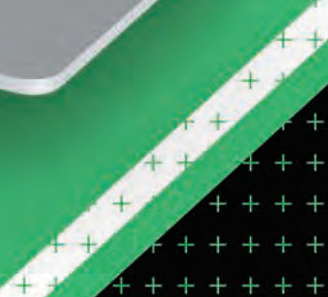
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We kicked off Annual Meeting with the Pastors Conference featuring guest speaker Daniel Henderson, Global Director at 6:4 Fellowship and President of Strategic Renewal! Thank you to Pastor Steve Allen who served as the president for this year's PC and the High View Baptist Church Worship Team for leading worship.





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The Women's Gathering was a special time of fellowship, worship, teaching, and more! Guest Speaker Peggy Osborne, spoke about the importance of connection, and WMU State Director Claudean Boatman led the women through a Refugee Simulation helping provide insight on the refugee experience in America. It was a wonderful and impactful gathering!





We heard encouraging and inspiring messages from our Annual Meeting guest speakers.



Michael Craft, Lead Pastor, The Alpine Chapel, Telluride



Willie McLaurin, Interim President & CEO, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee



Mark Spence, President of Colorado Baptists





Mike Proud, Executive Director, addressed the Colorado Baptist family of churches with a vision of collaboration as well as essential reports from the convention.



Chris Osborne, Professor of Preaching and Pastoral Ministry, Southwestern Seminary





We were ushered into worship by the team from Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church.



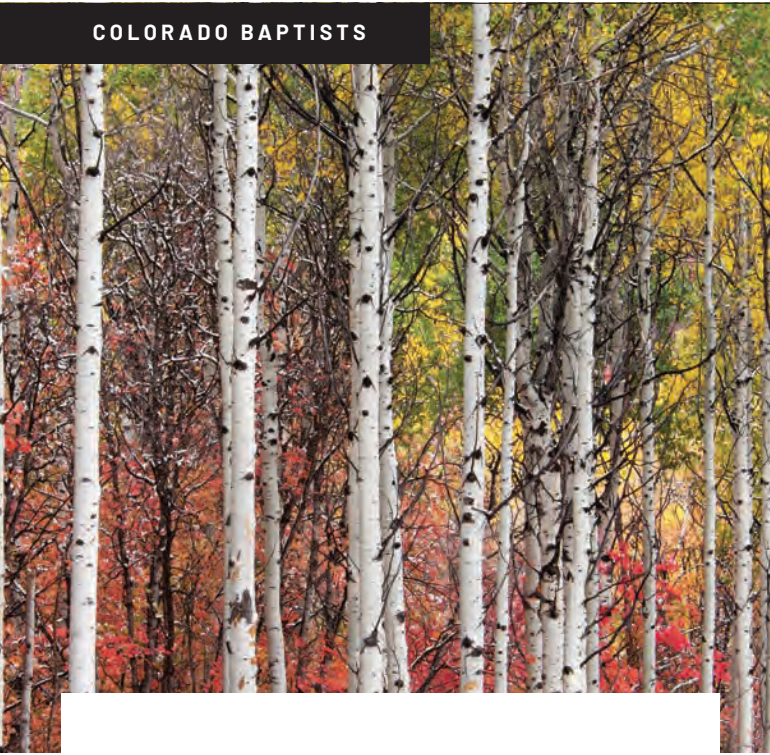


This year's recipient of the CBDR Larry Loser Award was Ron Martin. We are so thankful for his commitment to bring help, hope, and healing to others.



Doug Lohrey was recognized for his many years of service to CO Baptists and the Rocky Mountain Foundation.





SUNSEEKERS & ROOT SHARERS

BY JOHN HOWETH

Regional Director of Longs Peak Baptist Association

I love being the Regional Director in the LPBA because as a pastor, I have always networked and shared with other associational church leaders. "Colorado aspens provide a living picture of" [a network of churches]. Have you noticed how they grow in groups? They are sunseekers and root sharers. Unlike firs or pines, which prefer shade, aspens worship warmth. Unlike oaks, whose roots go deep, aspen roots go wide. They intertwine with other roots and share the same nutrients. Light lovers. Root sharers. Sounds like a healthy [association of churches]. (Adapted from Max Lucado, *Cure for the Common Life*, page 80).

I enjoy being a part of Colorado Baptists representing the Longs Peak Baptist Association (LPBA). I have only been a Regional Director for Colorado Baptists since April, but I was the Associational Director of Missions/

Church Planting Strategist for nine years prior to becoming a full-time Church Planting Catalyst for seven years. That's a total of sixteen years in Northern Colorado, aka 'Noco'.

We have a mantra in the LPBA as Colorado Baptists that "we have nothing to talk about unless we are talking about what God is doing in and through His churches." Here's my premise: If churches plant churches better than associations or denominations (and I believe they do), then *churches* help churches partner together better than associations and denominations! So, as the Regional Director for the Longs Peak region, I am more of a networker and matchmaker.

For example, I have witnessed a great camaraderie or brotherhood among the church planters and replanters working together - calling on each other for counsel, sharing worship leaders, preaching, or best practices and resources to help each other out. I see that same spirit during pastoral transitions. Currently, two churches, led by "better together" hearted pastors are coming alongside a struggling church who is going through a pastoral transition. They have provided worship leaders and preaching for this small church.

I have been able to see that through the resources of the Colorado Mission Offering and the churches contributing to the LPBA, our outreach trailers help our churches engage their communities with the Gospel. We have three outreach trailers. Two are block party trailers with inflatables, popcorn and snow cone machines. The third trailer has been a sports/activity trailer, but it will soon be a trailer with inflatables and concession machines so that when in high demand times, we can help more of our churches reach out to their communities.

Besides our LPBA church pastors, planters, and leaders, we have teams and leaders that we call "resourcers" who coach, mentor, and consult. God has blessed us with wise and experienced men who can help assist churches to navigate effective biblical ministry in an ever-changing culture. Bill Tinsley resources our church planters. Duane Arledge resources pastors. He and I are trained to help a church take their next steps utilizing Ministry Insights' "Leading from Your Strengths" team building and leadership assessment as well as Auxano's "Vision Framing" and "Vision Planning."

Philippians 1:3-5 states, "I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." Partnership at its best is relational. It happens best in the local association where unity and trust are developed. Just as the gospel flows best through people networks, partnerships flow best through relationships. Thank you, Colorado Baptists, for your "partnership in the gospel."

THE ROLE OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

BY BILL LIGHTY Regional Director of the Pikes Peak Association

As the Regional Director of the Pikes Peak Baptist Association, it has been a rewarding challenge to step into this new role. Doing so has allowed me to lead in multiple ways that have benefited the local church, our local association, and our state convention, proving once again that we can accomplish more together, and anything is possible. The following stories give a glimpse of what our role is and the ways we have been able to assist churches and associations to fulfill their unique, regionally inspired, God-given mission.

The Next Step process was a pivotal moment in our church history. At the time, our church had a loss of identity in many ways, and we were needing to rediscover who God wanted our particular body to be. Guided by Bill Lighty, he helped us think deeply and intentionally about various areas of our ministry that needed attention. Had we not gone through that initial process, I'm not sure our small church would have sustained a time like the COVID-19 pandemic. We were given clear and direct guidance to rediscovering our identity, and this allowed our leadership team to grow and become major players in transforming our congregation.

Bill Lighty is a fantastic denomination worker, mentor and friend. We've met once a month for the greater part of the last three years and for a young and new pastor who needed guidance, he was an invaluable resource. Bill was able to coach me through several difficult and overwhelming situations during our transition as a church. Due to the relationship he nurtured, I've been able to call him with tears of sorrow and joy.

From James Medina, pastor of Breathe Reformed Baptist Church in Colorado Springs

In addition, I am privileged to act as facilitator and guide while our own Colorado Baptist Leadership Team goes through an internal Next Steps process, revisioning the future of the CGBC.

Whether it is the process of going through pastoral changes

Each local church has its own God-given personality, DNA, culture, and spiritual gift-mix. In the New Testament, there was the Ephesian model—a teaching church; the Corinthian model—a charismatic church; The Jerusalem model—a traditional church; and the Antioch model—a missionary church. How has God uniquely gifted your church?

Yours is different than any sister Southern Baptist church down the street or across our state for that matter. Our Colorado convention's Next Steps Process not only facilitates each church's determination of its own unique lane; it also assists us in determining what the next mile marker is in ultimately reaching our destination.

Cross Fellowship Church of Colorado Springs has been on a four-year journey and would not be where we are if not for the Next Step Process. We determined who we are with clarity; we outlined our next steps strategically; and we created measures to determine our success along the way. We have experienced a significant shift in ministry strategy, a name change, embraced a multi-campus approach to impacting lostness, and a retirement of a long-time pastor. We recommend this to any size church in any setting to maximize our effectiveness in becoming the unique churches God designed each one of us to be.

From Bob Bender, pastor emeritus of Cross Fellowship Church in Colorado Springs

like Generations Church in Peyton, CO, developing a succession plan for a long-time pastor, having a coach to do life with you, planting a new church, or discerning and embracing a strategic Next Step, this is the role of the Regional Director/ Next Step Guide.

BY NATE TEMPLIN
Regional Director
Royal Gorge and Arkansas Valley Associations

GOD HAD NOT FORGOTTEN...

A **S A RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATE** in the early 2000's I moved to Cheyenne Wells, a town of 1200 people in Eastern Colorado. I had been living in Denver for a few years at that point when I accepted a teaching and coaching job on the high plains. Truth is I visited the town after I had accepted the job and returned to Denver trying to figure out how to get out of the contract. God had other plans and I followed his leading into the new adventure. It seemed to be a wasteland where there were more bars than churches and only trees in locations where there was a house.

I have something I didn't have when I first lived here. I am now surrounded by churches and leaders all around Colorado who have the same heart I have, to see gospel movement in every community.

Once I became involved in teaching and coaching various sports I quickly realized I was out there for a reason. God broke my heart for the people of the town and the surrounding area. A fellow teacher and I started a Fellowship of Christian Athletes gathering once a week and quickly had a large percentage of the school meeting with us to play games and talk about Jesus. We saw numerous students come to Christ as we invested in them.

God blessed me through seeing the lives of many students changed by him and as a bonus, I also figured out the high plains were a hidden hunting gem! It was in the midst of that time that the Lord seemed to be giving me vision for how we could reach into every town on the eastern plains. I didn't have any churches to partner with, nor did I know there was even a state convention or local associations. Soon the vision seemed to fade because I was called away to do ministry in another state and then to seminary.

Fast forward to spring of this year as we were now living in Pueblo and working with NAMB and the Royal Gorge Baptist Association (RGBA). Mike Proud came to have lunch with me and asked if I would pray about taking on a role as Regional Director where I would get a chance to serve and work with not just the RGBA but also the Arkansas Valley Baptist Association, which to my surprise

stretches up to Cheyenne Wells. Though it did not hit me at first, once I accepted the call to follow God into this new endeavor, I realized that God had not forgotten about his original call to help take the gospel to the towns of Eastern Colorado. Actually, He just had to break me and shape me enough to be ready for what He was going to do. This week as I write this, I am traveling out to Cheyenne Wells to rekindle some of the relationships He has allowed me to maintain over the years.

As I pray and dream about what God is doing and going to do to build his kingdom in Southern Colorado, I have something I didn't have when I first lived here. I am now surrounded by churches and leaders all around Colorado who have the same heart I have, to see gospel movement in every community. We don't have to strive alone and in isolation reaching a few; we are called to kingdom collaboration. We are called to work together for His kingdom. Already in the RGBA we are starting to see the first fruits of partnering together, and my prayer is that as I get to know the AVBA better it will be the same. I may still feel as young and unprepared as when I first lived in eastern Colorado, but now I am part of a much greater fellowship of believers who want to partner and do anything possible to see gospel impact.



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UNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

BY DAVID SMITH

Regional Director of Mesa Verde and
Uncompahgre Baptist Associations

I T HAS BEEN A WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY since I stepped into the position of Regional Director. There have been meetings, trainings, more meetings and more trainings. At times I have felt like I was drinking from a fire hose and I am positive I sat with a look on my face at times that said, “What have I done?” Since July 1, 2022 I have traveled over 5000 miles. And I would not trade it for anything!

I get asked all the time, having spent 12 years as the pastor of Nucla First Baptist Church, if I miss the pastorate. All I can say is no. God has transitioned my wife Tracy and I in such an amazing way that there has never been a doubt in our minds that this was the right move for us.

A few weeks ago, I was asked if there had been a moment when I regretted taking this position. All I can say is the good things over the last 4 months have far outweighed any bad and I am excited to be collaborating with other Regional Directors, with our Colorado Baptists staff, with associations, pastors and churches for greater Gospel advancement. I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the future.

The Regional Director position is much needed across our state. Pastors feel alone and isolated and churches feel like no one cares about them. As Tracy and I have traveled we have been blessed to meet with pastors (and wives) in churches across our region and let them know that we care and we want to serve them in any way we can. One of the greatest things to see is the glimmer of hope come back into our churches when they see we truly are here for them. These are churches who have felt like they were on their own to fight this battle. I hope and pray that all Color-

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do Baptists churches will come to realize that every church in our state matters.

In the short time we have served the CBGC in this role we have seen some great collaboration between churches and between Regional Directors. The Regional Directors are working closely with each other, sharing ideas, sharing processes, mentoring and praying for each other. Churches are reaching out to each other sharing resources and tools. Pastors are reaching out to pastor-less churches and helping them in their transition process.

In John 17 Jesus prays for unity among the believers. We may not agree with every single thing another church in our association or region or state does, but we are all unified on the Gospel. As a Regional Director I want to be able to cultivate that unity. To bring our churches together, on mission for Jesus. To make sure our churches, pastors and their wives are healthy. More important than anything, I want to follow God where He is leading and I believe God has gone before us in this and we will be obedient to follow.

My prayer is that Colorado Baptist churches will see how much better we can be together, working as partners in the Gospel to reach a lost and dying world. I hope our churches will join us in this.



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DECEMBER IS THE MONTH FOR PRAYER AND GIVING

BY CLAUDEAN BOATMAN
Colorado WMU executive director

M ISSIONARIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, including church planters in Colorado, depend on our prayers and financial gifts. That fact was reinforced for me during a recent video call with missionaries in a high security country.

Our church in Windsor is one of several committed to pray for these missionaries' ministry region. The missionaries have divided their region into four smaller areas. Our specific area is one virtually untouched by the Gospel. For several months we have been praying for towns by name. The prayers have a three-prong focus. First, we pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare the people to hear the Gospel. Second, we pray for laborers to come to the location to share the Gospel. Finally, we pray for a multiplying church to take root and grow. We have continued to pray even though no opportunity to send workers seemed to exist.

Then came a natural disaster that severely impacted 95 percent of the area for which we prayed. Our prayers in-

creased in urgency because we knew women and children were at risk in shelters, homes were completely gone, and food and clean water were scarce. We added safety for rescue workers to our prayers when we learned even military personnel were attacked and had trouble getting to the hardest hit areas. It seemed impossible for our workers and national partners to help.

The missionary had to miss one video call, so a month passed without details about the affected area. So much happened in that month! One national partner was able to take supplies into the area. After the necessities were (safely, I might add) distributed, a large group of majority religion people raised their hands in praise as the national partner led in prayer to the One True God. Those same people asked him to return. They didn't want the things he brought; they wanted to talk more about the Christian God.

Faithfulness in prayer before and during this natural disaster prepared the soil for these people to hear the Gospel. Now, we are praying with even more anticipation of what God is doing in our area.

God used financial provision to answer prayer for this area. Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, as well as gifts given through the Cooperative Program, made it possible for the missionaries to be in the country. Those gifts made it possible for the supplies to be gathered. They made it possible for the national partner to deliver them.

Praying and giving go together; the second often fuels the answers to the first. Prayer and giving transforms each of us into participants in God's work all over the world—even when we are unable to go ourselves.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 4-11. This week focuses on prayer for Southern Baptist international missionaries. Gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering collected during this time—and any time—go directly to the missionaries; none is reserved for administrative expenses. When we give, we participate in expanding the Kingdom of God in each place we send missionaries. When we pray, we release the Holy Spirit to work in those same places, providing boldness, wisdom, and open doors for those workers.

Begin preparing your church now for the Week of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Resources are available at imb.org and wmu.com. Commit to praying and giving. Stand amazed at what God does.

Claudean Boatman is a confirmed believer in missions discipleship—the teaching and equipping of all age groups in the local church to pray, give, learn, and participate in missions. She serves as the volunteer Colorado WMU executive director.

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Bringing Help, Hope and Healing from the Ashes



BY DENNIS BELZ
CBDR State Director

This year's CBGC Annual Meeting theme was "Don't Give Up" Galatians 6:9-10:

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Last year I shared a testimony showing a foundation of a home that burned down in the E. Troublesome fire in Grand County. If you remember, the wife did not originally want to rebuild, but after she saw what their property looked like once our teams cleaned up the debris she decided to rebuild. They decided to *not give up!* And the Lord richly blessed them with their new home on that same property. God is good!

Doing Disaster Relief work is not easy and due to the damage and debris, at times you feel like "how can we do this?", but we are always given the strength to continue and bless others.

On December 30, 2021 the Marshall Fire in Boulder County burned over 1,000 homes engulfing entire neighborhoods. Our CBDR teams were on site with mass feeding within 24 hours. For several weeks our volunteers continued feeding those in need at the local shelter and the Disaster Assistance Center. Within a few



We always need prayer and volunteers. Check the CBDR website www.ColoradoDR.org for upcoming needs, training, and deployments.

weeks we began the most dangerous clean-up efforts we have ever experienced. Fourteen SBDR states came to assist us in our efforts. Subzero temperatures with snow should have hindered any work, but SBDR volunteers continued to work even the tough times and extreme conditions!

Could we have given up? We could have, but we had a mission field to accomplish and continued to move forward braving the elements! We were able to complete 423 ash-out jobs within the darkened communities. Through these efforts 15 people came to know the Lord through salvation!

Think for a moment of the families and children that lost all of their belongings along with their new Christmas gifts they received just days before, asking us to search for anything we could find. In our search we found all kinds of jewelry, wedding bands, diamond rings, coins, pictures, wallets, gold bars, gold coins, and legal documents. One mother asked us to try to find her baby's urn, which was the size of a salt shaker. That was all the mother wanted and it was a true blessing to see her response when she came to our mobile command unit to receive it! The team had searched for hours, but they did not give up and after stopping work to pray specifically for this urn, they found it just moments later! Many people along with our volunteers were blessed and we still keep in contact with many of those we assisted.

In August, we sent a team of six volunteers to assist in St. Louis, MO with clean-up efforts from their recent flooding. We were able to complete seven basements in five days. This was a messy and hard job, but our dedicated volunteers completed the work!

We always need to be prepared to deploy when a disaster comes, so we need to keep our vehicles, trailers and equipment ready to roll at a moment's notice. We have been able to sell some of our vehicles that were 20 to 36 years old and replace them with new ones. Over the years these vehicles have served us well, but the time came that we needed to replace them due to our work loads and safety while traveling throughout Colorado Mountains and out of state.

CBDR is looking for more volunteers to be a part of this great ministry. Contact me or the CBGC office to find out more about how to be a part of Bringing: Help, Hope and Healing!

I want to thank our churches and members for your prayers and financial support. This is your ministry and I would like for you to consider being a vital part of this. If you would like a speaker to come to your church for a Sunday service, mission emphasis or just allow us to set up a display I would love to help you with this. As I have said in the past, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is one of the best kept secrets in our conventions! Let's get the word out and let our members be a part of Bringing: Help, Hope and Healing to those in need!



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Local Churches

Churches receive tithes and offerings from church members and commit a percentage of undesignated receipts for missions and ministries beyond the church walls.



State Missions and Ministries

Messengers from local congregations vote to retain a specific percentage for state missions and ministries and forward the balance to the SBC. State missions and ministries can include evangelism, church planting, children's homes, Christian higher education, compassion ministries, disaster relief, church health, age group ministries, and missions education.



Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries

The SBC compiles the gifts forwarded from state conventions for missions and ministries across the United States and around the world. Southern Baptist missions and ministries include North American and international missions, theological education, ethics and religious liberty, and general operating expenses.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

— MATTHEW 28:19

WILL YOU PRAY FOR OUR ONGOING WORK ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES?



Christian Challenge is the Southern Baptist representation of campus ministries throughout Colorado. We exist to form communities on campus for students to explore the Christian faith, grow in their walk with Jesus, and learn to engage in the mission of reaching the nations with the gospel.

The fall semester is a critical time in the life of college students, particularly Freshmen. Our ministries work hard to establish relationships with students, so that we can become a part of their regular routine in college. Pray for our efforts in reaching students this semester, both Christians and non-believers.

Christian Challenge currently has a presence on the following campuses, but our prayer is to raise up staff on every college campus in Colorado.

Adams State University

Air Force Academy

Colorado College

Colorado Mesa University

Colorado School of Mines

**Colorado State University
Fort Collins**

Fort Lewis College

**Front Range Community
College Larimer Campus**

Trinidad State College

University of Colorado Boulder

**University of Colorado
Colorado Springs**

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