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Nestled between holding fast to salvation provided through Jesus (Hebrews 10:23) and not neglecting meeting together as a body of believers (Hebrews 10:25) is an easy-to-miss admonition.

Hebrews 10:24 instructs us to intentionally and carefully encourage—incite, motivate, urge, inspire—other believers to do good works. The writer specified good works instead of something more spiritual sounding like good preaching or holding good Bible study classes.

Good works are the fruit of a life abiding in Christ. They are the vehicle opening doors for Gospel conversations. They are the catalyst for the previously anti-Jesus person to

hear of God's love. Good works can show Jesus's character to a suspicious world.

Colorado Baptists are doing good works all over our state. Some use art to reach a niche in the community. Others minister to disaster victims. Some attend seminary so they can teach God's Word accurately. Church plants invest in their communities by doing good for them. Volunteers use construction and other skills to support Colorado churches and Ponderosa.

Together we change the lostness of Colorado. We pray. We give. We do good in our communities. We engage them with the Gospel.

DAY 1 CREATIVE OUTREACH

"I think anytime people see God's kingdom flourishing through His believers, through His church, anytime they see an authentic and true representation of people living as image-bearers, they are attracted to that..." said Vicki Tucker, one of the artists who took part in the Good Friday Original Art Contemplative service at Heart of Junction, Grand Junction.

The contemplative service focused on Psalm 22 and questions Jesus asked leading up to His death and resurrection. The congregation's artists chose their medium and question to represent. They used clay, paint, wood, and photography to reflect God's creation back to Him in worship.

Working on her clay piece in a community space called The Art Center opened doors for Gospel conversations. Vicki produced a perfect vase then purposefully marred it. It still functioned. Fellow artists asked her spiritual questions. She told them even though our lives are wrought with pain, destruction, and trauma, we are not disqualified from being used by God.

Non-believers attending the service were inspired to be more introspective and thoughtful; they experienced art and were pointed to the Creator.

Creative God, challenge us to spur creatives in our lives to follow You. Cause us to open spaces for them.

DAY 2 GATEWAY SEMINARY FORT COLLINS TEACHING SITE

Seminary wasn't on Brent Jones' to-do list. Then, he said, "Every moment, every place I went, God opened a ministry door I didn't ask to be opened; I didn't expect to be opened," including moves to Fort Collins and Resonate Church and a ministry teaching college men. "...I decided I should walk through [the doors] instead of just look at them."

He approached the idea of seminary with Resonate's pastor Matthew Williams. Williams walked him through the benefits of Gateway Seminary. The Fort Collins teaching site made it easy for Jones to experience seminary, along with other lay people from Resonate and surrounding area. After auditing a class Brent officially enrolled. Now he is taking three Gateway classes.

Seminary is helping Jones explore depths of Scripture and apply it immediately to his life and his ministry as a lay person. "Seminary is made for everyone...it is designed to help you grow in your faith."

Gateway's goal of preparing workers in the West to minister in the West isn't the whole story. Jones said, "It feels like they're preparing people in the Mountain West to evangelize everywhere."

Jesus, urge our churches to invest in seminary education for themselves and future workers.

DAY 3

VOLUNTEER BUILDERS

David Hurst, a layman at Garden Ranch Baptist Church (Colorado Springs), wondered if he would ever go on a mission trip. It seemed the opportunities were medical, but he is in construction. Then God allowed him to work on a church building in Anchorage in 1991. Hurst has been hooked since.

Hurst now invests in Colorado churches through Volunteer Church Builders. The construction work is done on churches and parsonages but opportunities for Gospel conversations abound.

Hurst once overheard a conversation between a team member and an employee “volunteered” by his boss to help roof the church in Yuma. The non-believer couldn’t believe the team wasn’t paid.

The volunteer responded, “We do it for the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The young worker said God wouldn’t want someone like him. The volunteer responded, “If you recognize God, and you believe in Him...”

“But I have all these marks [tattoos]. It’s hard to think God doesn’t look at that.” The volunteer builder affirmed God’s love and shared the Gospel.

Hurst said, “I don’t know where that young man is today, but I know we planted a seed.”

God, motivate us to do good toward believers and trust You to provide effective Gospel conversations.

DAY 4

RESORT MINISTRIES

Loren Hill arrived at Copper Mountain unsure of what to expect. The Floridian had become a truck driver a year before the 25-26 ski season. On his drives through the Colorado mountains, he was drawn to the beauty surrounding him.

He took a seasonal job at Copper Mountain. Operating heavy equipment in cold and snow was outside of Loren’s experience, but he was ready for the change. He was also ready for a spiritual change. He and his girlfriend walked into Copper Mountain Community Church (CMCC) looking for belonging. They found that and more. Loren said, “It was nothing but authentic love at the end of the day.”

CMCC and Skiers and Snowboarders for Christ, an organization led by pastor Josh Stock provided the setting

in which Loren’s relationship with Jesus could grow. His baptism near the end of the season was a determined declaration of faith and promise to live as a believer.

“For a lot of my life, I was searching for my identity. Right now, it’s like I’m finding more and more of my identity in Christ, and not in anything else,” Loren said.

Jesus, cause us to love those who need belonging as You do.

DAY 5

PONDEROSA

Carolyn and Jon Morgan began their yearly volunteer trips to Ponderosa in 2008. They joined other families from Bartlesville (Oklahoma) Southern Baptist Church at the end of camp season to do general maintenance. The church has sent volunteers to Ponderosa since 1987.

In 2020, Ponderosa had a shortened camp season. The Morgans volunteered for the summer, and they have continued spending their summers at Ponderosa providing essential maintenance and support services.

The couple work at the camp store, act as Ponderistas at the coffee shop, and organize materials for the camps. Jon leads a service time in which Summit campers enthusiastically help with cleanup and fire mitigation.

The Morgans aren’t alone, “We have this little RV area,” Jon said, where several couples stay while using their skills to support the ministry of Ponderosa. “They’re people from all over that come and get connected, and then we have our little community that supports the greater community here.”

Carolyn understands the spiritual significance of volunteering, “Our prayer [is] that our service behind the scenes supports the staff, supports the camp as a whole, and encourages ...and to see their lives changed.”

Father, teach us to do good for those serving at Ponderosa.

DAY 6

DISASTER RELIEF

Debbie and Clyde Dean (Cornerstone Baptist Church, Windsor) expect the Colorado Baptist Disaster Relief deployment to the Aspen Acres Fire to be a long one. It won’t be their first experience bringing help and hope to fire victims. They spent many weekends helping during the Marshall Fire cleanup in 2022 and flooding in 2013.

"You can't even imagine the devastation," Debbie said. The crew the Deans served on worked diligently their first day on the Marshall Fire. It wasn't until they passed the barricades to leave Debbie cried, overwhelmed by the need.

"Everything is gone for them," she said, but their normal-life expenses continue. Mortgages, car payments, and insurance bills don't wait for the disaster to be settled.

Trained DR volunteers, such as the Deans, bring God's hope each time they sift ash to find precious belongings, serve a meal, carry mud from a basement, or take out dangerous trees. Each act of kindness opens doors to meeting spiritual needs of those who are experiencing destruction. The Gospel is the ultimate reason for DR ministry, and the compassionate service of each volunteer opens the doors.

God, call our churches to act with compassionate service toward those experiencing flood and fire.

DAY 7

SEND RELIEF/JESUS ON COLFAX

Kayla Horne has invested her adult life in making a difference in the community around her. She and husband Matt felt called to missions in college. They served in Uganda for a couple of years and desired to take the Gospel to communities here in the same organic way.

When they discovered ministry on East Colfax, a notorious stretch of the former highway to the Rockies, Kayla felt at home. She is the executive director of Jesus on Colfax. In January 2025, Jesus on Colfax formally partnered with Send Relief to serve as the Denver Ministry Center.

The Ministry Center focuses on people experiencing homelessness, extreme poverty, addiction, and sex trafficking. It serves as a ministry introduction for missions teams from across the country.

The Gospel's hope is the heart of what the center offers.

Colorado Baptists are invited to "do good" alongside Jesus on Colfax and the Send Relief Ministry Center. They serve meals four days and one night a week. They minister to those living on the street and those in motels. Late night outreach for women who experience trafficking is another life-changing ministry.

Jesus, cause us to act on behalf of people in need in our communities.

DAY 8

CHURCH PLANTING

Harvest Ridge Church celebrated Christmas Eve 2025 with their launch service, but it wasn't the beginning of what God is doing in Wheatridge. Church planter Mac Matthews recalls the launch as a time, "[We] met a bunch of unbelieving people in our city and have continued to build relationships with many of them."

The church has worked toward the good Wheatridge since before their launch. They built partnerships with organizations impacting the vulnerable. It's paid dividends. During Harvest Ridge's Serve Day in June, 60 people spread across the city working with other organizations, including the city. One team cleaned a neglected area for the city. Another packed hygiene bags for a prison ministry to use with people transitioning to a life outside prison. Still others helped those working with people experiencing relational and material needs.

Sharing the Gospel comes naturally when the church does good for the sake of the community. A volunteer coordinator for Wheatridge, like many others, has noticed what the church is doing. God is using the church's genuinely expressed care to cause her to ask questions that will be answered with Jesus.

Jesus, cause us to work toward the good of our communities in tangible ways.

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