

Woodside

BAPTIST CHURCH

Denver, Colorado

Pastor's Corner



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Weekly Service and Meeting Times

Sunday

Morning Service	9:30 am
Sunday School	11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice	4:30 pm
Elementary Quizzing	4:30 pm
Teen Quizzing	5:00 pm
Men's Prayer	5:30 pm
Evening Service	6:00 pm

Tuesday

Inside Woodside

Pastor Scott's Thoughts Brethren, Pray for us!

Thanks for praying for us! **It is an awesome thing to know that there was a prayer cover while preaching last week at Northland International University.** As the time progressed we could sense God opening hearts. By Friday morning it was obvious that God had spoken to hearts and that lives were impacted. This past Sunday I realized in a very special way why God worked in such a marvelous way. Prayer! People were praying for us! Different ones came to me and said, "Pastor, we were praying for you!" Thank you sooo much for your prayers.



I am reminded of what Paul told the Thessalonians in 2 Thessalonians 3:1 *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.* It is interesting to me how Paul specifies how the people are to pray for him.

That the word of the Lord may have free course: That God's Word might spread rapidly, run, go forward. The verb used for free course literally pictures the Word of the Lord as running a race. **Paul is praying that there might be nothing in his ministry that would prevent the rapid spreading and racing of the word of God.** Nothing might hinder it. It might run its full course as God intends. His desire is that the Word of God that is preached might have a domino effect on lives. It would run and run and run rapidly. Free course!

...and be glorified: It might be acknowledged as being of God. It might be made to look good. It might give a good opinion of God. It might be put on display. It might be received with honor. What a blessed thing it is to see God's Word have free course and be glorified. **Let's continue to pray that in the ministries at Woodside God's Word might have free course and be glorified.**

Briefly, let me encourage you to pray for the upcoming Missions Conference! We are excited about it. Dr. Jim Rice from Gateway Baptist Church in Loveland, Colorado, will be our key note speaker. The Missions conference will begin Sunday, October 18th. It will reach its climax on Sunday evening, October 25th. Plan to attend all the sessions. Every night from Sunday through Thursday we will have meetings. Let's be sure to pray about our part in Faith Promise Missions.

Music Ministry

In our last article, we began a short series on how to



Visitation 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Mid-Week Service 7:00 pm

Friday

Bible Quiz Team 9-11 pm

Saturday

Men's Prayer 7:00 pm

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Quote

Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons; but they are helpless against our prayers.
--J. Sidlow Baxter

Upcoming Church Activities & Events

October

2nd

Senior High Ladies Activity

3rd

Men's Prayer Breakfast 7am

4th

Free Meal at Noodles Ladies Night Out

18th - 25th

Missions Conference

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday 7am



This Saturday is not only men's prayer

evaluate music biblically. You may recall as a matter of review, that **music, particularly Christian music, is not one-dimensional.** Some songs with biblical words may be couched in sensual music. Some songs with lovely, attractive music may carry heretical texts. Some sound texts with appropriate music may be performed by questionable musicians, while trusted musicians may present unbiblical songs. The answer to this confusion is to firmly establish the large underlying biblical principles. Once these are in place the smaller, particular questions seem to answer themselves.

The first of three questions we asked about music was **"Is Its Character Pure?"**

The second large piece of the puzzle involves not the songs themselves but the associations of the songs. Some sound texts with appropriate music may be performed by questionable musicians,* while trusted musicians may present unbiblical songs.

The second question we might ask ourselves in evaluating music should be **"Do Its Associations Conflict or Confuse?"**

After Dr. Dan Sweatt, a nationally-recognized speaker on music, finished his message on music in Miami, one of the laymen in that church gave a perfect illustration of this concept. He came and said, "Suppose I am having a dinner party at my home. I go to the local plumbing supply store and buy a brand new commode - never been used. I scrub it, disinfect it, and then fill it with punch for my guests. I doubt that there would be much enthusiasm for the drink." **The problem is one does not expect to find Evian ® Pure Spring Water in a toilet.**

Neither can one divorce music from its origins. The word profane is defined by Webster as "not concerned with religion, secular, not hallowed, irreverent, showing disregard or contempt for spiritual things." From the same root comes our word profanity.

Ezekiel the prophet was sent to Israel at a time when she was totally assimilated into heathen culture, much like many Christians of today. **The people had adopted heathen values and lifestyles, and were by all outward appearances no different than those around them.** God points out how His people became swallowed up by the society in which they lived. *"Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned my holy things"* said the prophet Ezekiel. *"They have put no difference between the holy and the profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean"* (Ezekiel 22:26).

When spiritual leadership, whether it be deacons & pastors in the local church, or presidents & professors in Bible college or seminary **do not clearly draw the distinction between the profane and the holy, and teach the people to avoid the profane and to embrace the holy, soon the people lose the ability to tell the difference between the two in a heathen culture.** Rather than absolutes, in a culture completely saturated with evil, the difference between good and bad becomes a matter of degree. It is easy in such a setting to embrace the "less profane." When the "less profane" is embraced in a religious environment such as corporate worship, it is easily mistaken for the holy.

Modern rock of various sorts and degrees in its origins and its normal uses obviously matches the definition of profane. **When it is brought into our churches and called holy by sincere people, then that which is actually profane is seen as appropriate. Once that line is crossed, other attendant evils must also be evaluated in a different light also.** On and on it goes until discernment is impossible.

There is a bigger picture linked to this second question which I hope to deal with next time, that being, "Will its associations confuse or offend?" Many discount this, but I do not. May the Lord give us not merely discernment, but charity enough "lest I make my brother to offend".

* What is meant by 'questionable musicians' is musicians who play conservative music in some churches and CCM in others.

Unplugged to get Plugged In

These past two weeks have been a whirlwind. My family and I left Monday the 14th to spend four days with Janae's family in Michigan. We drove through the



meeting but also a breakfast - a terrific way to start your Saturday early and enjoy a great meal prepared by Julia Meeker and Sandi Garcia. This Saturday marks the return of Pastor Scott in leading us in prayer, in song, and in fellowship.

Music Ministry Rehearsal Times



Adult Choir
Sun 4:30-5:45

Ensembles
Wed 8:30p-9:30p



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night, and arrived at their place around 6 o'clock Tuesday evening. We had a precious time with the Cricks. They cherish the time that they are able to spend with Janae, Anna, and me (mostly Anna). They were in the process of moving into a new house that is on the beach of Lake Superior. The view is awesome!

As a part of their move, they didn't have Internet or television hooked up yet. To make matters worse, the house is out of cell phone range! At first I thought, "**What in the world am I going to do all week?!**" I was **unplugged from society...** how would I check my e-mail or voicemail?... Keep up with my FaceBook... Keep up with the news... My fantasy football teams...

After a day of going stir-crazy, I started to actually enjoy the time of being unplugged. In fact, I started to appreciate the lack of technology. **Janae, Anna, the Cricks, and I were actually doing things together; we were actually conversing with each other and enjoying each other's company. Not only was our time together sweet, but my time with God was focused and precious.** As the week came to an end, I began to think to myself, "Wow, imagine what would happen if every family was forced to 'unplug' for a week!" That made me think even further of just how much stock we put into our cell phones, our TV's, and our computers.

Sadly, America and Christianity are losing their families. **I was challenged to make it a point to put my family and God's Word as a much higher priority than the technology that is stealing away their time.** My challenge to Woodside would be to realize just how much the computer, TV, and cell phones are stealing away your time with God and each other. Make it a point to make the right priorities with your technologies. **(I can't believe I'm writing this in an e-mail update!)**

AWANA

AWANA (AWANA workers are not ashamed) enters its third week and already several things are apparent:

- There are **fewer young people attending than last year**
- **We have more leaders and workers than last year**
- **We are more organized** in proceeding through the AWANA evening - from opening minutes and allegiances (to American and the AWANA flags and the Bible), to listening/reciting Scripture time, to arts and crafts time, to game time, and finally to counsel time.



With fewer children, **we are experiencing the opportunity to not only recite but to study God's Word and how it applies to their lives.** This is possible because of having more leaders and workers which enhances the reality of closer, smaller groups and one-on-one contact.

Overall, I think that the AWANA program reflects willingness by all to work together and to please the Lord in everything done throughout the evening.

- Clay Schreiber, School Administrator

Rocky Mountain Biblical Counseling Center

Founded in 2004, **Rocky Mountain Biblical Counseling Center (RMBCC) partners with local churches across the Front Range and assists them in the mandate to evangelize and disciple their members.** This counseling ministry works with people who have complex needs and questions, and need specialized, individual help. In addition to teaching Sunday school, helping in AWANA and raising four boys, **Matt Von is on staff at RMBCC.**

Matt Von describes his role as a counselor this way: **"If the people of God are sheep and the pastor is the shepherd, then I am the veterinarian."** He continues that, "The majority of our clients come from referrals by friends who have been counseled, and by pastors who see a greater need for help in their people."

Since he holds two Master's Degrees (Biblical Counseling and Biblical Theology), and several certificates in areas such as Marriage and Family, Mr.



The Woodside bookstore book sale will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, the 11th of October, according to Clay Schreiber.

Over the last couple of years WBC has accrued a number of books which have never made it to the shelves of the bookstore. They may have been additional copies ordered because the price or material was good. They might have been warped or rippled during shipping or subsequent storage, or they may simply have been popular and requested but have not sold.

There will be some fiction, many volumes of Christian Living material, some study resources, various children's books, and even some music.

The bookstore has always attempted to provide reasonable pricing but for this sale only, additional discounts will be given in order to make the material as affordable to all as possible.

"Books and music just sitting around do no one profit!" Mr. Schreiber said.

Von could be tempted to rely on his own insights as he listens to and advises clients. However, he says that he relies on Scripture for identifying true underlying issues and for the answers to those issues. **"According to 2 Peter 1, God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Christ. Our goal is to walk with people through their struggles and help them know and find Christ."** He explains that, "The philosophy that drives the counseling center is that the Christian Faith has a psychology (the science of mind and behavior) and every psychology has its own faith system. "

If that statement sounds a bit too academic for you, know that the mission of RMBCC is to glorify God by connecting and conforming individuals to Christ through the Word of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the ministries of the local church.

Although RMBCC has a suggested counseling fee, it operates with a "whatever you can afford" policy. The staff do not believe money should ever be a hindrance to someone getting Biblical help.

Matt Von's main office is at 3199 S Wadsworth Blvd in Lakewood. If that drive is not convenient, he also counsels at Faith Baptist Church in Longmont (Tuesdays), here at Woodside (Wednesdays), at Tri-City Baptist Church in Westminster (Thursdays), and is downtown Denver at Providence Bible Church on Fridays. **He can be contacted by phone at (720) 329-8819.**



Missions Conference October 18 - 25

Join Keynote Speakers and Missionaries

Dr. Craig Scott

Pastor Jim Rice

B.J. Schultz - Tanzania

Matt Von - Colorado

