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RMMN CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God



Beginning January 2020 EVERY church in our Network, no matter how large or small, will have free access to bundled online courses that normally cost over \$2,000. See page 12 for information on our partnership with The Unstuck Group!

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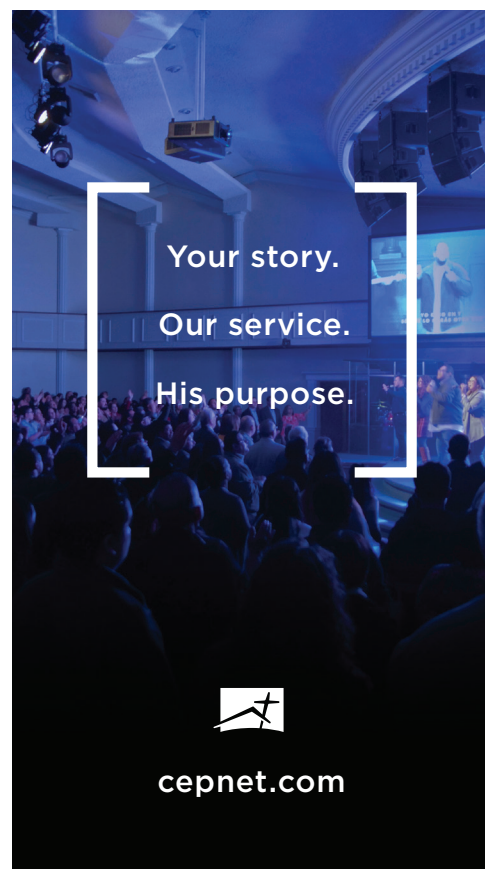
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MINISTRY NETWORK CALENDAR

Sept 2 Labor Day - RMMN office closed
Sept 11 Presbytery Zoom Mtg
Sept 14 DSOM
Sept 15-Oct 4 Roncone's Utah Tour
Sept 26-28 Colorado Children's Pastors/Workers Retreat
Sept 30 GM Charters Due

Oct 4-5 Utah Children's Pastors/Workers Retreat
Oct 12 DSOM
Oct 12 JBQ Meet
Oct 18-20 Ladies Retreat/LOFT, Breckenridge, CO
Oct 23 Presbytery Zoom Mtg




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11 THINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. NETWORK EXPANDS COMMUNITY PODCAST



Superintendent Roncone expands the East Slope Community Podcast to the entire RMM Network. Each week the COMMUNITY PODCAST will feature the amazing people behind the churches and ministries of the RMMN.

Like you, they're making a difference each and every week in their corner of the Kingdom. Busyness, geography and isolation have hindered you from being enriched by their lives. But that's about to change! Learn their names, hopes and passions. Find out what makes them cry, laugh and dream. Discover what you have in common and that you're part of something so much bigger and grander than yourself.

But there's only one way to receive THE COMMUNITY PODCAST. It will be distributed by a text sent out each week to your cell phone with a link to the audio file. That means you can listen to it anywhere and anytime that's convenient for you. To subscribe to the podcast text the letters "RMDC" to 74574.

So why a closed podcast? Why not Facebook live, video cast or even an open podcast on itunes or another syndication



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platform? There are a lot of advantages to a closed podcast that can serve us.

1. An audio podcast allows you to be mobile. You don't have to be watching it on a screen or sitting in front of your desktop, laptop or phone to enjoy it.
2. An audio podcast allows you to multitask. That means you can listen to it while you're driving, walking, exercising or waiting in a hospital.
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11 THINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

2. COLLABORATION IN SOUTHEAST COLORADO

RMMN'S Linda Scholtz is a rodeo chaplain who is transitioning her rodeo ministry from a traveling ministry to hosting events. But she is not doing it alone. Pastor Daryl Johnson and an enthusiastic team from West Assembly in Southeast Colorado helped her accomplish an "extreme makeover". The horse arena, bucking shoots, pens and RV spaces were complete in a prior trip and events were already being hosted. However, there was not a facility to cook and feed staff and participants. The team made a "bunk house" so Linda would no longer have to host everyone in her home. The team purchased a shipping container, poured foundation pads for it, and then proceeded to create a bunk house that has a fully equipped kitchen, restroom with shower, and a multi-purpose area for either eating, fellowship, or sleeping. There will also be an outdoor patio and awning when completed. This will facilitate any of the events hosted at 'The Scholtz Arena'. As of now, they are about 85% completed, and are whittling away at the remainder. Linda also hosts the gals from Sarah's Home each month so this will be a gathering place for them as well.

BRAVO to these two ministries that collaborated together to better reach and minister in the RMMN! If you would like to join in and help Linda, you can reach her at lindascholtz@usmissions.org



3. KIDS MAKE CARDS FOR RMMN WIDOW!

In June, Rev. Glenn Rumley passed away. His wife and now widow, JoAnn, lives in an assisted living facility at 1901 Ptarmigan Trail, #110, Estes Park, CO 80517. A few of our Network children's pastors (Bryan Herman of Venture Church in Lochbuie and Rachel Pilcher of Victory Life in Grand Junction) had their kid's ministry make, color and send notes of encouragement. The picture below is from Venture Church in Lochbuie. I don't know that I have seen a more powerful expression of what it means to be a Network! Thank you, Bryan and Rachel, as well as your Lead Pastors, TJ Roberts and Josh Cook, for modeling a geographically boundary-less COMMUNITY!



4. WELCOME MARK & SKEETER JONES

Let's welcome Mark and Skeeter Jones to the RMMN family. They are part of an amazing story in our Network. Community Bible Fellowship in Nucla, Colorado was forced to close for two years due to two industry departures in their town. During that time, the church continued to meet as a fellowship at Sister Jones' house. However, nearly five years ago Tommy and Carma Grimes visited the empty and locked up building and felt the Holy Spirit leading them to reopen the work. Under their leadership and with the help of the RMMN, Community Bible Fellowship was rebirthed as a community cowboy church. Pastor Tommy and Carma have put in a tremendous amount of work into the parsonage and the church to revitalize the facilities, making it a welcoming sight in Nucla. The church has welcomed several new people into fellowship and is continuing to minister to the community in an effective way. Tommy and Carma also began to slowly mentor Mark and Skeeter Jones to take this work as they prepared to retire in Texas. Mark is very involved in the community and has a ministry background. God called Mark and Skeeter to reengage and they were unanimously nominated by the church to be the next pastors, and then unanimously confirmed by the District Presbytery. On June 16th Rhonda and I had the honor of officially installing them as the new Lead Pastors of Community Bible Fellowship. Let's give them a warm welcome to our community.



5. A LONG SHADOW



dedication helped revive a church that had closed for two years.

The Assembly of God church in Nucla, Colorado was closed for approximately 2 years. During that time the church continued to meet at Sister Jones' house in the trailer park. God gave Pastor Tommy and Carma Grimes a desire to see this once fruitful work come back to life. Under their leadership, the help of the RMMN and the prayers and dedication of "Grandma Jones", Community Bible Fellowship was rebirthed as a community cowboy church. "The church has since welcomed several new people into fellowship and is continuing to minister to the community in an effective way," said Executive Presbyter Chris Peterson.

Everyone calls her Grandma. At 4'10", she's the tiniest 94 yr-old woman you'll ever meet. But don't underestimate her! Lucille Jones has a long shadow. Her prayers and

Lucille May Jones, aka "Grandma Jones", raised her 13 children (8 boys and 5 girls) to love the Lord. "Her faithfulness is demonstrated by the children becoming ministers, deacons and supporters of their local church," said Charles Hefton.

"The impact my Mom has had on all of her children, in-laws, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren is beyond words. If anyone needs prayer, they call her first. There are missionaries all over the world who know that she prays for them and has for years. When Jesus takes her home, the thing that I will miss most is knowing my mother is praying," said her daughter, Barbara Jackson.

"When I visited the church to install Mark and Skeeter Jones as the new pastors, she was the first person to greet me. The church has a history notebook they keep at the sound booth. I was leafing through it and accidentally skipped over a page. Lucille reached her little hand up and turned it back saying, 'Oops! You missed a page!' She wanted me to see every bit of the history. Meeting her is an unforgettable experience," said Superintendent Roncone.

11 THINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

6. SUPERINTENDENT RONCONE APPOINTS NEW MINISTRY ENRICHMENT TEAM

In keeping with his priority of “ministers first”, Superintendent Roncone announced his recent appointment of a new Ministry Enrichment Team to better support our RMMN ministers and their families. The Ministerial Enrichment Team will consist of four ministry couples who have been charged with the following three responsibilities.

- **Resource.** Recommend one practical resource bi-monthly concerning the five areas of personal spirituality, family life, physical health, leadership development and emotional health. These resources will then be shared through the Network’s Facebook page, podcast and Connection newsletter.
- **Interact.** Each team will reach out to colleagues in their region to get feedback and ideas on how the Network can best meet their ministry enrichment needs.
- **Recommend.** To assist the District Superintendent in determining break-out topics and potential training seminars for Network events and councils.

The team will consist of a ministry couple from each of the following areas.

- Team Lead: George and Linda Stahnke from Focus on the Family and Renewal Ministries.
- East Slope: Steve and Bonnie Chavez from Pueblo Praise in Pueblo, Colorado.
- West Slope: Josh and Sara Jane Cook from Victory Life Church in Grand Junction, CO.
- Utah: Matt and Leah Miller from Elevation Church in Layton, Utah.

“Each of these couples are outstanding people leading healthy and balanced ministries. They are gifted, relational and committed to helping me better resource our Network. Their churches have generously volunteered to help finance their meetings and share their talents with the Network. It’s a win/win for everyone. Healthy leaders inevitably produce healthy churches. That is why I am committed to resourcing ALL our ministers in the most important areas of ministry enrichment. Whether you’re a lead pastor, associate, children’s pastor, bi-vocational leader, rural, suburban or urban, help is on the way”, said Superintendent Gene Roncone.



7. LET’S GIVE BACK TO CEDAREEDGE

Nearly every church in our Network has been blessed in some way, shape or form by Camp Cedaredge. Why not join us in giving back? We are excited to be preparing for our next Camp Cedaredge Work Week—a week where we invest our time in making improvements on the grounds and to the facilities! We’d love for your church to be represented with a few or a lot of people!

It’s taking place September 11-18, 2019 and you and/or your people can come for one, two or any number of days. There is no cost as Camp Cedaredge will gladly house and take care of all meals on campus for any workers who come.

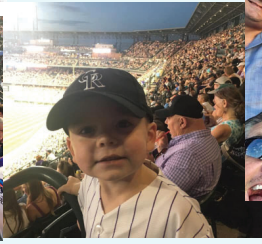
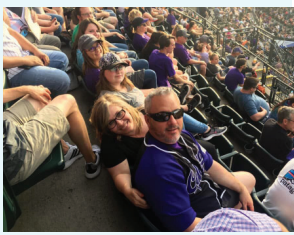
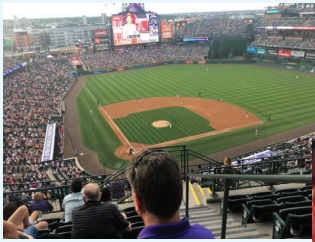
There are numerous projects to help with; so workers of all skill levels can help where they are most comfortable. Camp Cedaredge Director Glenn Jones will be coordinating all the work

and teams on-site and is glad to place people in their best possible spot to work and make a difference. No experience? No problem. There’s a place for everyone.



We would love to see your church involved! We will be there, and we’d love to see your church there! Please announce, post and promote this opportunity!

If you or someone from your church is interested in joining us to invest their time in the 2019 Work Week, please contact Keenan Roberts at 303.717.4808 or via email at pastorkeenaroberts@gmail.com



8. MINISTERS FAMILY NIGHT

On Friday, July 12, the RMMN sponsored a fun family night at the Rockies game! Not only did the Rockies win, but spending time together with our ministers and their families was a win, too! Keenan Roberts organized the fun event and reserved 100 seats for our group. Lots of conversations, laughs, cotton candy and hot dogs!!!! Couldn't ask for a better evening than watching a good baseball game with wonderful friends and family. Thank you, Pastor Keenan Roberts, for coordinating this wonderful event!

9. PRESBYTERS ESCAPE!



How many presbyters and their spouses does it take to escape an "escape room"? Well, we thought we would try it out! At our last presbytery meeting, spouses included, we split up into 4 groups and took on the challenge of 4 different escape rooms. Although the rooms were a challenge in and of themselves, trying to keep so many ministers focused on the task at hand was a challenge of its own. Let's just say we weren't lacking for leadership in any of our rooms! 😊 What

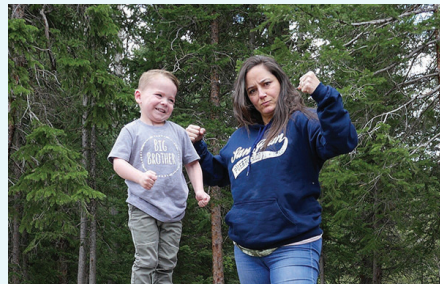
a fun evening we had laughing, working together and building relationships. Although only one group was able to escape, everyone had a blast trying. Isn't that what it is all about anyway...laughing & working together and building strong relationships? Sure love our Presbytery and their spouses!!!



11 THINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT (continued)

10. 2nd ANNUAL EAST SLOPE CAMPING TRIP

The 2019 East Slope camping trip was pretty amazing! Over 22 East Slopers and their families participated throughout the 11-day campout totally off-grid in the Mount Evans Wilderness area. The first three days started out cold and then the best of Colorado's beauty broke out and created an amazing atmosphere for fellowship, hiking, cutting and splitting wood, huge bonfires, laughter and community building. The trip ended around the bonfire with each person stating one miracle they hoped to experience by next year's trip.



11. JOIN GENE & RHONDA IN AN EXCITING JOURNEY

Something deep in our hearts has been growing. Rhonda and I have been asking God for something special. During an extensive study of the Kings of Judah three years ago, I noticed that Judah's most successful Kings could be divided into the two categories of organizational success and spiritual transformation.

There were some who brought institutional success like Solomon, Hezekiah, Jotham, Jehoshaphat and others. Their accomplishments were physical, numerical and structural advancements that were quantifiable. However, their success and impact seemed to be limited to the capital city of Jerusalem and the nation's inner-circle.

But then there were those who brought spiritual success that resulted in a spiritual reawakening. These were leaders like David, Jehoshaphat, Josiah, Ezra and others who sent teachers and scribes to the outer parts of the Kingdom. Their impact was more of a spiritual nature with a ripple effect reaching far beyond Jerusalem.

The most influential and transformational leaders were those who found a way to influence the spiritual fabric of the nation. In nearly every case, the impetus of these national awakenings began with a renewed emphasis upon the Word of God or as they would have called it, the Book of the Law. RHONDA AND I ARE LOOKING FOR OTHERS WHO WANT TO BE THOSE KINDS OF LEADERS! That is why we are inviting as many who are willing to join us on a 14-month journey called, THE POWER OF 3.

The Power of 3 will start on January 1, 2020 reading through the same daily Bible reading plan (three chapters a day). As a group, participants will covenant together to...

- Collaborate: Share a common daily Bible reading plan so we are all reading the same passages each day.
- Read: Read 3 chapters of God's Word each day in a cover to cover approach.
- Listen: Underline verses that speak to your spirit from each day's reading.
- Claim: Pick one of the verses you underlined as your "verse for the day." You will then meditate and pray on that verse throughout the day.
- Apply: Post a short devotional thought to our RMMN Facebook group PO3 discussion thread on how that verse spoke to you about your personal life, family or ministry.

We have nearly 1,200 ministers and spouses in our Network. Think of what could happen in our churches, towns and cities if God's Word ignited a spiritual fire that spread to the uttermost corners of our Network!

It is important to us that you understand this is a voluntary and "guilt free" invitation. We do not want anyone to feel relational pressure to participate just because we are asking. Nor do we want you to abandon a Bible reading plan you are already finding effective. However, if you are looking for an interactive plan that integrates community, intentionality and accountability with ministry friends and peers, we would love to have you join us. If you would like to join Rhonda and I on this journey, let us know by sending an email to gene@rmdc.org.

POWER OF 3

COLLABORATING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP LIFE-GIVING HABITS

JOIN THE JOURNEY | JANUARY 1, 2020

COLLABORATE: Share a common daily Bible reading plan.	READ: Read 3 chapters of God's Word each day.	LISTEN: Underline verses that speak to your spirit.	CLAIM: Pick one verse as your "verse for the day."	APPLY: Post a devotional thought to our RMMN Facebook group on how that verse spoke to you.
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JOIN GENE & RHONDA BY EMAILING: [GENE@RMDC.ORG](mailto:gene@rmdc.org)



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Amended Referred Withdrawn Adopted Lost

Constitutional Amendments:

- Resolution 1 - Honorary General Presbyters
- Resolution 2. District Council Affiliated Assemblies



Bylaws Amendments:

- Resolution 3. Organizational Assistance Language
- Resolution 4. The Role of the District
- Resolution 5. Committee for Spiritual Life and Discipleship
- Resolution 6. Salary Duties of the General Presbytery
- Resolution 7. Voting Constituency of District Councils (substitute)
- Resolution 12. Assemblies of God World Missions Operational Support
- Resolution 13. Child Safety
- Resolution 14. Commission on Doctrinal Purity Name Change
- Resolution 15. Divorce Due to Domestic Violence
- Resolution 16. Role of the Assistant General Superintendent Redefined as Nonresident Executive Officer
- Resolution 17. Selection of the Assistant General Superintendent



Honorary General Presbyter:

- Resolution 8. Honorary General Presbyter - J. Kenneth Burtram
- Resolution 9. Honorary General Presbyter - James T. Bradford
- Resolution 10. Honorary General Presbyter - Jonathan M. Hollis
- Resolution 11. Honorary General Presbyter - Johnny E. Jones
- Resolution 18. Honorary General Presbyter - Dan C. Betzer
- Resolution 19. Honorary General Presbyter - L. Alton Garrison
- Resolution 20. Honorary General Presbyter - Nam Soo Kim
- Resolution 21. Honorary General Presbyter—Kenneth W. Owen Sr.



Other Resolution:

- Resolution 22. Courtesy Resolution





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SHAWN REINE APPOINTED RMMN CHURCH MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Superintendent Roncone announced that the District Presbytery has appointed Shawn Reine to serve as the new Church Ministries Director. "Our Network is blessed with some pretty amazing and talented people. I am extremely excited to see Shawn and Amy join the Network team. This new restructuring and team approach, along with our new video and audio studios, will help us leap over geographic barriers and provide more resource awareness and networking to our churches and ministers than we ever have before," said Superintendent Roncone.

From April 25 through June 30, the Network conducted a district-wide survey to assess the needs of our ministers and churches. Over 50% of our ministers (332) participated in the survey and the average participant spent 29 minutes online giving feedback. That is 9,600 minutes or 160 hours that was generously invested into the future as a Network. The survey revealed

that our ministers and churches want a much wider range of resource awareness, training and networking than just women and youth.

In May of 2019 the Presbytery made a decision to consolidate the youth, children's and men's ministry portfolios into a Church Ministries Department (CMD) with a significant increase in administrative support. The objective of the CMD is to provide training, networking and resource awareness for the churches of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network. A position description was created through a collaborative effort of the Superintendent and District Presbytery. Superintendent Roncone published the position description and announced the Network would be receiving resumes from all interested parties through the month of July. Applicants were asked to submit a resume, samples of training, networking and resources they have provided for local churches, complete a behavioral questionnaire and conduct phone and personal interviews. On August 21st the Presbytery appointed Shawn Reine as the new Director of Church Ministries to lead this new team and execute the position description (see link below).

At age 44, and with 19 years of ministry experience, Shawn brings a variety of experience to the CMD position. He has served as a youth pastor, associate pastor, church planter and lead pastor. Over the course of his career he has led nearly every ministry in the local church, served as the Assistant DYD in Louisiana and continues to speak at youth conventions and retreats around the nation. Shawn will be joining the Network staff on September 9, 2019.

"During my first 100 days I want to focus on four things.

- **One, I want to plan a youth leader/pastor recharge event by the end of 2019.**
- **Two, I want to set the 2020 calendar for youth and children's ministry.**
- **Three, I will cultivate community and strengthen relationships among leaders and reach out to volunteer youth leaders in our Network churches.**
- **Four, I plan to build teams of influencers in the major areas of the Church Ministries Department," said Reine.**

To view the CMD position description click here: www.agspe.org/CMD.pdf. If you would like to reach out to Shawn and give him a welcome to the Network office you can reach him at shawn@rmdc.org.



Superintendent Gene Roncone announced today the formation of an incredible resource partnership with

THE UNSTUCK GROUP

The Unstuck Group is a collaborative team of evangelical leaders that provide resources for church advancement and revitalization. Beginning January 2020 EVERY church in our Network, no matter how large or small, will have free access to bundled online courses that normally cost over \$2,000.

“I can’t even begin to tell you how excited I am about this partnership. This partnership has explosive potential for our Network because it brings true value to every church no matter what the size,

location or demographic”, said Superintendent Gene Roncone. Todd Hudnall from Radiant Life Church in Colorado Springs has already been training an advance team of RMMN pastors from various sized churches to assist in launching the resources. The partnership will allow each church to have free access to...

1. THE UNSTUCK ONLINE COURSE (valued at \$499 per church). 12 leadership seminars written by Tony Morgan with video format, exercises, discussion questions, self-evaluations and more. The twelve-session online course covers the following:

- Find clarity around mission, vision, values and strategy
- Grow by expanding the “front door”
- Learn the best ways to close the “back door”
- Discover practical ways to enhance the weekend services
- Build a plan to develop more leaders
- Learn to build teams & increase volunteer engagement
- Develop a Senior Leadership Team that works
- Learn how to staff for growth
- Clarify the roles of board & staff
- Improve your church’s communications
- Learn how to establish healthier finances
- Build tools to monitor health & growth

2. HEALTH ASSESSMENT (valued at \$499 per church). Free access to the online assessment tool to monitor your church’s health and progress.

3. ALL ONLINE RESOURCES (valued at \$99 per church). You will have an all-access pass to ebooks, pdfs, blogs and podcasts.

4. MULTI-SITE COURSE (valued at \$900 a church). 11 modules to help you multiply your church’s impact to reach more people in more places. In this course, you can expect to gain...

- Tools for clarifying decision rights, choosing locations, and building volunteer strength for campus launches.
- Clarity on the multi-site mindset and gaps your church has in fully adopting it.
- A plan to reduce the tension that tends to develop between central ministry and campus leaders.
- A process to right-size staff and volunteer teams based on the size of your multi-site campuses.
- Tools for evaluating the campus pastor role and setting Campus Pastors up for success.
- Best practices for multi-site models and for structuring your team.
- Strategies for improving internal and external communication...and more.

You can check out these resources (please do not pay) at www.unstuckgroup.com.

It all starts January 2020.

MINISTRY ENRICHMENT RESOURCES

Family Life

Eight Dates: Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love

<https://www.amazon.com/Eight-Dates-Essential-Conversations-Lifetime/dp/1523504463/>

[ref=sr_1_1?keywords=Eight+Essential+dates&qid=1566512223&s=gateway&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Eight-Dates-Essential-Conversations-Lifetime/dp/1523504463/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=Eight+Essential+dates&qid=1566512223&s=gateway&sr=8-1)

John Gottman's book Eight Dates will give you a resource with key guided conversation starters to help strengthen communication and build stronger connections with each other.

Some couples could pick and choose which "date" they do based on what they want to focus on.

Here is a quick summary:

No. 1: The "lean on me" date

No. 2: The "agree to disagree" date

No. 3: The "let's get it on" date

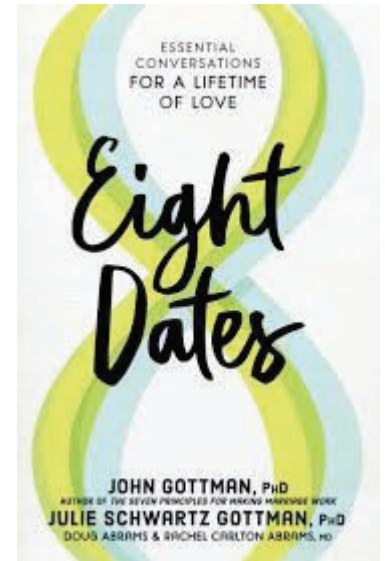
No. 4: The "cost of love" date

No. 5: The "room to grow" date

No. 6: The "play with me" date

No. 7: The "something to believe in" date

No. 8: The "lifetime of love" date



Leadership Development

Becoming a Church That Cares Well For The Abused

<https://churchcares.com/>

About the training curriculum

Every church must be equipped to respond well in the initial stages of learning about instances of sexual, physical, or emotional abuse. That is why we created Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused. This training curriculum of a handbook, an introductory video, and 12 lesson videos brings together top experts from various fields to help leaders understand and implement the best practices for handling the variety of abuse scenarios at church, school, or ministry. Also in Spanish

BECOMING
a CHURCH that
CARES WELL *for*
THE ABUSED

This curriculum answers questions such as:

- Why is it vital for pastors and ministry leaders to understand that caring for the abused and oppressed is a gospel issue?
- Why is it unwise for the church to act as an investigative body in criminal matters?
- What are good pastoral practices for receiving an initial disclosure of physical or sexual abuse?
- What are the key qualities for identifying a counselor who works with sexual abuse victims?
- How do you best cooperate with social workers, law enforcement, and legal counsel in cases of abuse?
- What are the keys to developing a good safety plan with a victim of abuse?
- How does a church respond ethically, legally, and with good shepherding practices when they discover abuse by a church staff member or volunteer?



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2019 LADIES RETREAT



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FRIDAY NIGHT
 REBEKAH LYONS



SATURDAY NIGHT
 TONYA BLESSING



WORSHIP
 SHELBY ROBERTS



THE LOFT
 LIZ JANS

Wonder Working Power

I love how the Apostle Paul is transparent about the fact that he struggles with what he refers to as “his thorn”. He never really shares what that “thorn” is but lets us know that throughout his life, he too, struggled in his walk with Christ. In fact, he hints towards the fact that “the thorn” is what keeps him close to Christ and the plan He has for Paul.

Recently I was reading through the Bible (I’m on the two-year plan) and I ran across 2 Corinthians 12:9; “My grace is all you need. My power works **BEST** in weakness.” NLT (emphasis mine)

It was eye opening for me. We know that Christ is all powerful and that He is always working on our behalf and for our good, but I had never seen or understood that He works **BEST** in weakness but isn’t it obvious. When we surrender ourselves to Him and His plan, even when it isn’t what we had planned, wanted to do, or within our strengths, He works **BEST**. I think He likes me right in the middle of my weaknesses to ensure that I depend completely on Him.

Paul goes on to say that this is the reason why he boasts of his weakness knowing that the power of Christ works through him. In fact, Paul says in verse 10 “That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

So, does this mean that our weaknesses are really our strengths when we allow Christ’s power to work through us? I don’t think I am quite at the place of taking pleasure in my hardships and heartaches but I am ready to let His power work **BEST** in me.



“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”

**1 Peter 4:10
English Standard Version (ESV)**



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We are all called to work together for the ministry in such a way that it transforms our local influence, our outer reaches, and the very ends of the earth. Missions is the framework by which we achieve that call, and we know that this is a task that we can’t accomplish on our own. It is the Lord’s desire that we steward the grace He has lavished on us to reach the world. When we join forces to see this great vision realized we see just how possible this task really is!

Podcast News

It is my privilege to announce that we will have our first Propel Podcast this September that will highlight both foreign and local missionaries and celebrate the wonderful efforts of our ministry community. We will also be sharing a resource to help churches and Pastors engage with missions!

A New Challenge

In a new effort to expand our mission’s infrastructure the General Council has increased the amount of our national World Missions Office deductions from the missions budget by 2%. This will expand missions training, missionary care, counseling, and technology updates, and new candidate orientation/ processing.

We believe this is needed and necessary to continue launching the missions effort of the Gospel all around the world. Can you partner with us to help make this effort successful? We are asking Churches to increase their missions giving by at least 2% to propel the outreach efforts of our fellow missionaries forward. We appreciate all your help and look forward to the difference we can make together.

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Remember: Several sensitive country missionaries are usually home on furlough, too!
Contact the Network Office for more information - 719-522-0195.



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New Year, New Students, New Relationships

I seem to write this every September/October edition of the Connection. This fall is no different. Thousands of freshmen university students have arrived on campuses across Utah and Colorado. For Chi Alpha leaders, this new crop of students creates a new buzz in our fellowships. Through eyes of faith we see these new students who can't find their way to class the first day of school as future leaders, missionaries, and pastors. By simple acts of helping others move in, inviting to lunch or daring to walk across a slack line in a courtyard, new relationships are formed that will forever change the destinies of students.

Last time I wrote to you, I shared about Raissa, who is our first intern for Chi Alpha in the state of Utah. She was one of those freshmen just a few years ago. As she grew in the Lord, she answered that call to "give a year and pray about a lifetime." Her spiritual heritage will continue as she meets some of these new freshmen, leads a small group and leads disciples to disciple others.

Pray for these interns in Utah and Colorado as they discover their place in the Kingdom. Some will continue in missions in Chi Alpha, others will fulfill their calling overseas, some will become pastors, some will be full time missionaries in the marketplace and become leaders in your churches.

As interns are raised up, we grow closer to having a Pentecostal witness on every campus. When you meet an intern at a network or sectional activity, be a part of their journey by encouraging them and praying for them.

In Utah we already have a staff team in place at Utah Valley. We are working to complete the team at the University of Utah to bring it to a place of health. Then we will be looking at the next launching place. These interns are giving us the potential workers to do just this.



Raissa pictured far left with some of her small group will be the first Utah Chi Alpha intern!



These student leaders are serious about planning new ways to meet new friends in the fall.

Thank you friends across the network for partnering with Chi Alpha to reach the campus!

Three Things to Pray for:

- 1.** The small group leaders on a campus near you.
- 2.** The interns as they discern God's purpose for them.
- 3.** Fall Retreats where community is solidified for the year that propels the small groups for a dynamic year.



Fall Retreat from last year. Fall retreat propels our small groups into a great year with relationship bonding and spiritual growth.



The University of Utah students are all smiles after reuniting after a summer apart.



Summer is wrapping up over here at Camp, and we are counting our blessings looking at what God has done here this year. So far nearly 5,000 people have attended an event here at Camp Cedaredge. We've hosted 27 ministry events, as well as 6 local schools and several other local community groups so far in 2019, and we still have a lot left in front of us before the year is done! Through all of the ministry that has taken place,



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we've witnessed testimony after testimony of lives changed through an encounter with God here, and all of us on the Camp staff team feel privileged to be a part of what He is doing at this special place.

If you'd like a chance to invest in what is happening here, there is a fun opportunity coming up to jump in and do that! We'd love for as many in our network as possible to come and join the RMMN family during our investment week from 9/11 - 9/18 coming up in just a few days. This is an opportunity to work on the facility, connect with others and give back to a ministry that has made a profound impact on our network. We plan to get a lot of work done, and have a lot of fun in the process. Bring a small group, or perhaps a family or maybe a few select people from your church, or just invite your entire church body to come! We plan to enjoy a fun time just being the family of God together here at camp. Be ready for some bonfires, s'mores, and lots of other good food and fun!

If you're able to show up for any or all of the days between the 11th and 18th of September, we welcome you for that. We plan to work each day (except for Sunday the 15th) from 8:30am (after breakfast at 8) until 5pm with supper at 5:30. All meals and lodging will be provided for any who show up to jump in on the work week. If you plan to come, you'll need:

1. Work clothes
2. Casual non-work clothes
3. Sleeping bag & pillow to sleep on a dorm bunk bed
4. Toiletries

We will be doing a variety of projects including:

- New exterior decking/staircases on Lodge building
- New concrete porch area on bathroom building & cabin
- Remodel of snack bar dining area (flooring, trim, paint)
- Work on new main entrance gate and fence area
- Lighting projects (LED conversions, and some new installations)
- Exterior painting

If you're interested in joining us for this investment week, Keenan Roberts of New Destiny Christian Center has been bringing work teams from his church for years now, and has graciously been willing to serve by coordinating all those who would like to join. To help us in our planning of this week, please contact Keenan at (303)717-4808 or email him pastorkeenanroberts@gmail.com to let him know how many of you will be coming, and what time frame. We look forward to you joining us!

Check out our podcast about this event, and learn how you can win \$1,000 scholarship to attend the 2020 network council! www.agspe.org/c47.mp3





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Developing the Total Boy for Christ

The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network offers many resources to the local church and pastors. One of those resources available to you is Royal Rangers. Royal Rangers is provided as one of the many tools that the local church can use to accomplish their mission.

The purpose of this tool is to mentor boys and young men to be the next generation of Christ-like servant leaders. The premise is simple, men doing things with boys. It is how boys learn to be men. Mentoring our young men is not only important to the growth of young men to godly men, but also for the growth of the church.

Mentoring our next generation is vitally important to the health of our church no matter how you are doing it. Royal Rangers is a tool that is provided by our network to help you do that. Royal Rangers is a very versatile tool, extremely flexible and easy to utilize.

If you are interested in using this tool in your church, please contact me. We will be happy to meet with you or the men of your church to discuss how this tool can be used and customized to best help you mentor the next generation.



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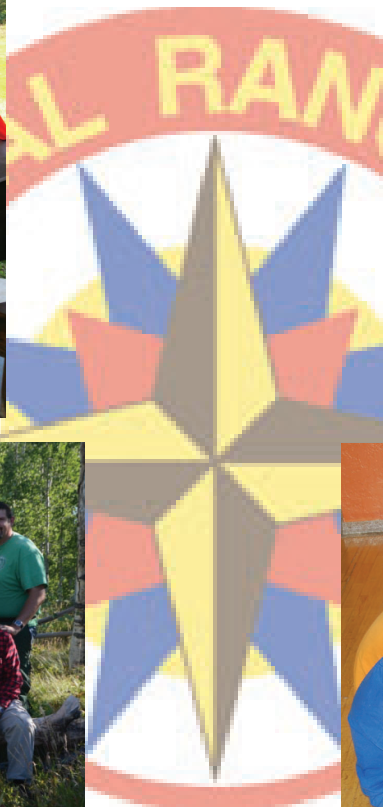
Hands-On



Christ-Centered



Spirit-Empowered



SHOUT OUT

We put a **SHOUT OUT** on the RMMN Ministers' Facebook page asking our ministers to write an affirmation on a fellow minister who is doing something out of the ordinary in their community or church.

Here's some of the amazing things our Ministers are doing:

Kenny Bryan, Assembly of God, Springfield, CO
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Having free meals for kids in the community every Wednesday night, with at least 40 kids each week!

Sam Markham, River of Life Church, Tremonton, UT
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Reaching the city of Tremonton Utah with incredible outreaches, movies in the park, outdoor services, and meeting the needs of people in his community

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We just hosted our fourth (annual) sports camp for neighborhood kids. We had 117 kids and fewer than 10 were from our church. (We have to limit the number of registrations because of space and volunteers). The majority of the kids have never even heard about Jesus. We had Muslims, Buddhists, and atheists - yes, atheist kids. I personally led a group of about 20 kids. Over half had no idea who Jesus is or why he died or that he came back to life. On the one hand, it's disheartening to know that so many of the families in our neighborhood don't even have a context for faith. On the other hand, it's encouraging to know that we got to spend a week with kids who would otherwise never come to our church. On the last day of camp we invited families to join us for a cookout and snow cones. Many of the families joined us and stayed around for an hour or so. We're praying that the investment in kids and families through the camp would result in entire families coming to faith.



Tim Rosenow, Abundant Life Community Church, Arvada, CO timr@alcc-online.org

Having 2 "Show Your Love" Sundays this summer on which we don't have any Sunday services at the church, but we go out into our community to "Be the Church!" We are bring games, coffee, water & treats, free clothing & our free mobile food pantry to Marcella Manor to bless the residents who are all either on disability or elderly. We also have a team working on the exterior & interior of our new building that we're renovating... We want to be a good neighbor!

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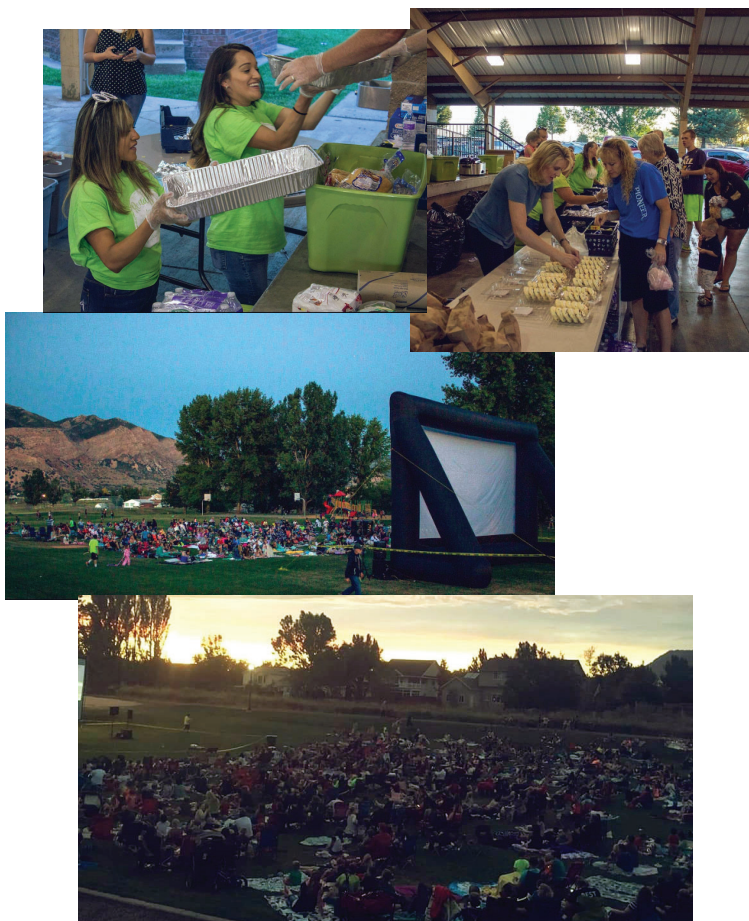


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We have partnered with Every Home For Christ evangelizing door-to-door in Belize, Trinidad and more importantly - in Greeley. In the past year and a half we have visited about 1,900 homes in Greeley alone, and hope to hit another 500 homes in Greeley before the end of August 2019.

Essentially, we have teams, comprised of 2-3 people, who go out and knock door to door offering to pray with people at their front door step - no strings attached. We've mapped city streets and use a citywide app for follow-up and internal record keeping. Yes, it's intimidating and even frightening for everyone who participates and the "results" are not always immediate. However, it has energized our church family, and offered our people a way to share Christ and fulfill Christ's Commission.

So far, we have a 21% positive response rate, which means that's the percentage of homes who were home and people either said yes to prayer or discussion about Jesus. That doesn't sound impressive, but evangelism isn't always flowers and picnics. lol We encourage our people to obey Christ, leaving the "results" up to God.



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We do a 'Movies in the Park' event twice each summer and we offer a free family movie night to the community. Because Utah has a lot of larger families, something as simple as a movie night can be really expensive for a lot of people. We have this huge blow up screen that we set up in the park. We serve hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, drinks and cookies.

Everything is free and our church loves just serving the families who attend. The city even called and asked us to partner with them for their heritage days celebration last year and show our movie the same weekend. We will do that again this year. Many local businesses have also joined us by coming and serving slushies, ice cream and hot coco, etc.

It's our 5th year of this event and we have seen such a great impact on people. No strings attached, we just want to love people where they are. They always ask "Are you sure it's all free?" :) It's so important to us to interact with the community doing everyday stuff like this.