

Snake River Community Church Connections

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From the Pastor...

As the pastor of the Snake River Community Church, I feel privileged to be used by God in our valley in many different ways. As the shepherd, it is rewarding to see the fruit of our ministries in the new relationships that have been formed. We experienced God in many ways this last year. Let me share a highlight or two.

Our purpose is to “Reach the Valley for Christ” and we saw a total of 9 new believers in 2005. The Valentine’s banquet was the biggest ever. Our youth group has gone through a transition to a more Jr. High age student outreach with new younger leaders. We also started a young adult bible study that is making inroads into the younger, adult generation. We see God working in the future in the areas of missions and worship in our church. He is also focusing our ministry to train new and younger Christians in the joys of serving Him through ministry.

We have not seen a lot of numerical growth over the last year and for the first time in my 16 years of being the pastor we were in the red financially at the end of 2005. This is a concern because we can not operate in the red and continue to make ends meet. (See graph on page 3 of the newsletter). The largest part of our budget is wages and insurance for my family which the church has made a commitment to supply in full. We do believe that God is stretching us and causing us to depend completely on Him.

Thinking back on 2005, I have attempted to summarize the past year with duties, high lights, low lights, and future lights. Enjoy our SRCC first quarter 2006 newsletter!

COMING NEXT ISSUE:

- Aspen Alley—Ministry to Inner City Kids
- Christmas Mission Trip—2006
- Interview with Youth Group Kids
- Up close and personal with some board members.

Duties

2- WEDDINGS

8- PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING SESSIONS

6- FUNERALS & GRAVE SIDE SERVICES

4- GRAVE SIDE OR MEMORIAL SERVICES

45- COUNSELING SESSIONS

49- SUNDAYS IN PULPIT...FIVE SERIES COMPLETED ONE IN PROGRESS

36- SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

20- YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

20- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

42.5 HOURS PER MONTH VISITATION

14- NEW CONTACTS

High Lights

- VALENTINE'S BANQUET-MAGIC OF STEPHEN
- MISSION GROUP FROM TX—5 CHILDREN ACCEPTED THE LORD AS SAVIOR AT VBS.
- YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
- SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY- STEADY ONES AND NEW PEOPLE.
- YOUTH GROUP—NEW LEADERSHIP AND 3 KIDS RECEIVED CHRIST
- TOTAL OF 9 PEOPLE RECEIVED CHRIST AS SAVIOR
- CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP TRAINED 2 NEW TEACHERS AND STARTED AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS.
- WELCOME PICNIC—85 PEOPLE AND WE HAVE SEEN RESULTS
- MEN'S BREAKFAST—10 MEN ATTENDING
- LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON GENESIS
- SPANISH BIBLE STUDY EL-RIO
- FAMILY CAMP MISSION EXPO.
- SPANISH BIBLE STUDY AT EL-RIO
- NEW SOUND SYSTEM

“Total of 9 people received Christ as Savior”

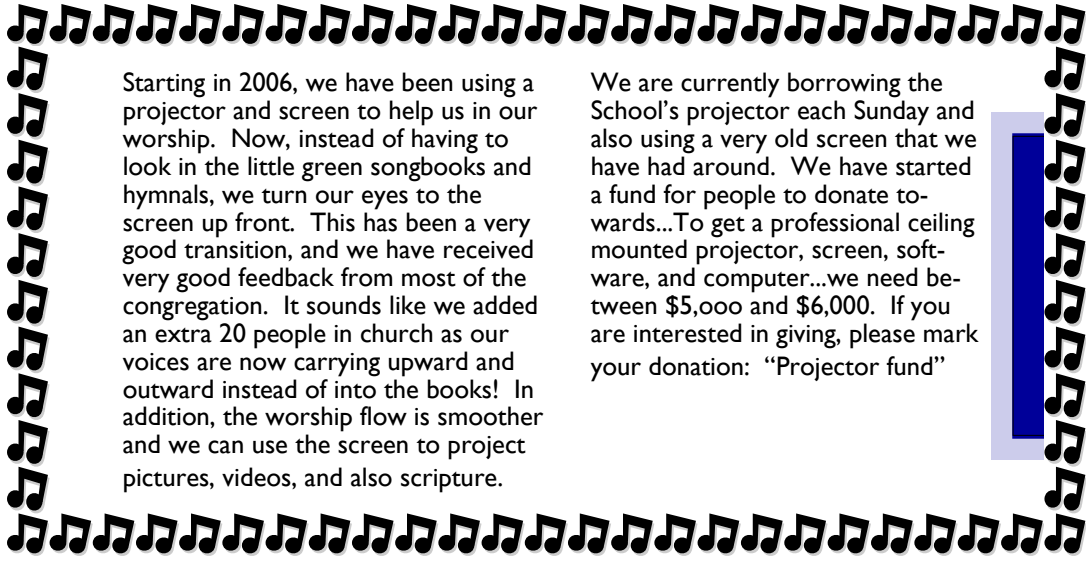
Low Lights

- ⇒ SHIRLEY HEROLD—CHARTER MEMBER MOVES AWAY
- ⇒ ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DOWN
- ⇒ FINANCES IN THE RED FOR FIRST TIME I CAN REMEMBER

Future Lights

- ◇ NEW GROWTH— NUMBERS AND SPIRITUAL
- ◇ MISSION TRIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES— ASPEN ALLEY
- ◇ FOCUS IS OUTWARD WHILE STRENGTHENING INSIDE
- ◇ DEACON & DEACONESS HELP WITH MINISTRY
- ◇ NEW WORSHIP STYLE
- ◇ RELATIONSHIPS

New Worship Style



Starting in 2006, we have been using a projector and screen to help us in our worship. Now, instead of having to look in the little green songbooks and hymnals, we turn our eyes to the screen up front. This has been a very good transition, and we have received very good feedback from most of the congregation. It sounds like we added an extra 20 people in church as our voices are now carrying upward and outward instead of into the books! In addition, the worship flow is smoother and we can use the screen to project pictures, videos, and also scripture.

We are currently borrowing the School's projector each Sunday and also using a very old screen that we have had around. We have started a fund for people to donate to-wards...To get a professional ceiling mounted projector, screen, software, and computer...we need between \$5,000 and \$6,000. If you are interested in giving, please mark your donation: "Projector fund"

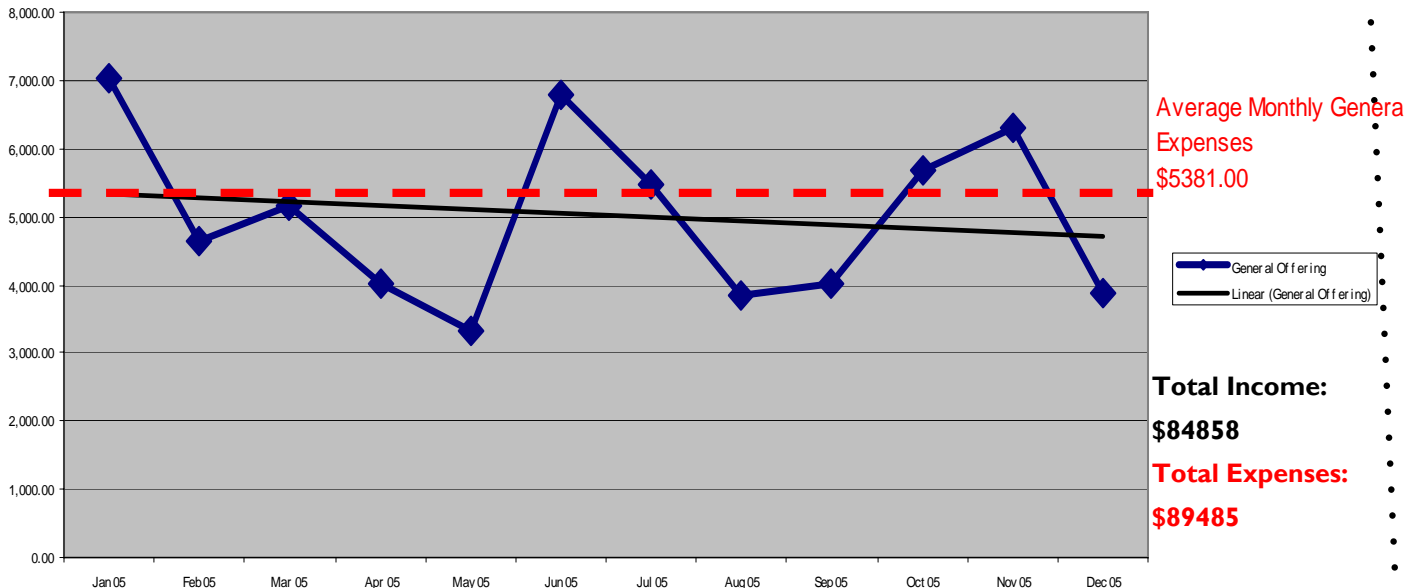
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Good things happening in Youth Group...

—From Trevor and Karlene Hamm, new Youth Leaders at SRCC...

"The Question of the month is what to do with 18 Junior High students that are all new or curious Christians? The answer is...start slow. We are doing lessons on the basics. Since we have such young youth (both in age and Christ), we cannot put too much on them. Every other week we take a little break and have discussion and games. It is going slow, but we can see the kids growing in Christ and maturing. One word to describe the month...chaotic!"

Finances down in 2005—Please pray with us about this.





Why Now?

Our board has been watching what God has been doing in our church. As you can see from the Pastor's perspective, we have many things going on. God is faithful! He is our rock on which we can stand and be assured of His watchcare, protection, and provision. One of the trends we have noticed is more and more of the congregation joins us in the spring, summer, and part of the fall and then leaves in the winter. We have decided to write a quarterly newsletter to help everyone stay connected to SRCC. If you have received this newsletter via. snail mail, and would rather have this e-mailed to you, please let us know at srchurch@dteworld.com.

In our next newsletter, we will be sharing some exciting things concerning "Aspen Alley"—an opportunity to minister to inner city kids. We will also be sharing information about our mission trip plans for Christmas 2006.

In our Sunday Night Bible Study, we are going through an in-depth study on spiritual warfare. We have just completed a lesson on prayer and how to connect with God. Please ponder these next few sentences..."If prayer is communication with God, then in order to communicate with God effectively, we need to know something about Him. We need to understand His greatness." Please join with us in the coming months as we draw closer to Him and see Him for who He is....As we do this, we will grow and be stretched!

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers"—1 Thessalonians 1:2