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Life and Times of the SRCC Pastor..

When I was in Bible College I had a class called "The life and times of a Christian minister." The professor of the class had been a pastor for over 25 years and he had a treasure chest of knowledge and skill that he taught us. Last week I had what you would call a normal week, nothing out of the ordinary to speak of. I invite you to travel back with me a week in time to the life and times of the SRCC pastor.

Sunday morning, June 3rd, up at 6:00am and reviewing the morning message. I prayed about and finalized the order of service, introductions to songs and scripture that highlighted Jesus so that all the aspects of the service flowed and fit together. At 8:15am I set out the bulletins and arranged for ushers and help during the service. 9:00am-noon worship, fellowship, and education in Sunday school. I met a visitor and her sister and gathered info on them for future reference. I made a point to speak to as many people as possible before they left. I left church excited about a sophomore boy that I coached coming to church by himself. {I need to tell him how proud I was of him} Sunday afternoon was spent with family and friends who stopped by to visit. I took care of pigs for a friend and made sure their dog had water and food. Monday is supposed to be my day off, however, a few things kept that from happening. The wife of a man in the hospital stopped to visit. She & I are excited about what God is doing, yet nervous about surgery and spiri-

tual condition of her husband. {I married this couple 14 years ago} I began a welding project to make metal brackets so I could move our sound system and multi media equipment to a new work station. I painted and installed the brackets. The rest will be finished on Tuesday. I fed and watered my friend's dog and checked on their pigs that are being raised for the county fair. Tuesday morning I had a meeting with the principal of our school about children and how we can help the school. I then had a meeting with the Soil Conservation District about replacing some trees that have died on the church property that I planted over the last couple of years. I need to find a backhoe and dig up dead tress and dig holes for 4 new ones ASAP.

The rest of the morning was spent in sermon preparation and gathering info for the bulletin. I saw Cody, the young man who came to church by himself, and we visited on how proud I was of him for coming. Wednesday, a young lady who came to Baggs as our math teacher, and has been active in our church, is leaving for the summer. We will watch her house and water plants for her over the summer. She will be going on a mission trip to the gulf coast in July. We took her to lunch and then said goodbye until August. I then had a meeting with a couple who have set aside a portion of their mountain property {Aspen Alley} for a ministry to inner city (continued on page 2)

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- Aspen Alley—Report from 1st group
- Changing the way we are building relationships—New Bible Study model
- Interview with Youth Group Kids
- Up close and personal with some other board members.

Life and Times of SRCC Pastor...

youth that we will oversee this summer. I almost forgot an important aspect of ministry, potty training of an almost 3 year old son who seems to be too busy to learn that right now. Thursday, up early before the family wakes up so that I can get things done I didn't get done yesterday. A phone call comes from the wife of the man in the hospital; he wants to visit with me. I arrange for things and drive 40 miles to the hospital. I visit and witness the miracle of spiritual birth of a man who our church, as well as his wife, has prayed for. A 14 year prayer request answered. Five hours well spent as I took his wife to lunch and returned home to a sermon that needs work, a bulletin that was not typed, an order of service to our multi media person so she can get her things done. Friday morning is yard work day. It takes about 4 hours to mow, weed eat, rake

and sweep the yard. I have help as my father and my son ride the John Deere mower and I weed eat and rake. Lunch and an afternoon in the office along with a trip up river to pick up a basketball camp registration that needs to be in. Oh yea, potty training is still on the list. That evening, dinner with the family and riding bikes in the yard and swatting mosquitoes. Saturday begins with work on multi media workstation wiring. Bulletin typed, folded, and copies sent via e-mail to those of the church who need the information to prepare for Sunday. Sermon finalized and questions typed and given to Karen for Sunday morning. Review message and help put kids to bed. Watch the news and go to bed ready to start again at 6:00am Sunday morning, June 10th.— One week in the wonderful life and times of the SRCC pastor.

Good things happening at SRCC!

- Since our last newsletter in March, we are pleased to announce that our giving has been going up. Through the first 6 months of the year, our income is **\$57,977.34** and our expenses are **\$57,335.95**. It is very humbling to watch how God supplies our every need. He is Faithful!

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- We have purchased and installed a new video system that

allows us to display song words, pictures, video, etc. on a screen up front. This new form of multi-media ministry has brought a new dimension to our worship style.

- Our church parsonage has had a leaking roof. Since we have money set aside in our building fund, we were able to re-design the roof and put on a front porch. This new addition solves 2 problems. 1. Fixes

the leaking roof problem. 2. Keeps the house cooler in the summer by shading the large front windows. When you are in town next time, make sure you stop by to see the new addition.

- We have been "Swarming" this summer. Every few weeks, a family in our church has volunteered to sponsor a fun activity so that we can gather, have fun, and fellowship. So far, we have had an outing at Montgomery's cabin and a softball game at the Skalbergs. Upcoming "swarms" include the Craig Wavepool on August 13th and Pasture Golf at the Rocking Chair Ranch on August 27th. Please plan on joining us for a fun time of fellowship

Mission Trip 2006

⇒ We have decided on a direction for our upcoming Mission Trip. We are going to pursue a 3-4 day Mission Adventure in Inner-City Denver. There are 67 inner city churches in Denver. We have some contacts and will try to partner with one of these ministries. Our desire is to serve the poor and visit the sick during the Christmas season. We will have more information in the next newsletter. Please pray about going with us. This will be our 4th Mission Trip as a church. Each trip has been rewarding and we have seen God move in miraculous ways. If you would like to go with us this Christmas, please let Pastor Paul know. We have 3 fundraisers that we are using to help raise money for our Mission Fund. 1. Collection of aluminum cans 2. Change the World Sunday—Last Sunday of every month, we give people an opportunity to put their spare change in a large bottle. We will cash this in and use the proceeds for our Mission Trip. 3. Rummage Sale—We have tentatively set the dates for our Rummage Sale for middle of September. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact Pastor Paul.

Up Close and Personal with SRCC Board Members

Meet the Treasurer...

Jim Graff is a retired teacher, truck driver, and small business owner who, with his wife June, own a small horse ranch near Baggs. He has 3 grown children, 2 grown step children, and 6 grandchildren. He is presently serving on the Noyes Clinic Board and the West Side Canal Board.

Responsibilities include: Each Sunday after church, I collect, count, and record the money from the offering. I sign checks to pay the church's bills and obligations. I meet regularly with our accountant to stay aware of our financial situation.

Perspective on what God has been doing at SRCC in the last year: The Aspen Alley opportunity, more young people attending church, good sermon teaching directly from the Bible, and a constant focus on Missions.



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Meet our Member at Large and Secretary...

Esther Clark is married to John Clark , has 2 girls, Nancy Hoffman in Chugiak, AK and in the Air Force, married with 1 child Kacidra who is 11 years old. Selena who is in Rock Springs. I have

lived here all my life.

Responsibilities include: I purchase supplies for the church.

I attend and take minutes for the regular church board meetings and the annual meeting. I also send out get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards to the community during times of need. I arrange for carry in dinners for those that have had surgery and need a helping hand for a few days and also help to distribute welcome baskets to new families that come to the valley.

Perspective on what God has been doing at SRCC in the last year:

Conviction that we need to expand our comfort zone and reach out to the younger adults and get them involved in Bible Studies and church activities as they are our up coming ministry people. Young Women's Bible Study is one of the desires to look at.

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What is Aspen Alley?

SRCC has partnered with Paul and Joan Broome to begin forming the Vision for Aspen Alley Adventures. Please pray for this ministry.

Vision Statement: To provide an outdoor, adventure experience, that will enable youth groups and underprivileged youth an opportunity to learn about themselves and to find out what God has in plan for their lives.

Guiding Principles:

Romans 1:20...Nature reveals God.

Psalms 121...Help comes from the Lord, He is your Protector and Guard.

Psalms 95:1-8...Sing Praises to the Lord. Worship Him...He is our Maker and our God...Don't harden your hearts.

2 Chronicles 7:14...Humble yourself, pray, and seek His face...He will hear.

Jeremiah 29:11-13...He has a plan for your life...to give you a future and hope.

John 14:6...Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but through Him.

About us...

Facilities: We are a non-profit, non-denominational organization that is affiliated and managed by Snake River Community Church. We are located 35 miles East of Baggs, WY, in the Medicine Bow National Forest. Our facility is situated on 500 acres of private land, surrounded by National Forest. All camping is done in tents. We supply sleeping bags, sleeping pads, backpacks, and miscellaneous gear that you will need for the week.