

# I.C.C. FLAME

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Jeremiah 23: 28b-29a

*"...let My true messengers faithfully proclaim My every Word. Does not My Word burn like fire?" NLT*

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Don't be impressed with  
your own wisdom.  
Instead, fear the LORD  
and turn your back on  
evil. Then you will gain  
renewed health and  
vitality.

Proverbs 3:7-8

NLT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessings to you as we enter the Holiday Season. This tends to be a very busy time of the year and it is easy to forget what the holidays are really about. This month we celebrate Thanksgiving and I want to share some things that I am thankful for.

Sherrie and I had the opportunity to get away for a time of refreshing in October for a couple of weeks. During that time, we attended a Small Town Pastor's Conference. It was a fruitful time of renewal to be with other pastors and leaders from around the country and to be encouraged and challenged with the ministry the Lord has given to us. One of the primary things I left the pastor's conference with was a genuine heart of thanksgiving that the Lord allowing me to be the pastor of ICC. As I sat around tables eating with other pastors and hearing their stories in ministry, I was reminded of how blessed I am to be your pastor. The Lord has given us a truly wonderful church with people who love one another. That has been more fully displayed to me by the wonderful cards and gifts that our family received from you during Pastor Appreciation Month. (Thank each of you for showing your love and appreciation!) I truly thank the Lord for allowing me to serve as your pastor.

I also thank the Lord for my wonderful wife. Sherrie is a dear gift from the Lord to me and I thank Him every day for bringing her into my life 27 years ago. As we transition to each new season of our marriage we are refreshed with a renewal of our love for one another and the challenges we face. Sherrie is a blessed mother, friend, and partner as I go through life. I am truly thankful to have her as the love of my life.

I am also thankful for each of the sons the Lord has blessed me with. I heard many stories around the tables at the pastor's conference about children who were estranged and living broken lives. Here are a few things that I thank the Lord for concerning my sons. Nicolas is steroid free after having to take them for nine years as he has struggled with kidney disease. He has been off steroids since May. He has had a great attitude and trusting the Lord throughout his growing up years with this kidney disorder. Jeremiah will be graduating from the Air Force Academy in May and the Lord has given him a wonderful fiancée, Lizzy Pickett. They will be married at the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs on May 26. We love Lizzy and look forward to her joining our family. John Mark manages the Gaslight Theater in Durango and has been able to host several very quality Christian films. He has leased the theater to a local church for Sunday services and has a positive influence on his staff. Matt, and his wife, Susan, live in Seoul, South Korea, and we had the opportunity to visit them this spring. They have a healthy marriage and are both successful in their careers and enjoy life. I am thankful for my relationship with each of my sons and the pleasure they bring to me as a father. Proverbs says, "A wise son brings joy to his father." Proverbs 10:1.

There are so many other things I thank the Lord for in my life: my health, my home, my extended family, my friends, my finances and possessions, and many more that I do not have room to fit on this page. But mostly I thank the Lord for His wonderful gift of salvation that he gave to this wretched sinner 33 years ago. I am truly amazed at His grace and mercy that is continually poured out upon me each and every day.

I pray that you will reflect on all the wonderful blessings the Lord has given you during this Thanksgiving season.

Love,  
Pastor Randall

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHATTER:

### Kid's Christmas Eve Play

*It's already that time of year! While last year's Christmas Eve play was cute and oh so entertaining, I feel that we best aim for something a bit easier this time. I feel our Sunday morning time is so precious that I don't necessarily want to take time out each week to "practice" a play. Hence the plan to put on a short but sweet Christmas Program.*

*We won't be doing the typical play that involves characters and costumes but I do hope to involve as many of our Children's Church kids as possible. There may not be cows and donkeys wandering around on stage this year but I can guarantee that it will be cute and will do a good job of communicating the story of our Savior's birth. So....stay tuned!*



### NOVEMBER FOCUS FAMILY-Teresa Chee

This month, we are focusing on Teresa Chee. She was born in Durango, CO on July 9, 1982. She has an older sister who is 35, an older brother who is 34 and a younger sister who is 21. Teresa attended Ignacio High School and 4 years at Colorado State University. She was a plumbers helper at her father's work at Wisner Mechanical. In college she worked part-time as a student employee for Facilities Management. She cleaned up the athletic arenas before and after sports events. She has interned for Indian Health Services (PHS) as a Jr. Commissioned Officer for the Public Health Service in Fairbanks, Alaska and for PHS in Shiprock, NM as an Environmental Health Specialist. From there Teresa moved back home to Ignacio where she started substitute teaching for the Ignacio School District K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. This eventually led to an opportunity to coach JV girls basketball for Ignacio High School. After having her first son Gabriel, she continued to substitute teach at the Early Head Start where Gabriel was attending day care when he was four months old. After about a year she found a full time job with the Southern Ute Tribe in the Purchasing Department working in the storeroom until she had her second son Micah. From this point her and her husband both agreed that she would stay home with the little boys. When Micah turned about 6 months old she came across a group exercise instructor position at the Durango Community Recreation Center. Teresa has been teaching group exercise and officiating recreation basketball and volley ball leagues off and on since then.

When asked how she and her husband met, she said, "I first met my husband when I was in Junior High School. At the time he was married to his first wife and I was just a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. After I graduated from college and after having my first son Gabriel I ran back into Lyndell at the Southern Ute Bear Dance. That year I decided to dance after about 10 years of having not danced. So we danced with each other and the rest is history." They have been married for 4 years as of October 13<sup>th</sup>. Teresa has two biological children: Gabriel is 5 and a half, Micah is 3 and a half and two step-children Sariah Chee 18 and Samuel Chee 16.

When asked how she came to know the Lord, Teresa stated, "I was a junior in College and God put this lady named Satita in my path who was doing a church plant from Phoenix Arizona there in the Fort Collins area. She had asked me on a couple of occasions if I wanted to do a Bible study with her. The first time I turned her down and the second time I said ok. When we started reading the Bible together it was so awesome to me. It was as if I couldn't get enough of what the Word of God was teaching me and speaking to me about in different areas in my life. At the time I was in a long term relationship with my boyfriend of about five years and that year he had moved up to Fort Collins with me and we were living together. Well as I got to know Satita she slowly began talking to me about my relationship with my boyfriend and that the way I was living was not right with God so she simply encouraged me to make some different choices. This resulted in my breaking up with my boyfriend and him moving back to Ignacio. From experiences past I knew that I was not the one who had the self-strength and will to do this. I completely believe that the Holy Spirit was leading me in this. It was a difficult thing to do but this was the first steps of my life changing on the outside because I was choosing to follow the Lord. The Word of God was alive to me in a whole different way, like I had never known before. God used an alter call at this church I was going to at the time to celebrate receiving Jesus into my life as my personal Lord and Savior. For the remainder of my college years I began going to a church with a Christian friend called Mountain View. A lot of growth happened through this church for me and provided an awesome environment of a large student body who were all seeking the one true God as well as some godly husband and wife partnerships to shepherd a lot of us students. During my holiday breaks I would come home and look for Bible teaching churches and this is when the Lord led me to ICC. It has been 8 years now that I've been at ICC and anyone that knows me well knows that my life has not been this pretty picture of one who follows the Lord, this is sad for me to say but throughout it all I give God the glory because He has remained so faithful and good to bring me back to Himself and not give up on me. The church body and leadership at ICC are now so much my family that I don't know where I would be without them. So I want to thank everyone for their love and support to stay true to what the Bible teaches while not condemning, or judging me but showing me God's love and grace."

## ***IT'S GIRLFRIENDS TIME!***

Changing hearts, changing lives, one GIRLFRIEND at a time!  
Proverbs 17:22 "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones." KJV

**The next *GIRLFRIENDS TEAM* meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4th, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Benjamin House.

\*\* The November 2nd meeting was spent with usual business of planning for special needs in the church and community; meals, cards, special events, gifts, etc.. We also delivered blankets made at fall retreat to the Pregnancy Center and Women's Shelter in Durango.

\*\* Upcoming: Set aside Friday, December 16th for the Ladies Christmas Party. Watch for details in the Sunday Bulletins.

\*\* Also watch newsletters and bulletins for other upcoming events as planned.

\*\* Please continue to inform our team of any need in the church/community. We need willing people to help with meals for needy families. Call Katie Harris @ 970-563-1067. Financial assistance is available.

\*\* **WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES:** Monday evenings, 6:30 PM, Women's Bible study at Rebecca Barnes' home, south of Tiffany; take CR 328 south, just into NM, #20 CR 4012. Davylou Beaty leading study. Call Rebecca, 970-749-1741, for info. "A Heart That Dances," by Katherine Martin at 10:00 am in the Benjamin House and led by Sue Ashcraft. "She Did What She Could," by Elisa Morgan held at the home of Sue Ashcraft at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays. If you would like to join or need any more information, please call Sue at (970)883-5547. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 PM, in the Benjamin House, Marsha Conley leading the study, "Amazing Freedom." Childcare provided for this group. Call Marsha at 903-7814 for info..

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Sue Ashcraft, Team  
Leader  
Marsha Conley  
Katie Harris  
Serena Kinney  
Connie Valencia  
Linda Ragsdale  
Jeannie Stewart  
Kathy Lorenzini  
Penny Klusman



## MISSIONS MINUTE

### DURANGO PREGNACY CENTER—Valerie Mangrum

Founded in 1988, Durango Pregnancy Center is a ministry that believes life begins with the touch of God's hand at conception. Life is absolutely sacred! In response to that belief the desire of Durango Pregnancy Center is to be and live the love of Jesus Christ to each person who walks through our doors, whether client or volunteer. In the last couple of years it has become increasingly evident that God is expanding our borders to minister to a wider range of people. While DPC comes alongside those facing unintended pregnancies, increasingly our clients are homeless, have lost custody of their children, face substance abuse challenges, unemployment and the list goes on. What Durango Pregnancy Center has discovered is that if one definition of "orphan" is *one who lacks support, supervision or care* then we open our doors to numerous "orphans" every week. God is at the heart of this ministry. It is humbling as well as a privilege and honor to be the eyes, ears, hands and feet of Jesus Christ at Durango Pregnancy Center.

On Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Valerie will be presenting an actual client story to our congregation by a short DVD. Make sure to attend and be blessed.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

**November 28**— Men's Leadership Meeting

**December 11**—Annual Meeting

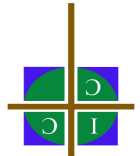
**December 16**—Women's Christmas Party

Totals thru October: Contributions **\$183,000**  
Expenses **\$166,400**

**REMINDER**—note change  
 Cont. Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
N O V E M B E R  2 0 1 1			<b>1</b> Women's Bible Study - 9:30am, B/H 2:30pm, Sue Ashcraft's 6:30 pm, B/H	<b>2</b> Worship Team practice 6 pm Chapel	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b> Sunday Service Schedule below	<b>7</b> Women's Bible Study - @ Barnes' 6:00 pm	<b>8</b> Women's Bible Study - 9:30am, B/H 2:30pm, Sue Ashcraft's 6:30 pm, B/H	<b>9</b> Worship Team practice 6 pm Chapel	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>12</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Women's Bible Study - @ Barnes' 6:00 pm NO Men's mtg.	<b>15</b> Women's Bible Study - 9:30am, B/H 2:30pm, Sue Ashcraft's 6:30 pm, B/H	<b>16</b> Worship Team practice 6 pm Chapel	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>19</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Women's Bible Study - @ Barnes' 6:00 pm SLT 6:00pm	<b>22</b> Women's Bible Study - 9:30am, B/H 2:30pm, Sue Ashcraft's 6:30 pm, B/H	<b>23</b> Worship Team practice 6 pm Chapel	<b>24</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Women's Bible Study - @ Barnes' 6:00 pm Men's mtg. 7pm	<b>29</b> Women's Bible Study - 9:30am, B/H 2:30pm, Sue Ashcraft's 6:30 pm, B/H	<b>30</b> Worship Team practice 6 pm Chapel	9:00 AM, Continental Breakfast 9:15 AM, Sunday School: children in B/H Adults/teens in So. Ute Ed. Building 10:30 AM, Worship Service in the Chapel		