



# Saturday Night Alive!

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## At a Glance:

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 10,  
Life study with Doug  
Diehl, 7:00 PM, CLM

Sunday, January 11,  
Sunday Lunch 12:30 PM  
@ Oma's, 1118 East  
North St., Rapid City.

Friday, January 16 and  
Saturday, January 17,  
YFS Dinner Theatre

Saturday, January 24, Life  
Study with Jim and Pat  
Sorum, 7:00 PM, CLM

Saturday, January 31,  
Rescheduled Christmas  
Banquet @ Camp Judson.  
6:00 PM (Overnight option)

Saturday, February 7,  
Stock Show Rodeo. 7:30 PM  
Dinner at the Mall first at  
5:30 PM

Saturday, February 14,  
CLM 7:00 Entertainment  
with Gwen Beacheon.

Sunday, February 15  
Sunday Lunch 12:30 PM @  
Arnold's Diner, 1940  
Lacrosse St., Rapid City

The rest of February and  
March, continued on page 3

## Giv"ing" Back



On January 16th and 17th, we will have the opportunity to give back to our community through volunteering for a Youth & Family Services Fundraiser. The Fundraiser is in the form of a Dinner Theatre. Servers, greeters and clean-up crews are needed for both nights. The work entails beginning early evening and ending late. BUT, we are fed very well and giv"ing" back makes it worthwhile. Darcie is the contact person and space is limited. For more details or to sign up, call 342-6177 as soon as possible.

## GET YOUR RODEO TICKETS NOW

SNA has purchased 40 rodeo tickets for the Stock Show on February 7th at 7:30 PM. We will also meet for dinner at the Rushmore Mall food court prior to the rodeo at 5:30 PM. If you would like to join us, contact Jackie at 391-6407 to reserve your ticket. The cost is \$14.50.

## The "Ing" Thing Continued

The "ing" thing will be continu"ing" through August, 2009. Keep an eye out for excit"ing" themes each month. For example, January is Renew"ing", February is Lov"ing" and Communicat"ing", and so forth.

### The Cruise Cake Recipe

Otherwise known as "Chocolate Melt-Away Cake"

1 cup & 6 Tbs. Semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 cup & 6 Tbs. Butter  
7 eggs  
6 Tbs. sugar  
1/2 cup flour  
Melt chocolate and butter. In a separate bowl mix 4 eggs and sugar. Whisk for a few minutes. Then add flour and the remaining eggs and whisk again. Add egg mix to chocolate mix. Pour mix into ramekin cups. (3/4 full). Bake at 390 degrees for 15 minutes. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

#### THE NOVEMBER 2008 CRUISE

Have you ever listed going on a cruise as something you would like to accomplish before you die? Well, twenty-five singles from this area got the opportunity to go on a Singles' Cruise in November. They cruised the Caribbean and had a great time. They met up with over 300 other singles on a Carnival cruise ship for a time of exploring the Caribbean as well as attending worship gatherings, teaching sessions and having a lot of fun on the ship. Cruis"ing" is a highly recommended activity. There is another Christian Singles' Cruise scheduled for November 2009.

Contact Darcie if interested.  
(605-342-6177)

Here are the twenty five cruisers!  
Thanks to Laurel who found a way to gather us all together in one spot on the ship!



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May be placed on your refrigerator for easy access. (Or in your pocketbook or glove box!)

## Renew"ing" — January

(Note: the abbreviation CLM stands for Christian Life Ministries which is located at 1948 North Plaza Dr., Rapid City, SD)

SATURDAY, January 10th—7:00 PM Meet at CLM for a time of renew"ing" with Doug Diehl.

SUNDAY, January 11th—12:30 PM, Sunday Lunch at Oma's, 1118 East North St., Rapid City

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, January 16th & 17th is the Youth & Family Services Dinner Theatre. This is an opportunity for us to give back to the community through volunteering to serve, greet, and clean up during and after the Dinner Theatre. Space is limited so contact Darcie 342-6177 if you are interested, as soon as possible.

SATURDAY, January 24th—7:00 PM Meet at CLM for more renew"ing" with Jim and Pat Sorum.

SATURDAY, January 31st—6:00 PM, Rescheduled Christmas Banquet at Camp Judson, Keystone, SD. We have added overnight accommodations for those who would like to stay. The banquet is \$16 & overnight is \$12. Please verify your attendance with Laurel ASAP. 545-4852. There will be a fund raiser for Living Hope Academy, which is a K-6 private Christian school. The staff is working without pay and can use financial assistance!!

## Lov"ing" and Communicat"ing" - February

SATURDAY, February 7th—5:30 PM Meet at the Rushmore Mall Food Court for din"ing". Stock Show Rodeo begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$14.50 each for the rodeo. Space is limited. Contact Jackie 391-6407 if interested, as soon as possible.

SATURDAY, February 14th—7:00 PM Meet at CLM for an entertain"ing" evening of fun and fellowship featur"ing" Gwen Beacheon. Come and celebrate Valentine's Day with friends.

SUNDAY, February 15th—12:30 PM Sunday Lunch at Arnold's Diner, 1940 Lacrosse St., Rapid City

SATURDAY, February 21st—7:00 PM Meet at CLM for a study of lov"ing" and/or communicat"ing" with Bob Cole.

SATURDAY, February 28th—7:00 PM Meet at CLM for another study on lov"ing" and/or communicat"ing" with Dr.s Joe and Elizabeth Kieffer.

## Ris"ing" - March

SATURDAY, March 7th—6:00 PM Potluck at CLM with BUNCO follow"ing" at 7:00 PM.  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS CHANGES. TURN YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR!!!

SATURDAY, March 14th—7:00 PM Coffee House at Black Hills Bagels, 913 Mt. Rushmore Rd., Rapid City, SD featur"ing" Walter Jones. \$1.00 cover charge plus a free will offering to be taken.

SUNDAY, March 15th—12:30 PM Sunday Lunch at Golden Corral, 1180 N. Lacrosse St., Rapid City

SATURDAY, March 21st—7:00 PM Meet at CLM for a study by Greg Blanc. Our theme is ris"ing".

SATURDAY, March 28th—7:00 PM continu"ing" with Greg Blanc at CLM.

**A NOTE FROM DARCIÉ & JACKIE**

This past Fall we were very excited to be invited to present a workshop on Singles Ministry in Sioux Falls. The District Assemblies of God sponsors an annual training for Sunday School teachers, pastors, and other Christian Education leaders. This year they included reaching out to Singles in this training.

Although it was definitely a big step outside our comfort zone, we really felt like the Lord led the workshop. We shared statistics, ways singles can feel left out and alienated in churches, along with simple ways to include them and use their gifts and talents in the body of Christ. We came away sensing that the Lord really opened the eyes and hearts of those who attended the workshop.

With almost half of the U.S. being single—isn't that just staggering—we see this as a huge area of outreach as well as evangelism. All of us as part of SNA can be a vital part of helping our churches and pastors understand singles. If the U.S. has that many singles, our churches should also be half full of singles.

Here are a few ideas to help your church include singles.

- Meet with your pastor and let them know some ways you are willing to be plugged in to help.
- Encourage your pastors to include singles in announcements & sermon illustrations. Let them know that by doing this, they help singles to feel included, rather than excluded in their congregations.
- Look around and invite other singles to sit with you.
- Show your pastor that not all singles are needy, hurting people. We have a lot to offer!

It is exciting to look forward to a New Year and all the possibilities and challenges the Lord has for all of us. We encourage you to seek Him for direction in this New Year!

God Bless,

Darcie & Jackie

Co-Chairs of Saturday Night Alive

**CHECK THIS OUT!**

Here are some books and websites that we have found to be worth checking out.

- “Wild Goose Chase” by Mark Batterson
- “100 Ways To Simplify Your Life” by Joyce Meyers
- “Singles At The Crossroads” by Albert Hsu
- [www.singles.ag.org](http://www.singles.ag.org)
- [www.saturdaynightalivesingles.com](http://www.saturdaynightalivesingles.com)
- [www.TheSinglesNetwork.org](http://www.TheSinglesNetwork.org)



## CAN GOD BRING BEAUTY FROM ASHES?

Can God really bring beauty from ashes? I believe this is a question Robyn asked herself shortly after she found herself a widow with a baby on the way. Her husband, Don, who she had met at a Singles' Retreat in Denver, Colorado, had died suddenly of a heart attack at the age of 37. When Robyn went to the Singles' Retreat in Denver, she says she wasn't looking for anyone. She went to find spiritual food to feed her hunger. Don, who was from Alabama, was the one who pursued her. He sent her a postcard from the airport and then called her. They talked every night for some time. Then Robyn went to visit him and they decided she should move down to his hometown so they could get to know each other better.

When it came time for Robyn to move, Don came to Rapid City and helped her pack up a truck to take her stuff to Alabama. On the way there, they stopped in Sioux Falls and Don asked Robyn if she wanted to get married. She said she really felt like God was encouraging her, so she said yes even though they had only known each other for eight weeks. They got married in Sioux Falls by a pastor friend of Robyn's and she says she has never regretted it. According to Robyn, though, "It's not a real good recommended method unless you know it's totally from the Lord."

They were living in Alabama and Don was very active in their church. One weekend, he complained of feeling dizzy and had indigestion but they didn't really think it was too serious. He had gone to get groceries because the men in the Men's Ministries, where he was President, were going to make breakfast for the church the next day, which was Mother's Day. During the night, Don was not feeling well at all and thought maybe it was acid reflux. He didn't sleep very well Saturday night but was doing okay by the next morning. He went to church, helped with the meal and carried on pretty much normally. All that week, he was not feeling well. During the night, a week later, he had a bad episode of pain and went to sit in his chair for comfort and that is where he died of a massive heart attack. Robyn was expecting their first child and was eight months along.

Don's death hit her really hard. It was such a struggle to even get through the day. Without the Lord and her child to keep her going, it would have been almost impossible. During that time of mourning, the Lord gave her some words, which she wrote down in poem form, to sustain her. Included are these four short poems. Robyn shares them with others in hopes they will be encouraged and lean on the Lord. He alone is our strength!!

Written by Lila S.

### Hope

God will never let go  
In the darkest night  
He is there  
Speaking quietly  
Wooing gently  
We ask ... why did it happen  
For what purpose...  
Guide me, Lord.  
Hope Renewed ...  
never ending  
Longings, desires, slowly  
burning  
In the depth of my soul  
Lord, change me,  
Give me hope, joy, peace  
My heart aches  
for you, Lord.

### Thirsty

Soft shadows.. a silent voice  
In the stillness of the night...  
Beckoning...  
Come... listen  
To the Holy Spirit's call  
Deep within me  
Something stirring, still....  
Joy unspeakable  
Welling up from within  
Lord, fill my cup  
Quench this stirring  
In my soul.  
I am thirsty  
For You, Lord

### Two Hearts

Two hearts  
Bonded together in love  
Love is forever, never ending  
A giving of oneself, totally,  
completely.  
Romance, lingering softly  
In the quiet of the night  
Time spent together always  
Playful moments, light  
heartedly,  
Growing together in grace,  
Placing the Lord first.  
Three cords together cannot  
be broken.  
Together... forever  
Responding to the Holy Spirit  
Two hearts... beating together  
One... forever.

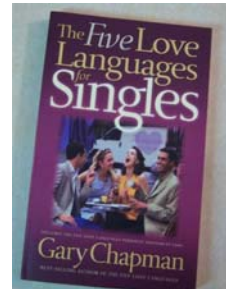


### Comfort

Jesus  
True faithful friend  
Comforting  
In the depths  
Of my soul  
Searching...  
Longing for peace  
In the stillness...  
Restless thoughts  
stirring deep within  
You are there...  
Leading, guiding  
Holding my hand...  
My Lord, my love

# SMALL GROUPS

"The Five Love Languages for Singles" is a book study facilitated by Lila. This is a great study to learn more about relat"ing" and communicat"ing". It will be start"ing" Monday, January 12th at 6:30 PM at Darcie's home. (The cost of the books are \$10.00 each.) For more information contact Lila at 484-1460.



We have a second study already in progress called "Classic Christianity", led by Lenny. It is also being held at Darcie's on Monday nights at 6:30 PM.

Phyllis, a great SNA friend, will be start"ing" a Bible Study on the book of James, beginn"ing" Thursday, February 5th. It will run for 12 weeks. If interested, please contact Phyllis at 390-5948. There will be a cost for the study book and the location is to be announced.



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**Mission Statement:** Providing a safe place for single adults to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ; to be encouraged and challenged; meeting together in an atmosphere of fun and acceptance.

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