



Saturday Night Alive!

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April—June, 2009

At a Glance:

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 4, 7 pm
Life Study with Ruth and
Jim Dotson @ CLM

Saturday, April 11, NO
SNA Enjoy Easter with
family and/or friends.

Saturday, April 18, 7 pm
Christian comedian video @
CLM

Saturday, April 25,
Coffee House, 7 pm @
Black Hills Bagels

Sunday lunch, April 26,
12:30 @Golden Phoenix

Saturday, May 2, 7 pm
Life Study with Jim and
Pat Sorum @ CLM

Saturday, May 9, 5:30 pm
Potluck and Bill Pashby @
CLM

Friday— Sunday, May 15-
17, Greg Laurie: Harvest
Crusade @ RC Civic Center

Sunday lunch, May 17,
12:30 @ Godfather's

Memorial Weekend, May
22—25. No SNA Saturday
activity. Glacier Retreat

Saturday, May 30, 7 pm
Nostalgia Games & Volley-
ball @ North Point Center

June schedule—see page 3

Thank You! Thank You!

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In December, Saturday Night Alive (SNA), chose a project for all of us to give to at Christmas. This project was to help support the staff at Living Hope Academy, a small private elementary school organized to educate and minister primarily to needy Native American children in the Rapid City area. Out of the five staff members, half of them are single, and most are working two jobs, or more, to support themselves. They have a heart to provide quality, Christian education to children and are trying their best to make it happen. Thanks to those of you who gave so generously out of your own hearts, they were able to provide the education these children need for awhile longer.

Your giving, which amounted to \$817.35, was accepted by George McNally, the director of Living Hope Academy, with heartfelt thanks and even some tears. Several of us were able to tour the facility, which is just north of Bethel Assembly of God. The apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians chapter 8, talks about the people of Macedonia giving generously. This could be you!! He said, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability."

So again, thank you, thank you, and thank you. May you be richly blessed for the blessings you have bestowed.

If you would like to continue helping out this ministry or give for the first time, you can send offerings to: Living Hope Academy, PO Box 6475, Rapid City, SD 57709.



Annual Glacier Singles' Retreat
Memorial Day Weekend
Pastor Greg Blanc—keynote speaker
Montanasinglesadvance.org. or call 605-348-2258

Send us your Email address! In an effort to be good stewards with the resources God has given us, we would like to save postage and send you this newsletter by email. Please send your address to snasingles@rushmore.com. Thanks!

Birthdays Everybody has one! We would like to know when yours is, (month and day only) so we can acknowledge your day. You can also send that information to snasingles@rushmore.com.

The "Ing" Thing Continued

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

I CHOOSE

I CHOOSE LOVE

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness.

I choose love.

Today I will love God and what God loves.

I CHOOSE JOY

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I CHOOSE PEACE

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I CHOOSE PATIENCE

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clinching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I CHOOSE KINDNESS

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I CHOOSE GOODNESS

I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I CHOOSE FAITHFULNESS

Today, I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My friends will not question my love.

I CHOOSE GENTLENESS

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I CHOOSE SELF-CONTROL

I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.

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sna happenings

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

Plant"ing" - April

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

SATURDAY, April 4, 7 pm, Life Study at CLM with Ruth and Jim Dotson discuss"ing" plant"ing".

SUNDAY, April 12, HAPPY EASTER!! ENJOY THE RISEN LORD!!

SATURDAY, April 18, 7 pm, Christian Comedian Video @ CLM. Come join us for an even"ing" of plant"ing" laughter in our hearts. Popcorn will be served.

SATURDAY, April 25, 7 pm Coffee House with Mark Theissen @ Black Hills Bagels, 913 Mount Rushmore Road, \$1.00 cover charge and free-will offer"ing" to be taken.

SUNDAY, April 26, 12:30 pm. Join us at Golden Phoenix, 2421 W. Main, RC, for their buffet.

Bloom"ing" - May

SATURDAY, May 2, 7 pm, Life Study at CLM with Jim and Pat Sorum discuss"ing" bloom"ing".

SATURDAY, May 9, 5:30 pm, Potluck at CLM with an even"ing" of pictures and shar"ing" by Bill Pashby regard"ing" his missions trip to Africa.

FRIDAY—SUNDAY, May 15—17, Greg Laurie Harvest Crusade at the Rapid City Civic Center. Plan to bring a friend to this great outreach. Volunteers are needed as well.

SUNDAY, May 17, 12:30 pm, Sunday Lunch at Godfather's Pizza, 110 N. Campbell, Suite A, RC

FRIDAY—MONDAY, May 22—25, Memorial Day weekend. No SNA activities. Glacier Singles' Retreat with Greg Blanc as the speaker. Contact Craig (605) 348-2258 for more information, or go to montanasinglesadvance.org.

SATURDAY, May 30, 7 pm, Nostalgia Games and Volleyball at North Point Center, 1202 North Maple, RC
Join us for an even"ing" of games remembered from ... our childhood. Bring a favorite snack from your childhood to share (if they are still available!! :)

Play"ing" - June

SATURDAY, June 6, 7 pm, Life Study at CLM with Sherri T. present"ing" God's Design for Play. Learn fun way to express God's love & joy through play.

FRIDAY, June 12, 6 pm, RELAY FOR LIFE at Sioux Park Track. Join us to walk for LIFE. This is a fund raiser for the fight against cancer. Contact Darcie (605) 342-6177 for more information.

SATURDAY, June 13, ALPINE INN Meet at the Mt. Rushmore Rd. Safeway at 4 pm to car pool to Hill City to eat at the Alpine Inn at 5 pm. RSVP to Jackie (605)391-6407 no later than June 6th.

SATURDAY, June 20, Noon—4 pm help out the community. Build a Park. The Vickie Powers Memorial Park, to be located north of Best Buy, needs a group of volunteers to help in any way possible with building this new community park. Meet at the corner of Haines and Kathryn Ave. to help out. Contact Darcie (605) 342-6177 for more information and/or sign up Details at vppark.com.

SATURDAY, June 27, 5:30 pm, Picnic at Old Story Book Island Park. Bring food to share. Always a great way to enjoy the great outdoors with food, fun and fellowship!

A NOTE FROM SNA LEADERSHIP

In a recent SALT (Single Adult Leadership Team) meeting we shared some of the core values we feel are very important to maintain in SNA. We thought it might be helpful to pass that information along to all of you. We basically took the Mission Statement and broke it down into segments. The mission statement reads:

*"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."*

A SAFE PLACE: We strive to keep SNA free from sharks and wolves. By that we mean that we don't want it to be a place where men and/or women are feeling "hit on" or made to feel uncomfortable in that way. We recognize that many singles may be vulnerable at times, and want SNA to be a place of safety and healing. We do not give out personal information such as phone/address lists, and we only use first names.

GROW IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST: Our priority is to keep SNA a Christ-centered organization, honoring Him in all we do. That is why we offer Bible studies, small groups, prayer, retreats, special guest speakers, etc.

TO BE ENCOURAGED: We attempt to always be on the lookout for ways to encourage one another; to build one another up rather than to tear each other down. We want to be a genuine, caring group, supporting one another, building lasting quality friendships.

CHALLENGED: Our goal is to challenge singles to grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, and mentally. To provide accountability and challenge one another to live Christ honoring lives.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF FUN: SNA is a great place to just come and have fun! There is lots of laughter, smiles, and joy.

ACCEPTANCE: We take this very seriously and want everyone to feel accepted. Greeting each individual and helping them to feel welcome is emphasized. No one person is more important than any other.

Hopefully this information is beneficial in showing you who SNA is and what we are all about. If you have any feedback or questions regarding these or other issues, feel free to let us know. You can contact us at snasingles@rushmore.com

Check this out!

UPCOMING CONCERT

Steven Curtis Chapman & Michael W. Smith

Thursday, April 16 7:30 pm (Central time)

Bismarck, ND

Contact Laurel **ASAP** for more information & to reserve tickets!

605-545-4852

Wow!!!



“Transplanted and Transformed” a testimony by Sherri T.

A light drizzle and dark, ominous clouds reflected my mood as I sat atop a rock overlooking Sylvan Lake on a cool August day in 2008. Tears poured down my cheeks as I prayed and cried out to God in confusion and despair. “Why am I still in this place, Lord? What is Your plan for me? What do I need to do and how do I do it? Father, give me strength and guidance so that I can do Your will.” As I sat there, the sun began peeking out behind the clouds and a feeling of peace and comfort settled over me. I knew that God had heard my cry, and I realized I just needed to rest in HIM.

A few months later, on a dark windy night, I struggled to keep my car on the road. Just what kind of crazy person had I become? As I watched the moving van in front of me sway from side to side with each gust of wind, I prayed that my son and his girlfriend would be safe. As I drove, I struggled to figure out what God had been thinking in sending me from Sioux Falls to Rapid City, on the other side of the state. I began to think of the life I left behind in Sioux Falls. I was moving away from all three of my children and my two grandchildren, and would be living alone for the first time ever. I was literally abandoning them, leaving my youngest daughter homeless for the summer term while she was back from college. I had left behind a teaching position in childcare, a job I had done for seven years, as well as a second job working in a domestic abuse shelter. I had given up my leadership position in the Christian single’s group, and I was leaving behind some very special friends. “Why now?” I wondered as I continued to drive.WHAT WAS I THINKING???

A week later as I was carted around the city by a lovely, generous lady sparkling with enthusiasm, I was still wondering what had happened. Her name was Lisa and she introduced me to so many people that I doubted I would ever remember them all. I felt completely overwhelmed. Lisa took me to Saturday Night Alive where I heard a section of The Truth Project. I was joyfully invited to return, and have since joined the leadership of SNA. Lisa took me to her church the next morning where I found an amazing “home”.

A few months later I found myself atop the rock at Sylvan Lake once again. This time the sun was shining and I had no tears. I laughed and tried to keep up with all the new friends I was getting to know as we hiked around the path. I remembered how I was in that very place about a year prior and reflected on how my life had changed in that time. My life had been transformed from a tired, oppressed, nearly defeated mom and grandma with daily struggles, just grasping for glimpses of mercy and grace, to a new and improved woman. Just last week my supervisor, who has been an amazing spiritual mentor and personal cheerleader, told me that she has seen me blossoming into a whole new person; one who is confident and strong. My friends and family are amazed at the much calmer and healthier person they see before them.

When God heard my cries on the rock that day, he took my pain and transformed it from despair to hope and joy. Not only was I transplanted to a new location, but I was also transformed in spirit and mind. Through God’s grace and mercy I was given new roots in which to grow. I am becoming a new creation, and I realize with all my heart that God has a plan for me, and I have hope for a future with HIM. He does answer prayer, and HE loves us more than we can imagine!!!

SMALL GROUPS

CLUTTER CONQUERORS: Do you struggle with being overcome by clutter? Well, you are not alone. Join others in the battle to become clutter free (or at least work toward that goal) and join the Clutter Conquerors! We will meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday from 6:30—8:00 pm at Susan B's house. For more information call 605-391-6407.

"HE LOVES ME": A book study about our relationship with Jesus Christ is being offered Mondays, beginning April 6, 2009 at 6:30 pm. This book study will be held at Darcie's with Lenny leading. For more information call 605-342-6177.



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