



# Saturday Night Alive!

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## At a Glance Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, September 9 @ 6:00pm. Potluck and Bible Study @ CLM.**

**Saturday, September 23 @ 1:00pm. Meet at Knecht's to carpool for a hike. Eating out afterwards!**

**Saturday, October 14 @ 6:00pm. Potluck and guest speaker @ CLM.**

**Saturday, October 28 @ 5:00pm. Car pooling for a Potluck and Hayride at Rainbow Bible Ranch.**

**Saturday, November 4 @ 6:00pm. Potluck and Bible Study @ CLM.**

**Saturday, November 18 @ 6:00pm. Thanksgiving Party @ Darcie's.**

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## Study Opportunities

**ONE OPTION:** Kaye is offering a book study/Bible study starting in October. This study is based on the book "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst and runs for 6 weeks at least. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm starting possibly the first week in October. Location to be determined. The book and study guide will need to be purchased before the meeting and can be ordered online through CBD (Christian Book Distributors) for \$23 plus shipping and handling. Some questions this study deals with are: 1) Have you ever felt less than, left out, or lonely? 2) Are you struggling with past or current rejections, or feel consumed with seeking the approval of others? 3) Do you want to learn to live loved – truly loved by God? The format includes group time to watch the video and answer questions from the study guide, then prayer. During the week there is individual study (5 days) for reading and reflecting on the scripture/questions/exercises in the study guide. There is a suggested (not mandatory) correlated reading from the book (usually around 3 chapters). If interested in this study, please contact Kaye @ (605)858-4073 (cell) or (605)343-5724 (home) no later than September 23rd.

**ANOTHER OPTION:** Jackie is offering a Bible study based on the book: "10 Best Decisions a Single Can Make" by Pam and Bill Farrel who also wrote "Men are Like Waffles-Women are Like Spaghetti". With honesty and humor, they discuss 10 decisions that will help singles live a full life, make wise choices, grow in their relationship with the Lord, and thrive in this time of singleness. The class will be meeting on Wednesday evenings beginning September 27th at Sandstone Ridge Community Room, 3600 Sheridan Lake Rd., Rapid City, from 6:30-8:30pm. The book, which is not required, runs around \$14.00 plus shipping and handling online at Christian Book Distributors or cbd.com. Please call Jackie @ (605)391-6407 for more information and to reserve a spot for the study.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday Night Alive Christmas Banquet coming up December 9th. Good food, fun, fellowship and celebrating Christmas together will be our agenda. More information will be forthcoming at a later date and included in our next newsletter. Put it on your calendar now, though and "Save the Date"!!

# **Thankfulness... It's What We Love** By Sherri Thompson

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"I love... little baby ducks, old pickup trucks, slow moving trains... and rain.

I love... honest open smiles, kisses from a child, tomatoes on the vine... and onions.

I love... winners when they cry, losers when they try, music when it's good... and life."

These lines from a favorite childhood melody came to mind while thinking about thankfulness. ("I Love" performed by country singer Tom T Hall). They remind me to focus on the little things that we often take for granted. Those little items that may seem insignificant now can be life-changing or powerful for others, or even ourselves at times in our lives.

Oftentimes when we think about the things we love, such as family, friends, freedom, good food, church family, hikes in the woods, etc. we may have a sense of what our Heavenly Father feels when He studies his creation. Even though we humans may get frustrated or irritated at those we love, we still come back to the times when we are thankful for their presence. At difficult times, such as a loss or illness or time of great pain, we may become even more overwhelmed with thankfulness for the kindness of others and the presence of our Savior. Or, we may go through the opposite extreme and wonder why we should feel thankful when we are having such a tough time. Reading the words of Job or King David can help you put some of those questions into perspective. Another thought may help also... Have you ever imagined how much love our Lord and Savior has for us, and how much He feels our pain and sorrow? Our God has a bigger plan for us than we may understand.

Thankfulness is not only an emotion, but...it is an attitude of gratitude as well as a state of spirituality. It is SO MUCH MORE than a holiday, or a season, or even a time of reflection. Thankfulness is a constant state of being, in which we reflect on how blessed we are, and we tell others that they are an important part of our lives. Our first praises should always be for our gracious and merciful Lord and Savior, for without HIM we are nothing. (Sometimes this can be a struggle in our day to day busy lives, and we strive to try to create a purposeful time of thankfulness. Don't give up! Even a silent moment during your day to say "Thank You, God for this job" or "Thank you that my car started" is reflective of a thankful heart to God.) In addition, sharing a kind word to an old friend, inviting a new friend to dinner, telling your cashier to have a good day, or praying for your server, are also terrific ways to have a state of thankfulness in your heart.

I have learned that this state of being thankful can keep us calm in a stressful situation, can reduce a burden that seems overwhelming, and even take the edge off a painful experience, as long as we keep our measures of thankfulness full by appreciating the simple things we are blessed to have each day. Make your list of "I love's" ..., and sing along with Tom T Hall if you wish (U tube or Google it). But most importantly, reflect upon your own attitude of thankfulness which will fill your cup of love to overflowing. And remember our GOD is always telling us "And I... LOVE... YOU... TOO!

May be placed on your refrigerator for easy access. (Or in your pocketbook or glove box!)  
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## September 2017

**Saturday, September 9 @ 6:00PM** Potluck and Bible Study at Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Dr., Rapid City. This will be the third section of the book and Bible study "Jesus, Single Like Me" by Kris Swiatocho. Becky Anderson will be leading the study. Please bring a dish to share, your Bibles, a friend or two and join us for a time of food, study and fellowship. For more information and/or directions, please call Becky Anderson @ (605)716-4969. Come and share.

**Saturday, September 23 @ 1:00PM** Meet at Knecht's parking lot in Rapid City to car pool to the centennial trail off Vanocker Canyon for a wonderful hike... weather permitting! For those of you who wish to meet closer to the trailhead, you may meet up with those who are car pooling from Rapid City at the Mobil station at the entrance to Vanocker Canyon right off the interstate at Sturgis @ approximately 1:45pm. If you wish to meet at the trailhead, call Lila @ (605)484-1460 for those directions. We will be meeting at 6:00pm for supper in Whitewood at the Hideaway Diner. They have prime rib on Saturday evenings and great steak tips along with other options. Hideaway Diner is located just off the interstate in Whitewood, or at 1309 Laurel St., Whitewood. Again, you may call Lila @ (605)484-1460 for more information and/or directions. In the case of inclement weather, we will just meet at 6:00pm in Whitewood for eating out.

## October 2017

**Saturday, October 14 @ 6:00pm** Potluck and Bible Study with Mitch Hildebrant @ Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Dr., Rapid City. Mitch has quite a testimony to share about his time as a missionary in Africa, and about his walk with the Lord. Please come and bring a dish to share, your Bibles, and a friend or two. For more information and/or directions, please call Lila @ (605) 484-1460. Come and be encouraged.

**Saturday, October 28 @ 5:00pm** Meet at Flying J Truck Stop, Exit 61 off Interstate 90, Rapid City, to car pool for a hayride and potluck supper at Rainbow Bible Ranch north of Rapid City. We will be doing the hayride at 6:00pm and the meal at 7:00pm. Rainbow Bible Ranch is located at 14676 Lone Tree Rd., Sturgis, for those who do not wish to car pool. Please bring a dish to share, \$3.00 per person to donate to Rainbow Bible Ranch, and a friend or two. The dish may be cold or hot since they have a great kitchen area to keep the food while we do the hayride. What a fun way to celebrate the coming of Fall!! For more information and/or directions, please call Jackie @ (605)391-6407. Larry Reinhold will be sharing devotions with us as well.

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## November 2017

**Saturday, November 4 @ 6:00pm** Potluck and Bible/Book Study at Christian Life Ministries, 1948 N. Plaza Dr., Rapid City. Please bring a dish to share, your Bibles, a friend or two and a desire to grow in your relationship with God and with others. The fourth section of Kris Swiatocho's study book "Jesus, Single Like Me" will be discussed. Please join us. For more information and/or directions, please call Lila @ (605)484-1460.

**Saturday, November 18 @ 6:00pm** Thanksgiving Party/Meal at Darcie's. Join us for the annual Thanksgiving meal and party at Darcie's. Once again, SNA leadership will provide turkey, potatoes, and dressing. Please bring a dish to share to accompany the main entree. A guest speaker will share thoughts on giving thanks. Please come prepared to be thankful, have fun, and enjoy. For more information and/or directions, please call Darcie @ (605)209-6677.

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