



*A Fellowship Committed to Biblical Ministry*



MARCH, 2009

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OF IFCA INTERNATIONAL

**Dear Members and Friends of the Rocky Mountain Regional:**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends in Christ,

With our time together just a few weeks away, I wanted to encourage you to attend the Regional, April 27-28, 2009 at the Fellowship Bible Church, Denver, CO. You will read the schedule, with a map of the location from Dave Kummer, later in this Newsletter.

Dr. D. Paul Williamson, the new director of RMBCM, will be our speaker, bringing the Regional up to speed on the recent happenings of the Mission, as well as bringing messages from the Word. I trust you are reading the "Vision America" Newsletter when it comes out via email. I have copies of the Newsletter if you need one.

As stated in my last news letter, we all need the refreshment that attendance at the Regional provides...either by what you supply or what others can supply to you. So, we trust we will see you in April. Remember to bring your written prayer requests with you.

Jack Merriam, President  
Rocky Mountain Regional/  
IFCA

P.S. Invite a friend to come with you.

**Dear Ladies of the Regional,**

Those of us who are in the ministry sometimes find ourselves lonely, because we feel we can't be open to those under us, sharing the burdens of our heart, and the needs of our ministry. That is why it is so important to come to our Regional meetings, for the friendship of others in ministry, to share our hearts burdens, to pray for one another and to help lift one another up. Paul reminds us "There-fore encourage one another, and build up one another just as you also are doing", I Thess. 5:11.

The Regional meeting is an opportunity to be ministered to by others and to minister to someone who needs your friendship and understanding! I hope it will be possible for you to attend.

Helen Williamson, the wife of Paul Williamson, the new Director of RMBCM, will speak to the Ladies on Tuesday morning. This will give us an opportunity to know Helen and hear of her life, testimony and ministry, and to better know how to pray for her. I'm sure we will be blessed.

I trust the Lord is blessing your ministry and life and that I perhaps will get to visit with you and hear about it at the Regional this April 27-28.

Blessings on you, dear friend,

Sandy Merriam, Coordinator  
for the Regional Women

**RMBCM HAPPENINGS**

As the spring season breaks upon us we look forward to the evidence of new life as the grass, flowers, trees, and shrubs begin to show new foliage and growth. Springtime is one of my favorite seasons of the year as the long cold months of winter give way to the warmth of sunshine and the presence of new life.

As I think about the springtime season I am reminded that we have a God who not only created the beauty of the world but sustains it in His absolute faithfulness. It is this same God that gives us hope in the every challenging task of presenting the gospel of Christ to a lost world. The God of creation is the God of "new creation" in Christ Jesus as repentant sinners place their faith in Jesus Christ and by grace receive the gift of salvation. Ultimately that is what church planting is all about – bringing the hope of salvation in Christ to communities that have no gospel witness or light.

Since our arrival here in Colorado in February, Helen and I have been kept very busy in settling into the work of the ministry of RMBCM. I am beginning to get a handle on the office procedures and activities and yet realize that the learning curve is still quite large. We have had the privilege of speaking in several churches and look...

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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OF IFCA INTERNATIONAL, SPRING REGIONAL MEETING**  
**April 27-28, 2009**  
**Fellowship Bible Church 2201 Jay St. Edgewater (Denver), CO 80214**

**“A Prior Determination - Developing Ministry With Eternal Impact”**

**Monday, April 27, 2009**

1:00 – 1:30 pm. Arrival & Registration.  
1:30 – 2:40 pm. Dr. Paul Williamson: “A Prior Determination to Embrace Our Lord's Mandate”  
2:40 – 3:10 pm. Break/Coffee & Snacks  
3:10 – 4:15 pm. Ministry Reports  
4:15 – 4:30 pm. Break  
4:30 – 5:30 pm. Dr. Paul Williamson: “A Prior Determination to Embrace the Body of Christ”  
5:30 – 7:00 pm. Dinner  
7:00 pm. Dr. Paul Williamson: “A Prior Determination to Embrace Our Lord's Purpose”

**Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

8:15 – 9:15 am. Prayer Session (Small Groups)  
9:15 – 9:45 am. Break  
9:45 – 11:00 am. Business Meeting/Ladies’ Meeting  
11:00 am.– NOON. Dr. Paul Williamson: "A Prior Determination to Glorify God"  
Video Presentation "Where Are The People? – The American Church In Crisis"  
12:10 pm. Lunch

**Registration by mail:** Fellowship Bible Church 2201 Jay Street Edgewater, CO 80214

**Registration by email (recommended/preferred):** [dkummer@juno.com](mailto:dkummer@juno.com)

**Registration by telephone:** 303-237-0180

**All registrations should include the following information:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number in party \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you bringing children \_\_\_\_\_ If so what are their names/ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Which meals do you plan on enjoying at FBC?

Dinner on April 27: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch on April 28: \_\_\_\_\_

**LODGING:** Many of you have friends or relatives in the Denver area, and you are encouraged to make arrangements with them, if you can. If you desire to stay with a family, contact Pastor Dave, and he will try to make those arrangements for you. OR...call, if you would like motel information.

OR...

Motel 6

480 Wadsworth Blvd.

Lakewood, CO 80226

303-232-4924

RATES: \$39.99 + tax (single); \$45.99 + tax (couple)

[Contact Dave for a 10% discount coupon off of these prices.]

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OF IFCA INTERNATIONAL  
REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING**

McCarroll Bible Church Denver, CO Tuesday, January 20, 2009

1. Regional President Jack Merriam called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. Jack read Psalm 19:14, and then opened the meeting with prayer. There were 22 in attendance: 15 members, 2 delegates, and 5 visitors.
2. Les Gwin moved that the minutes of the September 23, 2008 Regional meeting at Monument View Bible Church in Fruita be approved, as printed in the Regional Newsletter. Second. Approved.
3. Jeff Anderson moved that the Treasurer's Report be received, as printed in the Regional Newsletter. Second. Approved. Treasurer Cal Sheppard informed us that the evening's offering was \$621. An offering was received for the President's Convention Fund; that offering was \$228.
4. The Executive Committee nominated Les Gwin and Tom Stevens for the office of Regional Vice-President. By secret ballot, Tom Stevens was elected.
5. The Executive Committee nominated Paul Millermon and Bill Spindler for the office of Regional Secretary. By secret ballot, Bill Spindler was elected.
6. Regional President Merriam invited nominations for the office of IFCA International President and also for the Board of Directors. Jeff Anderson nominated Chip Burch for President. Second. Archie Kliewer nominated Rich McCarrell for Board of Directors. Second. Les Gwin moved that nominations cease. Second. Carried.
7. Regional President Merriam informed those in attendance that Widefield Community Bible Church has been accepted into IFCA International.
8. The Future Regionals Planning Sheet was distributed and discussed. It was noted that at the Fall Regional, it had been decided to attend the Ministry Conference of Frontier School of the Bible for our Spring Regional meeting in 2011. There were no new invitations.
9. Regional President Merriam informed us that scholarships are available for "first timers" to attend the IFCA International Annual Convention.
10. Regional President Merriam, and Regional Vice-President-elect, Tom Stevens gave reports on the meeting in Phoenix, AZ to discuss how to help Southwest Bible Church Mission (SBCM). No decisions were made but there was a commitment between SBCM and our Rocky Mountain Bible Church Mission (RMBCM), to continue a dialogue in July that would include the possibility of merging SBCM and RMBCM. RMBCM Board President, Dave Kummer explained that before RMBCM would decide to effect a merger with SBCM, that our Rocky Mountain Regional would be asked for input and approval.
11. IFCA International Board Of Directors member, Greg Gemmell, gave a report on the Board's "Mid-Year Meeting." The Board discussed two major matters: the funding problems of the "Home Office," which resulted in Dan Fredricks' position being eliminated; and, the 2009 Convention which has the theme, "Vision, World."
12. Regional President Merriam drew attention to the Minutes of the 2008 Convention, which noted the intention to propose amendments to the IFCA International Constitution ("Concerning Male Leadership") and the By-laws ("Concerning Sexual Intimacy") to be voted on at the 2009 Convention. President Merriam noted that churches might be wise to include these items in their legal documents.
13. There being no other business, Jeff Anderson moved the adjournment of the meeting. Second. Carried, by standing acclamation. Regional Secretary-elect, Bill Spindler, closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Kummer  
Regional Secretary.

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**WHERE CAN I FIND...**

- Information about the Regional I just missed?
- The current Regional Newsletter?
- Information about the approaching Regional meeting?
- A link to information about the dates and locations of future Regional meetings?
- A link to a listing of Regional Churches?

WHY...you can find all of that...and more...at your Regional Website! Go to...  
<http://www.RockyMtnRegional.org> Pay it a visit soon!

+++++ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL OF IFCA INTERNATIONAL+++++  
 FINANCIAL REPORT (December 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009)

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE \$992.12

Income:

January Regional offering:	\$621.00	
Mailed Gifts:	0.00	
Special offering Pres. Fund:	228.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		849.00

Disbursements:

January speaker:	300.00	
President Con. Fund:	200.00	
Pres.Special Con. fund	228.00	
IFCA:	111.00	
Rocky Mt. BC Mission:	111.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		950.00

GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE: 891.12

PRESIDENT CONVENTION FUND

Beginning Balance:		400.00
Transfer from General fund:	200.00	
Special Pres. Conv. fund:	228.00	
Ending Balance:		828.00

Respectfully submitted,  
 Cal Sheppard, Regional Treasurer

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forward to scheduling many more opportunities in the weeks and months ahead. If you would like for us to come to your church and represent RMBCM or just fill the pulpit please feel free to call the office or email me at [dpwilliamson@rmbcm.org](mailto:dpwilliamson@rmbcm.org).

God continues to work with our church plants and we praise God for the faithful and sacrificial labors of our missionary pastors. They are the key people in church planting and deserve our support in every way.

**Les and Nancy Gwin** have sold their home in Arvada and are looking to buy a home in the Severance area. They have an offer on a house but are waiting on final inspection results etc. before moving to closing. Pray that God will reveal his will and provide abundantly for them in this challenging time of transition of moving. Les and Nancy are in need of substantial increase of their monthly support and we would covet your prayers on their behalf for this need. The ministry at Severance needs to find a better location for their services – pray that God will provide and that the congregation will be united in serving together to see the church grow.

**Loyal and Brenda May** continue to serve effectively at Collbran Grace Bible Church. Helen and I had the privilege of visiting with them recently and were so blessed by their gracious hospitality and also in seeing the work at Collbran. Pray for Loyal as he works with me to coordinate some upcoming leadership/elder training sessions. Also we covet your prayers for Loyal as he will be traveling with others from Grace Bible Church to Uganda in May.

**Kirk and Paula Dunham** request prayer for families in the fellowship at Green River Bible Church with spiritual needs. Pray that God’s Word will bring positive change in lives as Kirk faithfully upholds the truth. Kirk would also covet your prayers as he is planning a trip to Nepal in June. Pray for the necessary funds to be available and for the effectiveness of the trip as he serves there.

**Tom and Kim Harves** serving at South Routt Bible Church covet your prayers as they seek God’s provision and guidance in leading the ministry. Pray for their effectiveness in serving the congregation and community.

I would covet your prayers as RMBCM works with some contacts in the Colorado Springs area for developing Hispanic ministries. We are in the early stages of discussion and planning and we need God’s wisdom and direction as

we look at this possibility. I am asking God to give us at least two new church plants to be in some stage of development by the end of the year. If we can assist your church in becoming a “mother church” to a church plant in your area please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your support of RMBCM and of Helen and me as we seek to see Vision America expand in the Rocky Mountain region. Pray for our monthly support to continue to increase. We are currently at about 1/3 of our support need.

Dr. D. Paul Williamson  
Director

**MAP TO FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH**  
2201 JAY STREET (about mid-way between Sheridan & Wadsworth Blvds.)

