



To My Brothers and Sisters in the IFCA Rocky Mountain Regional,

It is good to be writing you this time to let you know that we are meeting in person this Spring for our Regional Fellowship. What a blessing it will be to join together and fellowship, praise our God and encourage one another in the Lord! I contemplated what to write and share with you in this newsletter. In Malachi 3:6 God makes a profound statement, "For I, the Lord, do not change". What a wonderful truth! Yet, we find ourselves in a world and society that is in a constant state of change. If we are not careful, we will find ourselves in the extremes of either trying to adapt to every change, or we will grow weary and allow ourselves to settle into a state of complacency.

As the church, in this ever-changing world, I think it is vital for us to first and foremost focus on our Never Changing God. I also feel it is important for us to have a focused goal of how we will strive to serve, minister, and equip our people and churches amid the change while continuing to see God and His Word impact this changing world!

I really appreciated the emphasis that was focused on at the IFCA CORP retreat in February. The IFCA, as a whole, is seeking to be more intentional about how our regionals function, equip, and serve the

local churches that they are made up of. We are seeking to create a stronger fellowship that yields progress in a forward direction. There was great discussion on how that looks, how we prepare new leaders, and what it looks like to transfer leadership on to new generations. I am encouraged to see how God is working in the IFCA and I look forward to sharing more at our upcoming Regional gathering in April.

Until then, do not grow weary of staying the course, preaching His Word, and pointing the world around us to our Never Changing God and Savior! The times are changing, but His message remains the same. What a joy it is to serve with, pray for, and fellowship with such a faithful group of men and women!

**God Bless,
Jed Johnston
Regional President**

RSBCE HAPPENINGS

Are we prepared? We are all constantly reminded of the importance of preparation for both the known *and* the unknown. I've heard the statement, '*Luck is preparation meeting opportunity*'. I don't believe in luck, but I do believe in God's faithful providence and the need to be prepared to share His blessings with others. As pastors and ministry leaders, we

are in perpetual preparation for next week, next month, even next year. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he instructs us to be "*ready in season and out of season*." As I write these words, I have prepared a sermon with worship music to speak in a Denver area church this Sunday. My sermon is finished, I have committed it to the Lord, and my heart is ready. But the church may not meet due to the snowstorm forecasted for Colorado this weekend. As you read this article, several days from now, we all know what happened the weekend of March 13-14. I take great comfort that the snow came from God's snow warehouse (*Job 38:22*) and was sent here according to His plan. I have also made preparations for the storm. My car is full of gasoline, the snow blower is ready to go – I think I am ready. But what if God has other plans? We know that He has sovereignly ordained things which we cannot see or know. Are we prepared to accept and respond to God's perfect will and His plans? It is with wisdom that we faithfully prepare our hearts for both the known and the unknown and the chaos of our day is an ongoing reminder of our need to prepare. God prepared us – are we prepared for Him? *For we are His*

**Rocky Mountain Regional of IFCA International
2021 SPRING Regional Meetings**

New Life Bible Church 2320 S. Prairie Ave. Pueblo, CO 81005
April 19–20, 2021 (PLEASE REGISTER BY April 15 TO HELP US PLAN)

THEME: “How to Sharpen Your Preaching and Teaching Skills”

<p align="center"><u>Spring Regional Schedule:</u></p> <p><u>Monday, April 19</u> 11:00 – Noon Exec. Comm. meeting Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch for Exec. Comm. 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm. Arrival & Registration 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm <u>Session 1</u> 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Break/Snacks/Fellowship 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Ministry Reports & prayer in small groups 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner at New Life 7:00 pm.– 8:30 pm. <u>Session 2</u></p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 20</u> 8:00 am – 8:30 am. Breakfast at New Life 8:30 am – 9:00 am. Prayer in small groups 9:00 am – 10:30 am. <u>Session 3</u> 10:30 am – 11:00 am Break/Snack/Fellowship 11:00 am – NOON Men’s Business Mtg. & Separate Ladies’ Meeting NOON . Lunch at New Life</p>	<p align="center">OUR SPEAKER: John Snyder</p> <p>“By the grace of God, and through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ at a small Bible church in Pennsylvania, I was saved from my sins in 1992 at the age of 27. I was then disciplined by my Pastor for 5 years, during which time God gave me a passion for ministry and in particular ministry of the Word. In 1997, I left my 10-year career as an electrical engineer and entered seminary, receiving my M.Div from Master’s Seminary in 2000. Following seminary I served as a missionary in Russia for 9 years helping Russian pastors in their preaching. Upon returning from the mission field in 2009 I was invited to serve as a pastor at New Life Bible Church in Pueblo and have rejoiced to serve there these past 12 years. Praise the Lord!”</p> <p>John and his wife, Danese have been married for 33 years, and they have two adult children.</p>
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Registration: Please email John Snyder at: janddsnyder@gmail.com Please include...

<p align="center"><u>Personal Information</u></p> Name(s): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Number attending: _____ Ages of children if attending (no program provided): _____	<p align="center"><u>Tell us which meals you will have at New Life Bible Church and how many people for those meals?</u></p> Dinner April 19: _____ Breakfast April 20: _____ Lunch April 20: _____
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Directions To New Life Bible Church: Take Exit 94 off of I-25. Take CO-45 North (W. Pueblo Blvd) for 1.4 miles (there will be a WalMart Neighborhood Market on your right). Turn right on Prairie Avenue and go 0.5 mile. The church is on the right side (East side) of Prairie Avenue...2320 S. Prairie Ave.

Regional Lodging Suggestions/Options

When you register, please note if you would like to stay with one of our church families. Otherwise, the nearest hotel to the church is...
Hampton Inn & Suites, Pueblo Southgate. 3315 Gateway Dr, Pueblo, CO 81004 (719) 566-1726
OR, you may look into booking with VRBO or some other service.

Regional Financial Report, 03/13/2021

	General Fund:	President's Fund:	Scholarship Fund:	TOTAL:
Beginning Balance 11/17/2020:	\$2,156.50	\$652.00	\$100.00	\$2,908.50
11/19/2020	\$210.00			
12/14/2020	\$75.00			
Total Available 01/18/2021	\$2,441.50	\$652.00	\$100.00	\$3,193.50
Regional Transactions...				
President's Fund	-\$300.00	\$300.00		
Travel to CORPS		-\$218.20		
Regional Offering	\$0.00			
Total	\$2,141.50			
RSBCE	-\$214.00			
IFCA International	-\$214.00			
Ending Balances	\$1,713.50			
2/1/2021	75.00			
2/16/2021	75.00			
Ending Bank Bal. (01/18/2021)	\$1,863.50	\$733.80	\$100.00	\$2,697.30

Regional Treasurer, Jeremy Estrema

If you cannot attend the Regional, but would still like to contribute to the support of the Regional, financially, you can mail a check, made out to, Rocky Mountain Regional, to Widefield Community Bible Church ATTN: Pastor Jeremy 702 Quebec St. Colorado Springs, CO 80911
Thank you for your support of YOUR Regional!

*******WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON...?*******

- IFCA International: WWW.IFCA.org
- Joining IFCA International: On the IFCA International website at...
http://www.ifca.org/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=140030918&sec_id=140006911
OR...talk with Regional President, Jed Johnston
- Rockies Southwest Bible Church Extension: WWW.RSBCE.org
- Rocky Mountain Regional: WWW.RockyMtnRegional.org
- Rocky Mountain Regional Directory: Email Regional Information Officer, Dave Kummer at: Pastor@FBCEdgewater.org. He would be happy to send you the latest updated version in WORD format (available in other formats on request)
- Rocky Mountain Regional Churches: WWW.RockyMtnRegional.org/regional-churches

***** RSBCE HAPPENINGS CONCLUDED (From Page 1)*****

workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Eph. 2:10

Nancy and I completed a 10-day trip in February to Western Colorado where we had the joy of visiting five pastors and churches during our journey. We also spent a morning at Twin Peaks Bible Camp meeting with Camp Director, Aaron Thomas. We are planning an RSBCE retreat at the camp this coming August for our pastors and board members for the purpose of encouragement and fellowship and to provide all of us some additional ministry training. Dave Deets, Vice President of IBL (*The Institute for Biblical Leadership*), will be with us to provide four training sessions on leadership and organizational development. I look forward to our time together as a mission organization.

As we begin 2020, our purpose in church planting remains steadfast. Our purpose and prayer is to continue to reach and teach people in the Southwest with the good news of the Gospel through the ministry of local IFCA churches. We will continue to seek God’s favor through church planting, church revitalization, church ministry events, and recruitment of pastors. I am encouraged as God has provided opportunities for me to speak regularly in churches over the past several months and share the ministry of RSBC with several congregations. I also praise God for new contacts this year with three young men who are seeking pastoral ministries in the Southwest. We now have several open pastoral positions in IFCA churches in Colorado. Would you pray with us that God would prepare new committed pastors to join us in the harvest?

Preparing for God’s blessings!

Tim Chally
RSBCE Director

FUTURE REGIONALS PLANNING SCHEDULE

Revised: 03/15/2021

Season/year	Dates	Location	Speaker/Details	Host:
Spring, 2021	April 19-20, 2021	New Life Bible Church Pueblo, CO	“How to Sharpen Your Preaching and Teaching Skills”	John Snyder
Summer, 2021	June 28 – July 2, 2021	Lincoln, Nebraska!	Annual Convention	
Fall, 2021	September 20-21, 2021	Grace Bible Church Parachute, CO	Jed Johnston	Pastor Jed Johnston
Winter, 2022	January, 2022	Goodland Bible Church (combined with KS)		Pastor Tim Bonebright
Spring, 2022	April/May, 2022	Widefield Community Bible Church		Jeremy Estrema
Summer, 2022	June, 2022		Annual Convention	
Fall, 2022	September, 2022	Available		
Winter, 2023	January, 2023	Available		

ROCKY MOUNTAIN IFCA REGIONAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES Bible Center Church September 22, 2020 (No Winter, 2021 Meeting)

1. Called to Order by President Jed Johnston who opened with prayer at 11:11am.
Registration of attendees: 9 members, 4 delegates, one guest
2. Scripture Reading and Prayer: Philippians 4:4-8 Pay attention to what is going on in the world, point people back to God's Word.
3. Review of January, 2021, Regional Minutes: motion by Loyal May to receive the minutes as printed in the Regional Newsletter, second by Tom Stevens, carried.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Beginning Balance - \$1257.10
 - Regional Offering – \$1576.00
 - Speaker Honorarium - \$ 225.00
 - President's Fund - \$ 100.00
 - 10% to IFCA - \$ 250.80
 - 10% to RSBCE - \$ 250.80
 - Ending Balance – \$2006.50Motion to receive Treasurer's report by Paul Williamson, second by Dave Kummer, carried.
5. Future Regional Planning:
 - **Winter 2021** – Fellowship Bible Church, Edgewater, CO
 - Speaker: Tim Chally
 - **Spring 2021** – New Life Bible Church, Pueblo, CO
 - Speaker: John Snyder
 - **Summer 2021** – 2021 IFCA International Convention
 - Lincoln, NE June 28 - July 2, 2021
 - **Fall 2021** – Grace Bible Church, Parachute, CO
 - Speaker: Jed Johnston
 - **Winter 2022** – Goodland Bible Church, Goodland KS
 - Speaker:
 - **Spring 2022** – Widefield Community Bible Church, Colorado Springs, CO
 - Speaker:
6. Regional Directory Updates: Contact Dave Kummer with updates or a copy of the Regional Directory.
Jed encouraged everyone to stay in contact with one another.
7. Nominations of Officers:
 - Vice President – Tim Chally
 - Secretary – Ryan King
8. Church Planting as a Regional: Discussion on need and strategy for planting churches.
Mesa Hills Bible Church is planning on planting a church in the near future, everyone was encouraged to join in assisting in this effort.
9. Future Events/Church Involvement: Discussion on events to draw churches/believers; potlucks together, singspiration, retreats together.
10. Adjournment: President Jed Johnston asked Tim Dane to close the meeting in prayer.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Tom Stevens
Regional Secretary