



# The Longs Peak Link

Resourcing Churches in North Colorado

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PRAYING

GPS, God's Plan for Sharing is a ten-year initiative for helping our churches in fulfilling their God-given assignment of accomplishing the Great Commission. This wasn't birthed at the office of

some denominational entity. It came from Pastor Frank Page a couple of years ago when he was the SBC President. Burdened over the decline of baptisms in the SBC and the fact that over 80% of churches in America were either stagnant in growth or declining, he requested that NAMB develop a national initiative that would help churches spread the Gospel.

This year's Nicy Murphy State Missions Offering, now called Colorado Missions Offering emphasis was built around this emphasis.

The central theme is "Every believer sharing, every person hearing by 2020." The vision is God-sized: "Fulfill the Great Commission in North America by 2020." There are four biblical markers that will be emphasized continually:



ENGAGING

**Praying** – Every church praying for unreached people

**Engaging** – Every believer sharing as a trained witness



SOWING

**Sowing** – Every unreached person receiving a witness  
**Harvesting** – Every church harvesting and celebrating every salvation response

The LPBA Church Outreach/Planting Team is working on how to customize this for our churches in Northern Colorado. Soon, listening sessions and one-on-one interviews will take place to find out what approach our churches want to pursue in this initiative. Colorado Baptists have named 2010's theme, "Praying Across Colorado." Starting in February, leading up to Easter, TV ads called "Find it Here" will run on Denver stations. The ads will lead people to a website called, [www.findithere.com](http://www.findithere.com).

Colorado Baptists have funded door-hanger packets for each of the over 400 churches and seed congregations to use in their outreach. Each congregation can customize the packet. The LPBA will provide training on how each church can prayer walk their community.



HARVESTING

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WHO'S MISSING?  
WHOSE MISSION?

WEEK OF PRAYER  
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS  
AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY  
NOV 29—DEC 6, 2009

2009 National Goal: \$175 million  
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



## Networking News...

The work among the LPBA of churches can truly be summarized as, *Never a dull moment*. As you can see in this issue of "The Longs Peak Link," we have had a busy fall season. The Annual Fall Celebration showed a great turn out as messengers and guests heard great stories of new life and new churches and made preparation for a new season of ministry in 2010.

Each of our Church resource teams are working on projects to help assist churches to be more effective in carrying out the Great Commission. I appreciate the team leaders that are serving as our team leads.

A major emphasis in 2010 will be around the GPS initiative. You will find on the front cover of this issue more information on what the GPS entails and how we are seeking to customize this tool for our LPBA churches.

Since I last wrote to you, we have changed our mailing address to a Loveland address, P.O. Box 755, Loveland, CO 80539. Please inform the leadership in your church of this important change. We are continuing to downsize our office so that we can more comfortably reside in our new office space that will occupy the north part of the North Annex of Loveland Community Church. After some remodeling, we hope to make our move to that new space before the holiday season hits.

We also have a new website that we have more extensive plans for using: [www.lpba.us](http://www.lpba.us). We have posted back issues of "The Longs Peak Link" on the website.

We have plans of creating a resource library called "One Share" where churches can share resources among themselves.

Recently I helped New Life Community Church in Greeley celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church. I heard a story from Jeff who attended a block party in Greeley. New Life used the LPBA block party trailer that we call "The Celebration Station." Through that block party they were able to connect with Jeff and he was intrigued why a church would do such a thing. He started attending and entered into a saving relationship with Jesus. His story reminds me of the story in Mark 2 when four friends got together and took their friend in need to Jesus. They each took a corner of the mat literally carried him to Jesus. Though you didn't realize it, the churches of the LPBA were like those friends. When a church sets aside a portion of their budget to give to associational missions, they are taking "a corner of a mat" to bring people like Jeff to Jesus.

Thanks for your "partnership in the gospel" Phil. 1:5.

Pastor/Staff &  
Wives  
Luncheon  
Thursday, November  
12th  
hosted by  
Hillside Baptist  
Greeley  
@ 12:00noon



## THE WONDERFUL LIFE

OF FUNDING MISSIONS!



As the holidays approach, one of my family's favorites to watch is "It's a Wonderful Life." It is a classic. Two quotes from that movie are applicable to both the philosophy and the finances of our association of churches.

The first one is when George Bailey seeks to explain how the Bailey Building and Loan works. He explains, *"You're thinking of this place all wrong. As if I had the money back in a safe. The money's not here. Your money's in Joe's house...right next to yours. And in the Kennedy house, and Mrs. Macklin's house, and a hundred others."*

That's our philosophy in going to a resourcing model of associational work. It's not the goal of the LPBA to be holding large sums of money in the bank and valuing how well we are doing based on our bank balance. Instead, it is how much of the resources are going back out into the field to help our churches carrying out the Great Commission.

The other memorable quote that applies to the LPBA is the one that George Bailey made in response to Clarence saying that he was from heaven. *"You don't happen to have \$8000 bucks do you?" Clarence replied, "Oh, no we don't use money up there," to which George response, "Well, it comes in mighty-handy down here, bub!"*

In ministry, we know that money isn't everything but it sure comes in mighty-handy! As your church makes decisions about your mission dollars in 2010, we hope that you will consider keeping your associational missions funding the same or to increase it.

Through July, we were only spending what we were receiving from the churches. Giving is down. We are not able to spend budget. We are seeking to downsize so that more and more of our church contributions are devoted to fund work out in the field. August and September were not good months. We are behind and have to put on hold some money that we were going to send to churches to help them with outreach.

Together, we can accomplish more as each of our churches does it's share in supporting local associational missions.





# in focus



## 2009 LPBA Annual Celebration Meeting

### Immanuel Community Church

1725 W. Mulberry, Ft. Collins

**Saturday, November 14th**

**9:00 am-5:00 pm**

Individual tickets are \$18.00 which includes a sandwich lunch and refreshments

For more info call Joe Creighton 404-644-9022

**The LPBA Annual Fall Celebration** was held Sunday, September 20th at West Greeley Baptist Church in Greeley. The chosen theme of the meeting was *Church Inside —> Out*. The theme was centered around the events of Associational churches taking the Gospel outside the walls of their building and into their communities.



Frank Ross, pastor of West Greeley and Moderator led the meeting with the message being delivered by Jim Misloski, pastor of Loveland Community. Worship was provided by Oscar de la Cruz and his family.

Four churches were credentialed and

Pastor Jim Misloski from Loveland Community, Pastor Rick Vannoy from Discovery Fellowship, Pastor Shorty Huffman from Kersey Cowboy Church, and Pastor Travis Heady from Canyon Ridge gave a brief introduction of their ministry and themselves. Church Planters, Juan Valdez, Mitzi and Greg Deal, and Nate Templin were introduced as they shared a little about their ministries.

The LPBA teams and staff gave reports and there were 20 churches represented. Election of officers took place with Steve Kilgore being elected as Moderator, Brad Gilliland as Vice Moderator, Sue Clark as Treasurer, and Tammy White as Clerk.

The 2010 LPBA Annual Meeting will be held at Southside Baptist Church in Fort Collins on Sunday September 19th at 3:30 pm.



Five churches from Longs Peak Baptist Association will be participating in a combined project targeting Senior Adults. A mission team from the Harmony

Baptist Association out of Missouri will be coming in June of 2010 to provide a Senior Event for the five churches. Each event will take place in one church with the host church inviting neighboring LPBA churches to join with them. The mission team will move to the next church the following day until five locations have been covered.

The mission team will also be doing minor repair work where needed, as well as outreach ministries to retirement homes and group homes in Loveland.

For additional information contact: Duane Trimble at 970-669-0236 or [duaneetrimble@gmail.com](mailto:duaneetrimble@gmail.com)

#### Participating churches include:

Orchards Baptist Immanuel Community West Greeley  
Estes Park Derby Hill



November 12 & 13

APPROACHES TO REACHING  
OUR POST-MODERN CULTURE

The 2009 Missional Leadership Conference will be held November 12 & 13 at Vanguard Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado

For more information visit the MLC website:  
[www.vanguardchurch.org](http://www.vanguardchurch.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS ON  
THE CALENDAR...**

11/12 Pastor/Staff & Wives  
Luncheon hosted by Hillside  
@ Noon

11/12- Missional Leadership  
11/13 Conference

11/14 Focus on Parenting Simulcast  
hosted by Immanuel  
Community, Ft. Collins

11/26 Thanksgiving

11/29- Week of Prayer for Lottie  
12/6 Moon Christmas Offering

12/24- LPBA Office is Closed  
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12/25 Christmas

NOVEMBER

10 Janis Matias  
12 Mary Ann Brock  
18 Sherry Timmons  
30 Olga Aguirre



BIRTHDAYS



DECEMBER

2 Carol Pacheco  
6 Brenda Shelander  
9 Dave Samples  
20 Gary Clyma  
23 Truman Parker  
26 Juan Valdez  
28 Frank Ross  
30 Aurora de la Cruz

*The purpose of the LPBA is to resource and network churches and ministries together as they make disciples of their world through gospel saturation and fulfill their distinct, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission.*

**Featured in this issue...**

- *God's Plan for Sharing 2020*
- *Recap of LPBA Annual Fall Celebration 2009*
- *Linking Hearts Event 2010*
- *Focus on Parenting Simulcast offered by Immanuel Community*
- *The Wonderful Life Of Funding Missions!*
- *Networking News*



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