



# The SonRise Voice

Rev. Dave York, Pastor

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!!*

January 2011

## THINK ON THESE THINGS

Happy 2011! I know that God has amazing things in store for SonRise Church in the upcoming year. Please pray for the church and its leaders so that we may lead wisely and continue in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Here are a few news items that you may be interested for early 2011:

**NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:** We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Rudnik is being hired to be the newest addition to the SonRise staff. She has been a leader in the CM through directing Vacation Bible School, leading children's choir and working with SonRise kids on Wednesday night. Jen has great energy and passion for kids and the church. We'll officially welcome her on Sunday, January 9 with a reception as part of Rally Sunday. Make plans to attend worship that Sunday.

**MOMENTUM BEGINS:** Starting on January 9, we'll begin our Momentum program with the teaching of 3 Financial Peace University classes. One of the questions asked in the program is, "What could the people of God do for the Kingdom of God if we were debt free?" We believe that FPU will transform lives and families in the area of financial discipleship. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. It will help us reach our goal of 80% participation throughout the church.

**DESIGN TEAM FOR PHASE TWO EXPANSION:** We're assembling a design team to begin working with our architects for the Phase Two expansion project. It is another step forward on growing SonRise for God's glory in Pueblo West. We are considering a multipurpose area for worship, expanded lobby and kitchen area, more classrooms and additional nursery and toddler areas. In the spring time, it is our hope that we'll be able to present a picture and price tag to the congregation for Phase Two.

**SERMON SERIES OF GOD WORKING THROUGH FAMILIES:** I'll be preaching a new sermon series starting on January 16. We'll be looking at stories of how God works through families of the Old and New Testament. Throughout this series, some of the topics we'll examine are forgiveness, conflict and provision. One of the highlights will be the commissioning of our first Stephen Ministry class on February 6. Where is God at work in your life and family?

I love being the pastor of SonRise. You are an awesome church family that is growing in love for the Lord and love for each other. Our work in local and international missions is the heart beat of our church. Your inviting and welcoming of the stranger is critical to who we are at SonRise. Keep up the good work - may God bring you peace, prosperity and promise in 2011.

*Dave*

District Conference  
March 5, 2011  
First UMC, Pueblo

You will get more information about this important gathering, but you can “save the date” now! We will be covering lots of crucial ministries, so please plan on being present.

One of the areas we will touch on is the whole idea of missions. For a long, long time, we talked about missions in terms of sending money to someone else to do mission work for us. That is a great way of doing missions! But a more “hands-on” approach is emerging as well.

As I went around to churches for Church Conferences, I was impressed by the number of churches that are doing **hands-on mission work**. It may be working with those in poverty. It might focus on young people in need. Sometimes it is just hard, physical labor. Others spend their time rocking orphaned babies or caring for the sick. The groups are sometimes made up mainly of young people. Others are adult mission trips. Some are combinations of age groups. The trips are geographically diverse as well. Many are close to home, but others are in different countries. I want to applaud all of the churches in the district for their mission work. Special thanks goes to those churches and individuals who actually go and do!

If your church hasn't done a mission trip, there are lots of possibilities. One of the major stumbling blocks for small-membership churches is getting critical mass to take on something like this. Not to worry! There are ways around that. If you are interested in making a difference in the world, you can!

Even one or two people from a church can join with others. There are lots of ways to do that. **Volunteers in Mission (VIM)**, is a lay lead organization that sponsors missions locally and around the world. You can find groups going a variety of places through VIM. Just contact **Ann Fort** ([annfort8269@comcast.net](mailto:annfort8269@comcast.net)) and she can help you get started. Or you could contact our **District Mission Leader, Pat Blasi**. Her phone number is (710) 254-7580 and her e-mail address is [blasienp@bresnan.net](mailto:blasienp@bresnan.net). Pat has lots and lots of experience. She has completed VIM training and will be glad to do 1-on-1 training for you.

Have you ever lamented the terrible state of the world? Did you ever shake your head and wonder, “What can I do?” Here is an answer. It's certainly not the only answer, but it is one way to touch the world in a profoundly positive way. But here is the best part. It will be a positive, life-changing experience for you! You will never be the same. Isn't it time to ponder and pray about your work in the world? There are lots of folks who would love to help you. You can call me at 719-250-3777 or send me an e-mail at [marv@rmcumc.com](mailto:marv@rmcumc.com). If I can't figure out how to help, I'll find someone who can!

Blessings,  
Marv Vose  
Sunshine District Superintendent

**Mission Notes from Sunshine District**  
**Mission Chair—Pat Blasi**  
[blasienp@bresnan.net](mailto:blasienp@bresnan.net)

We have available a new mission newsletter 'connectNmission' which will be replacing several UMC mission newsletters. This is a good way to connect and stay informed on our worldwide mission efforts. Subscribe today by going to <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/resources/publications/newsletters>.

Also it is time to be thinking of renewing your missionary covenant or if your church does not have a missionary covenant maybe this would be the year to form a covenant. If you have questions how to go about this please contact me.

If you have changed the mission chair for your church please send me the name of the new chair and their email address and phone number. May this be an exciting NEW YEAR for missions in our churches in the Sunshine District!

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Sierra Leone Christmas Tree Stats:  
(Pledges as of December 26)

\$1000 in Scholarships

\$640 in Bags of Rice (16 large bags)

\$150 in fabric for the SonRise Quilters

\$450 for Building Abu's Orphanage

TOTAL: \$2240

PLUS - lots of books, toys, and personal items under the tree!!!

SonRise, what a tremendous impact you are making in the name of Christ! Our Sierra Leone Missions will be so surprised - what a wonderful Christmas blessing you are!



**January Children's Ministry**

- 2: Regular Sunday activities
- 9: Regular Sunday activities
- 12: Connect @ SonRise starts
- 16: Regular Sunday activities
- 19: Connect @ SonRise
- 23: Regular Sunday activities
- 26: Connect
- 30: Regular Sunday activities



**January Youth Ministry**

- 9: Confirmation Class, 4:45-5:45  
Youth Group, 6:00-7:30
- 16: Confirmation, 4:45  
Generation Change #1, 6:00
- 23: Confirmation, 4:45  
Games, 6:00
- 30: Confirmation, 4:45  
Generation Change #2, 6:00

SS: Sunday School; CW: Children's Worship;  
N: Nursery; CC: Children's Choir; SK: SonRise Kids



The Adult Fellowship luncheon for January will be on **January 3rd at 12:30 p.m.** at SonRise Church. Bring your favorite chili, soup, salad or dessert. January's hosts are Glen & Sue Smith 647-2094. Come join us for great food and fellowship. Questions call Jim or Nancy Simons 647-1240.

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### *SonRise Annual Sweetheart Dinner*

The Men's Club is sponsoring the annual Sweetheart Dinner on Friday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. at SonRise Church. Entertainment will be provided by George Hammersmith. Cost is \$12.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the church office, or by any Men's Club member.

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## **SONRISE MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the church. We are always looking for new members. Come join us for a great meal. Any member of the club would be happy to pick you up and escort you. For further information, contact John Alderson at 544-8407.



The December meeting was opened with a welcome and prayer by Jodie Papish, who also brought a birthday cake celebrating Jesus's birthday. Michele Cox read from The Upper Room. Minutes and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Least Coin and pledge offerings were passed around; we have had a very good offering this past year. A report was given on our candy, cookies and craft sale. We collected around \$1,000 for our building fund. A thank-you for all who cooked, brought food and helped, and a request was made for help with tea towels for our sale next year. Officers for 2010 agreed to fulfill the offices for another year in 2011. A sign-up sheet was passed around for 2011 leaders and hostesses. Esther Layne presented an interesting lesson from the Christmas scriptures in Luke 2:1-20 (with Karen Plymell reading from the program book), reminding us it is so important to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Small favors were passed around for all of us by Joyce LeBeau, Michele Cox and Leona Coats. Prayer requests are for Shara, Kathy, Sherri, Betty and Kris Kirkwood, Wilbur and Amy. The January meeting will be held Thursday, January 13 at 9 a.m. at SonRise Church.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**THE RUDNIK FAMILY**

Mark and Jennifer Rudnik, and their son Joshua, moved to Pueblo from Cañon City in August of 2008. Mark had been the Youth Pastor (with Jen as his Right Hand Girl) at First United Methodist in Cañon for four years, and had been a member of that church his whole life, so the prospect of finding a new church was a bit sad and scary. With God's guidance, they found a new family here at Sonrise and feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving and close congregation. They look forward to many happy and fulfilling years here at Sonrise!

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**DEADLINE FOR  
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 25**



**MARCIA AND GERALD FAUST**

In the spring of 2010 Marcia and Gerald Faust moved to Pueblo West from Las Animas, Colorado, where they were members of the First United Methodist Church.

Marcia and Gerald met at Kansas State University.

In 1961, Gerald joined the Peace Corps and served in a road building program in Tanzania. Following their marriage in 1963 they moved to Addis Ababa where Gerald served as an associate director of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. Their daughter Stephanie was born in Addis Ababa.

Following graduation from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, the Fausts lived in Nigeria and Barbados where Gerald, under the auspices of the Ford Foundation and the World Bank, helped to develop credit programs for small entrepreneurs.

In 1976 the Fausts ran out of gas in Las Animas where they built and operated the Best Western Bent's Fort Inn for 30 years. Marcia also worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Ft. Lyon for 23 years.

The Fausts' older daughter, Stephanie, teaches Kindergarten and lives in Highlands Ranch with her husband, Scott, and two children, Preston and Ayesha. Their younger daughter, Sophie, lives in Denver and works as a Program Officer at the Caring for Colorado Foundation, a health grantmaker.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY REFERRALS

I am so proud of our Stephen Ministry class - they have worked so hard to prepare themselves to be Stephen Ministers through training, study, and self-examination. I have been blessed by their dedication, and honored to learn and grow right along with them.

Your Stephen Ministers will be Commissioned on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. They will have gone through their 50 hours of training, and ready to be assigned care receivers.

**THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our best source of referrals for care receivers is YOU! However, it is important that you help us maintain the confidentiality that is essential to an effective Stephen Ministry program. I would like to outline for you what types of care Stephen Ministers provide, and what steps you need to take in order to make a referral:

### **Types of Care appropriate for a Stephen Minister:**

Crisis Care, Follow-up care, Chronic Care, Preventative Care, Supportive Care

### **Types of Care NOT appropriate for a Stephen Minister (we can help you refer to a Mental Health professional):**

Care for minors, couples/families, mentally ill, severely depressed, personality disorders, extreme manipulators, abuse issues - physical or chemical, suicidal behavior, violent behavior

### **Confidentiality is essential to Stephen Ministry!!!**

### **How do you make a confidential referral when you know someone needs a Stephen Minister?**

STOP! Do you have permission from the person to make the referral?

If not, approach the person in need about Stephen Ministry. We are trained one-on-one caregivers that can walk beside someone going through a tough time.

Ask for their permission to refer them to Stephen Ministry. Assure them that all information will be kept confidential. Let them know a Stephen Ministry Leader will be contacting them after you make the referral.

Permission granted? Privately talk to one of our Pastors/Referrals Coordinators - Dave or Rhonda York, or Sara Peaslee

Here is what we need to know:

You have permission to refer someone to Stephen Ministry.

The person's name and contact information (phone or address)

Basic information - what is the need? (Crisis, follow-up, chronic, preventative, supportive?)

### **We'll take it from there!**

### **Some reminders:**

- Due to confidentiality, we cannot share information with you as to whether the person you referred was actually assigned a Stephen Minister.
- The Referrals Coordinators (Dave and Sara) will decide if a Stephen Minister is appropriate for the situation. Another factor is the availability of our Stephen Ministers.

If a person is not assigned a Stephen Minister, the church will continue to provide care to the best of

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our ability. This may include referring someone to a mental health professional (when appropriate) or assigning a person from our Care Ministry Team.

Your support is appreciated for our Stephen Ministry program. Please keep our brand new Stephen Ministers and Leaders, as well as our future care receivers, in your prayers.

God is the true CURE-giver, and with His help, we are blessed to be CARE-givers.

Sara Peaslee

Equipping Pastor and Stephen Leader

647-1407 or [sarapeaslee@msn.com](mailto:sarapeaslee@msn.com)



*A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, "Blue Monday" falls on January 24.*

*Cliff Arnall calculated this date based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken New Year's resolutions and the end of the holiday break.*

*But no matter how bleak things seem — regardless of the time of year — Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.*

*As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."*

## **THANK YOU!!**

The SonRise Trustees have been quite active in 2010. Below is a list of projects this dedicated and caring group have completed this year:

- Chair cleaning - with Boy Scouts & Men's Club
- Chair Glide replacement - with Men's Club
- Dishwasher installed
- Kitchen Faucets replaced
- Weed Control- with Men's Club AKA (Weed Warriors)
- Mudjacking of the hallway - with Men's Club
- Carpet replacement
- Hot Water Circulation Pump
- Dimmer Switch Replaced in Sound Booth
- Emergency Evacuation Signs
- Sound Booth Electronics Up Grades - with Sound Techs
- Restroom Light Replacement
- Garage Shelves added
- HVAC Filter Replacement
- Garage Reorganization & Clean up

Many thanks to the Trustees, Men's Club, Sound Techs and Boy Scouts for their time and hard work!



**WHAT THE WALK  
TO EMMAUS  
MEANT TO ME —  
JENNY DASHER**

Dear SonRise

Thank you so much for the love, support and prayers you showed me during my "Walk to Emmaus". I had been trying to go on the walk for over two years and something always came up where I could not go. I truly believe that it was God's timing for me to go this time. I do have to admit that although it was God's timing, I was fighting myself back and forth about going. Poor Keith, I thought that he was going to have to duct tape me to the seat of his truck " especially when we passes Lake DeWeese" I don't often pass up an fishing opportunity" But after getting settled in I realized that God wanted me there, and was bless with his Love and Grace. I learned so much while I was there it's hard to describe. It truly was a life changing event in my life. Words cannot say enough but I just wanted to say THANK YOU again so much for supporting me every step of the way.

**Spirit Song**

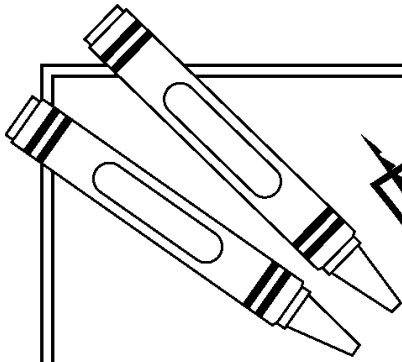
O let the Son of God enfold You  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let Him have those things that hold You  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life  
And make you whole

(chorus)

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your Lambs  
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your Lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender  
To His name  
O give Him all your tears and sadness  
Give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life  
In Jesus' name

De Colores  
Thanks again  
Jenny Dasher



# PUZZLE

## From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Good   | Righteousness |
| 2. Death  | Children      |
| 3. Go     | Life          |
| 4. Evil   | Come          |
| 5. Adults | Bad           |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

“When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are \_\_\_\_\_, your body also is full of darkness.” Luke 11:34, NIV  
(1)

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of \_\_\_\_\_.” John 8:12, NIV  
(2)

“I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” John 12:46, NIV  
(3)

“For what do \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”  
2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV  
(4)

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of light.” Ephesians 5:8, NIV  
(5)

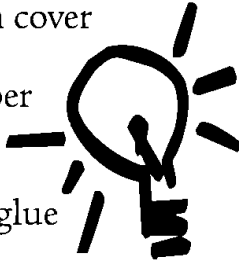
Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

# LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Everyone who believes in God and lives for him is a child of light. Make this cover for your bedroom light switch to remind you to be a light for God.

## What you need:

- An adult to help
- Light switch cover
- Screwdriver
- Colored paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Paintbrush
- Craft knife



## What you do:

1. Remove the screws from the cover.
2. On the paper, draw small images related to light and write out "Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, NIV).
3. Cut out the drawings and verse. Make sure they'll fit on the cover.
4. Paint the cover with a coat of decoupage glue, and then immediately place the drawings and verse on the cover.
5. Paint over them with another coat of glue. Let it dry.
6. Turn the cover over and use a craft knife to cut out the opening for the light switch.
7. Using a screwdriver, place your new light switch cover on your wall.



**Leadership at SonRise Church**

Rev. Dave York, Pastor..... # 647-9841  
 Rev. Rhonda York, Pastor of Youth, Worship Leader..... # 647-9841  
 Kathy Thayer, Financial Chair ..... # 647-9596  
 Bob Trevithick, Church Council Chair..... # 566-0166  
 Terry McGeeney, Staff Parish Relations Chair..... # 544-7477  
 Greg Roberts, Trustee Chair..... # 547-0415  
 Don Houtkooper, Treasurer..... # 547-0430  
 Donna Roberts, Sign Language Interpreter..... # 564-0071  
 Carolyn Dickinson, Office Administrator..... # 545-0557  
 Sara Peaslee, Equipping Pastor..... # 647-1407  
 Jen Rudnik, Director of Children’s Ministry..... # 544-5186

**Sunday Schedule of Services**

Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.  
Kindergarten through Adult

Worship Service: 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.,  
Nursery provided at both services

Office and Church Location:  
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Office Hours:  
Monday- Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Our Website: [www.sonrisepueblo.org](http://www.sonrisepueblo.org)

**SonRise Core Values:**

- W Worship
- O Open
- R Resource
- S Spirit Filled
- H Health and Wholeness
- I Innovative
- P People

**OUR VISION**

The vision of SonRise is to serve the Pueblo West community and all of Pueblo County in the name of Jesus Christ. We hope people will come to know the grace of God through the ministries of SonRise. After breaking ground on July 19, 2006, we are continuing to see what God is doing in the life of our church. On October 29, 2006 we held a consecration service to dedicate our building to God’s use. It was a time of prayer and commitment. SonRise opened its new church on Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007. We believe SonRise reflects God’s words Found in Isaiah 43:188-19. *“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”*

**HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE NEWSLETTER?**

Submit your article to:  
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(or submit to church office)