

Boise Valley
Christian Communion
2009 Annual Ministry Report



MARRIEDS 20/40

Ryan and Dara Kuntz, Team Leaders

This ministry is an ongoing outreach for married couples in their 20's and 30's. To more accurately appeal to that group, this year we changed our name from "Young Marrieds" to "Marrieds 20/40." Besides describing the 20-40 age group, we also hoped to imply our goal of improving our vision for marriage and getting 20/20 vision as we seek God together.

As we have experienced a lot of changes in the group dynamics regarding leadership and format, we continue to enjoy the changes that this season of life is bringing. Several new babies were born into our group, with several more on the way!

We started off the year seeking to challenge each other to complete the "Love Dare." During the summer, we enjoyed the outdoors together rafting and having a potluck. We kicked off the fall by having a big Kickoff Celebration with a catered meal. It was a fun date night as well as a great chance to catch up, meet new couples and share our vision for the year.

We have been going through the video series "Love and Respect" by Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs. It has been very challenging to apply the simple concepts to our marriage day in and day out, and has been great to discuss with our spouse as well as the larger group. Throughout the series, we have paused to celebrate harvest and Christmas with game nights and potlucks, which were enjoyed by all.

We are currently wrapping up the "Love and Respect" series. In March, April, and May we will be listening to experienced married couples share their wisdom with our group. The group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 5-7 p.m. We continue to anticipate big things from God this year!



JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH - YOUTH

Holly Majors, Team Leader

The youth ministry at BVCC has been changing significantly over the last few years, and 2009 was a year of new experiences and great transition. Seth Warren stepped down from youth ministry after more than four years of faithful ministry. Brandon Kindelberger and Doug Shelby had both been youth team members in the past and have become a part of the team again this year. They join Glenn and Johna Barnes and Ali Williams.

The Jr. and Sr. high youth attended the annual winter camps in January and February. As

always, these camps provided a purposeful time away from the normal routine of life and gave the youth the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God through worship, prayer, and relevant teaching.

The youth group had twelve graduates in the class of 2009. This amazing group of young men and women has unique destinies and callings on their lives and their absence in the youth group has shifted the dynamic a great deal. The youth team and younger youth miss them very much, but we are excited to see the ways they are each pursuing the dreams and passions God has given them!

Twelve youth had the opportunity to participate in a unique and challenging mission trip to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation. Our team had a time of training and preparation with Youth With A Mission Idaho, and then spent six days ministering on the reservation. The team was a part of several different ministries including a prayer walk and march for Jesus through the poorest areas in town, trash clean up and lawn care for elderly and disabled members of the tribe, and evangelism through VBS, dramas presenting the gospel, and personal testimonies. This trip was unlike any other mission the youth had been a part of before and it required them to trust God to water and bring to harvest the seeds that were planted.

The Jr. High youth spent a week in July at camp in Cascade. They heard a variety of messages from Glenn Barnes and different youth pastors in our church camp co-op. We had several "first time" campers who were very excited about moving up into the youth group and starting out their summer with a great time of fellowship and growing in their walks with Jesus.

As we approached the holiday season, the youth group joined together for both Operation Christmas Child and the Advent Conspiracy. The youth shopped and put together a gift box for a young boy and a young girl to be sent over seas with a message of love and hope. We celebrated our annual youth Christmas party by making blankets for a local drop in center for the homeless in Boise. We talked about giving relationally and about how when we shift our focus to what we can give, we truly are able to worship fully and love all.

The coming year is full of exciting possibilities for growth, outreach, and missions. The youth team and I continue to seek God for His direction as we move into a season of purposeful discipleship and mentoring relationships with the youth of BVCC. We expect growth and change in all of our lives, as we invite the Holy Spirit to transform us from the inside out.



MAN TO MAN – MEN'S MINISTRY
Daniel Wilmot, Elder and Men's Team Leader

This year was a year of change for the Men's Ministry Leadership Team. Dan Casey, Scott Christie, Gary Heller and Kip Pearson attended a men's ministry leadership training conference sponsored by the Idaho Men's Connection in the spring, which led to a change in vision for our entire leadership team. We recognized our need for deeper relationships among our team members, and began to build stronger bonds on our team. We prayed for deeper relationships among all the men in our congregation. There are men meeting for breakfast on Tuesday and Saturday mornings every week, going deeper in scripture and deeper in relationships. A new men's meeting begins on Tuesday nights in January.

We really enjoyed our Men's Campout last June and saw relationships developing across generations among the guys. We are encouraged that we need to be intentional about planning relationship building opportunities for our men, while having fun together.

Following the Campout, we began to pray deeply for our Men's Muster, which was to be held in Boise at the church. It was the first time in many years that we held our Muster in Boise. During these challenging economic times we saved money, and had one of our most memorable retreats. Our speaker, Daren Lindley, encouraged us to "make friends for Jesus." We had a time of applying what we were learning by spending time together Saturday afternoon of the Muster, getting to know one another more closely.

The Muster was like a pre-function for Men at the Cross with Joe White, in early October. Joe really hit home the message that we are to be about the kingdom-building work of making disciples. He provided us with a DVD series of 24 outstanding video segments called, "The Barnabas Project", featuring several well known men's speakers, which we began January 24, 2010. They encourage us to be making disciples for Jesus, and building solid Christ-centered relationships with men we know. We are developing a "No Man Left Behind" mind-set, and we invite all men at BVCC to join us!



MARY MARTHA FELLOWSHIP – WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Grace Ruddy, Team Leader

Mary Martha Fellowship is a ministry to women at BVCC and in our community. One pillar of the Mary Martha Fellowship is our spring and fall Bible study classes. In January 2009 we began a Beth Moore study of the book of Esther. We learned that God puts us in circumstances for "such a time as this."

In April we spent a lovely weekend at Trinity Pines Camp in Cascade for our annual ladies' Advance. Ann Ralstin spoke from Psalm 16 about how we are chosen, blessed, broken and given. Many of the women faced fears and "flew" down the mountain on a giant zip-line. During the summer we read Francine Rivers' "Mark of the Lion" trilogy of books. We met each month to sit on a patio and discuss the themes of each book.

Our fall Bible study, *Rising Above Worry and Stress*, was an appropriate study for many of us. Each week a woman from our body taught us about remaining peaceful in the storms of life. In our small groups we shared and prayed for one another. Our Christmas Open House was hosted by Ann Ralstin. We shared cookies, tea and fellowship on a snowy December Saturday.

We invite all women to come to our morning Bible studies: Sundays 9:00-10:30 or Tuesdays 9:30-11:30. Childcare is provided. We would also like to invite women to our spring Advance April 23-25.

Our hope is that women will be blessed and challenged through Mary Martha Fellowship. Also that each woman is growing in her faith as we "...consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25.

Mary Martha leadership team members include Brenda Nelson, Denice Cain, Leanne Clark, and Grace Ruddy. Heather Guizzo stepped off the MMF team in the summer. We thank her for her two years of service. Cyndi Ashton is transitioning off the Mary Martha team. We are so grateful for her 10 years of service. We welcome Deana Durfee as the newest member of the team.

We want to thank Iona Majors and the Deeper Roots Children's Ministry for creating a wonderful place for our children during Bible study. We want to thank the office staff: Melisa Pearson, Nancy Loftus and Deana Durfee for their patient and wonderful support. We also thank Heather Guizzo, Dee Swanstrom, Tami Reames, and Char Nelson for leading us in worship and Bobbie Hobson and Francine Baldwin for helping with A/V. Our thanks also goes to Lisa Matthews, our custodian.



DEEPER ROOTS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Iona Majors, Children's Minister

We began the new year with a follow up Indoor Board Game Day at **CHULA VISTA** Housing Development in Wilder. Twenty-three volunteers of all ages joined with the children to play games inside their clubhouse. Pastor Joe from Deerflat Church shared a Gospel message at the end and many of the parents were with us at that time. It is such a joy to see the children's faces light up when they see familiar faces and for us to keep our friendships growing.

BOOK BUDDIES at Jefferson Elementary: We met each Wednesday January through May at 3:00. Our time included reading aloud to our buddy while they ate a school-supplied snack, having them read to us and have some verbal comprehension discussion, and wrap up with 15 minutes of playing educational games that the Resource Room supplied. The Principal, Title One Teacher and Reading Specialist have been very impressed with the children's commitment to stick with this and I believe it's because they feel the love of caring teens and adults who want to spend time with them. Starting in Sept., we began meeting on Thursday afternoons. We have 18 children and not enough buddies to be one on one. There are more children on a waiting list, so if you can give 1 hr. of your time, one day a week, please contact me.

SUMMER LIVING INSIDE OUT! We offered a new format for kids to be challenged to live their faith 24/7. It was a large group/small group setting and we loved all being in the same room for the praise and worship and introduction to Bible lesson. The small groups went to their individual classrooms to reinforce with other hands-on activities the Bible truth for that day.

SUMMER DISCIPLESHIP - Best Friends Forever for girls only (ages 4th-7th grade). Susie Christie led our girls each Tuesday in a variety of friendship-building events that incorporated a teaching on Esther, Camel's Back Park hike, Ann Morrison disc golf and volleyball, craft day at Susie's, Chula Vista outreach, Hillcrest Retirement Home, pool party and floating the river. It was a wonderful picture of gifts unfolding and a vision to disciple younger "women". We will be launching another discipleship time called "DOTK"...(Daughter of the King).

It will be "Looping" and offered to the same girls going into 5th grade through 8th grade that participated last summer. More information will be sent to parents during Spring break so they can plan their summer activities around the 6 weeks that will begin the third week in June.

VBS AT CHULA VISTA - We partnered with Deer Flat Church and Pastor Joe and Jan Quesada again and had a fruitful and fulfilling time making God famous! We met in the evenings so families could participate both from Chula Vista and from our church.

June 29-July 3, we car pooled out to Wilder and offered a variety of games for all ages, and had a Bible Lesson presented by Pastor Joe. The Bicycle Repair and Give Away was a huge success! There were so many happy hearts riding on bikes that no longer had flats. Homemade rockets were launched and the love of Jesus was poured out to His precious kids!

KID'S SURVIVOR CHALLENGE CAMP - 4th-6th grade. July 24-27th. This was the first time we went over a weekend and it enabled us to have kitchen staff and counselors from both churches (ours and Christian Life Fellowship) that wouldn't have been able to come during a full week. **Daren Lindley** did his usual and blessed and challenged the kids to really walk a life of not just surviving but THRIVING! We had a C.A.T.C.H. boy join us and he received Jesus into his life! Powerful times of praise and worship, prayer and allowing the Holy Spirit to minister to hurting kids were a part of everyday along with tons of fun during activities, crafts, boating and swimming. Erica Soto, from CLF, directed the camp this year and I was able to cheer her on and be blessed to see the next generation step into the lead in this area.

New Teachers - We welcomed Karl and Tammy Fritz in our 3rd and 4th grade class and Lynn Sauer in our 5th and 6th grade class.

IMPACT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE - Our nursery caregivers through 6th grade teaching team were blessed to attend a local conference at Ustick Baptist in October. It was a half day of elective seminars that were truly an inspiration and equipping time for all of us who attended.

Our prayer for our children and their families continues to be from Ephesians 3:16-20. We desire to see them **KNOW** God, **GROW** in their faith and **GO** into their world sharing the love of Jesus.



WORSHIP

Char Nelson – Worship Team Overseer

In December, the worship team affirmed the selection of Char Nelson as Worship Overseer and Dee Swanstrom as Worship Administrator. The following is a portion of Char's vision for worship at BVCC:

“My desire for the worship team and the congregation is that, when we come together to worship, we go into “The Courts of Praise,” toward the “Holy of Holies” and we come before God with boldness as individuals and as a congregation all at the same moment in time. We join with the angels to cry *Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty*, and we shout it out to Him and to one another with pure joy if we get it right. And oh how I would so love to get it right. My belief is that worship will be so much more powerful if we have intentional and informed worshippers raising a two-edged sword in their hands.

⁶May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, ⁷ to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, ⁸to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, ⁹ to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints.
Ps 149:6-9 NIV

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. Ps 8:2 NIV

The above are only two verses that speak to the violent nature of informed and heartfelt worship. It's a funny way to go to war...on our knees with a song of love and devotion on our lips. Easy warfare I say, but warfare nonetheless. Somehow, supernaturally, God does warfare through our worship. Each worship team member should understand that as well as the congregation."

If you have any questions about worship or wish to be a part of the team, please contact Char.



CARE MINISTRY
Neil and Janet Wilton, Team Leaders

Wow, what a blessing it has been for us being the coordinators of the Care Ministry Team in 2009. It has been an exciting time, and some hard work. It has been a season of growth, seeking new direction and a time of transition for the entire team. We are still evolving, Praise God. Our focus has been to listen to the Holy Spirit and move where He directs, trusting in our Lord's guidance for our divine appointments and in preparation for performing His will.

It is the team's privilege to receive and welcome all those who come through our doors. We welcomed approximately 71 new families in 2009 and again enjoyed building relationships with many of them through sharing meals and fellowship. While visitors have come and gone we've experienced opportunities for one-on-one mentoring and prayer, being present when our Lord revealed himself to new believers, sharing of our lives, and encouraging one another toward greater fulfillment in the body of Christ.

Over the last year, and continuing into 2010, we are seeking God's path. This has lead us to simplify our record keeping and relax the structure of how we minister. We anticipate a new media for our welcome packet and a smoother means of connecting first time attendees with ministries they are seeking.

We wish to thank the adults and the youth who have been willing to assist in handing out bulletins on the spur of the moment for your friendliness toward welcoming worshippers in our services.

We are very grateful to Daniel and Betty Wilmot for their love, direction, wisdom, example and encouragement as the Care Team Overseers. And a note of appreciation is extended toward the elders who have supported us whole heartedly in these new directions. It also goes without having to state: God's work could not have been done without the Team. A team who individually hear His appeal and act on that calling.

As part of the BVCC family we look forward to working with you all and building closer relationships with other church ministries as we extend love and greetings to each other as well as the newcomers in 2010.



DEACONS

Tami Reames, Deacon Chairman

Vision Statement

The deacon team exists to administrate necessary functions of BVCC, in partnership with staff and as support to the elders. Recognizing that all believers are ministers, the deacon team serves to mobilize the Body in such areas as: worship services, finances, buildings & grounds, and hospitality & events.

This was a year of transition for the deacon team, welcoming new deacons to the team and blessing those who have served before us. Matt Hyde served as our chairman for half the year, then as Matt was appointed as an Elder, Tami Reames was elected chairperson for the remainder of the year.

The deacon team spent many evenings discussing how and why we do what we do, and emerged with some new direction and vision. Our desire is to do more than just the practical things we are responsible for, but to include others in finding their place of passion and service within the scope of our responsibilities.

In 2009, the remodel of the **Living Room** was completed! This 2,280 square foot facility accommodates up to approx. 75 people is now available for classes, small groups, and community use. Thank you to the team who poured out hours upon hours of work to see this project completed: Dave Pifari, Stan Bowman, Wayne Thowless, Larry Halstead, Mel Wibbels, Troy Oss, and many, many more!

This year the **Duplex** was the home of three families with the City of Boise's CATCH program (Charitable Assistance to the Community's Homeless). This program helps families transition from homelessness into employment and financial independence. Two families graduated in 2009 and moved out of the duplex, making room for another new CATCH family to move in this summer. The other half of the duplex is now rented by a family from outside the CATCH program. We are so blessed at BVCC to be able to share this property as a ministry to families who need help getting back on the road to financial independence. Thank you to Larry & Carmen Halstead who served as landlord for most of 2009.

\$4,284.61 was spent from the **Barnabas Fund**, helping 12 families within our Body. \$4,080.77 was generously given on Christmas Eve, and the deacon team is praying about where and how this money can help those who need it.

As we look toward election of three new deacons at the annual congregational meeting, we are excited to see what the Lord has planned for the next phase of this developing team. We bless and send out Dan Clements who completed his three year term, Matt Hyde who has become an Elder, and Doug Clark who wishes to focus on family and service to the refugee community. Continuing in 2010 we have John Ostolasa, Becky Wingett, Rock Ruddy, and Tami Reames.



ADMINISTRATION

Melisa Pearson, Administrator

Have you ever had one of those jobs that you could hardly wait to show up to each week? This is how I feel about what I do here at BVCC and in the community. Similarly, when I asked members of the office staff about their passions, they too love supporting and having a part of the work of the ministry at BVCC and beyond.

So you might ask, exactly WHY do we enjoy it so much?

Teamwork

We LOVE *partnering* with others to see them minister in their areas of giftings and passions as we support the needs of our church, the Church in the Treasure Valley, and the world. Here are some of our partnerships:

- Deacons regularly assist with maintenance of our building and grounds, van maintenance, church-wide events, communion and Barnabas opportunities.
- Randy Pipal provides prompt assistance for all our computer needs. He has a special skill set to help solve our problems and has a *very* patient disposition!
- Ryan Otto has blessed us with his website design and maintenance skills. Our site is fresh, user-friendly and kept up-to-date on a weekly basis. Robin Meacham provided years of website support before Ryan and we thank her for her creativity, hard work, and commitment.
- We have volunteers that help on a regular basis with the bulletin and Ripple preparation, office tasks, plant care and library assistance. Since June of 2009, we had more than 352 hours of volunteer assistance in the office.
- Many others have provided support in helping provide meals for meetings, coordinating church-wide events, taking photographs for our upcoming, updated directory, etc.
- Our very own ministry leaders and their teams.

We don't want to and can't do this alone. We need the giftings and passions of our volunteers to help carry out the daily, weekly and monthly needs. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Connection

We LOVE *connecting* with all of you and those the Lord brings our way each day. It's our joy to assist you however we can and in the process get a chance to know you better. This is Body life!

We also connect with many groups in our community through their use of our facilities. Examples from last year: US Census Bureau (testing site); US Polling Center (voting location); Special Olympic (fund raising dinner); Central Rim Neighborhood Association (monthly meetings); Lindsey Lateral Water Users (group meetings); Treasure Valley Co-op (food distribution location); Treasure the Valley (team and community meetings); Healing Rooms of Boise (prayer for individuals in our community); Handy Hands for Hospice (meeting); Carriage Park Neighborhood Association (meeting); Somali Bantu (space to organize for book sale fundraiser); Korean Presbyterian Church (fundraiser dinner), and Family Advocate (Family training and support).

As we interact with these groups, we desire that the Lord use us to extend His love, care and hospitality to these organizations and the people we meet.

Support

We LOVE *serving* you, the ministries of BVCC, the community, and those that are serving in the far reaches of the world. Last year, the office supported the following local and regional organizations through providing volunteer hours and/or administrative support: Genesis World Mission; Rusty and Debbie Lake, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF); Pacific Northwest City Impact Roundtable; Project CATCH; That's Extraordinary!; Treasure Valley Festivals/Treasure the Valley; and Treasure Valley Pastors' Prayer Summit.

Whether it's cleaning the building, overseeing the budget, hosting a community event, creating the bulletin, ordering curriculum, praying for needs or sending a note of encouragement to a missionary, Nancy Loftus, Deana Durfee, Lisa Matthews and I want to serve in such a way that God receives the glory. We do hope that is the case.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to volunteer to help us, please give me a call at the office.



FRONTLINE TEAM - EVANGELISM & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Rhonda Willoughby, Team Leader

The mission statement and heart of the Frontline Team is: ***As a community with other like-minded churches, we want to help people connect with God and others and provide opportunities to serve others with the love of Jesus through PRAYER, CARE and SHARE.*** We had lots of opportunities over the last year to put this into practical application, here are just a few.

- We started the Food Box ministry which is ongoing. I want to thank all of the coordinators, shoppers and packers who are involved in this ministry making sure that we have food boxes ready to give. This has provided a way to reach out with the love of Jesus in a practical way, by either taking a food box to someone you know who is in need or by giving them a card to bring to the church to receive a box. We gave over 45 boxes out to individuals during 2009.
- We partnered with the 90 Days of Blessing team and did several projects over the summer months. Some of the projects were: yard clean up, helping Chrysalis with their annual barbecue, and removing debris at Table Rock. Thank you to all who worked on these projects. Without you they would not have been such a great success.
- We participated with 2nd Baptist (now called The Summit Church) in the 2nd Annual Hyde Park Prayer Station. This year we provided both prayer and Psalm Reading and it was absolutely fantastic. All who took part had a great time and were able to speak the Word of God into many individual's lives.
- We had the 3rd annual Christmas Gift Wrap with great success. The people for whom we wrapped gifts were always so amazed that we would not accept any donations. They had a hard time understanding that we just wanted to bless them and had no other reason. I had several volunteers mention to me that Marcia Gordon used to professionally wrap so we are going to ask her to do a class before we wrap next year.

I know we had other projects over the year, but I just wanted to highlight a few. I am very excited about what God is doing. He has given the team some clear direction for this New Year. If you are interested in serving on the Frontline team or have an idea in reaching out into the community, please feel free to give me a call at 866-5706. You may also speak with or call one of the other team members: Geri Williams, Mike Gordon, Rocky Ruddy, Jessica Wingett, Dan and Kathy Clements, Mike and Amy Money, and Eric and Angela Emmert. Keep your eyes on the Ripple and Bulletin for more opportunities to serve others throughout 2010.



PRAYER

Robin Meacham, Prayer Minister

When the Ministry Leaders' team began reading *LeaderShift* in May, I was struck by Don Cousins' words, "Prayer is simply the cry of the heart that invites the Holy Spirit to invade our lives. . . . God isn't listening to what comes from our lips; He's listening to what is coming from our hearts. When the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' reflect the cry of our heart, heaven opens and the Holy Spirit descends." This was my heart's cry. Thus came the Wednesday night Prayer Gatherings that began in the summer, fittingly themed: "Come, Holy Spirit." The gathering continued throughout the summer. Each week we sought the Lord and cried out for the Holy Spirit to rain down upon our congregation, to revive us, refresh us and renew. God was faithful as we faithfully cried out and prayed.

In the fall we transitioned into focusing our prayer on the various ministry areas. As we gathered around our leaders and their teams, we sought to rally the troops around them offering encouragement and praying for the Holy Spirit's empowerment as well as strength, blessing, hope and fruitfulness. I believe as we march into 2010, the fruit of those prayers will be evident.

It has been a fulfilling year as Prayer Minister, serving alongside my team – Shirley Goff, Julie Michalk, Char Nelson, and on sabbatical – Deborah Armfield and Tim Ross. Special thanks also go to Pete Swanstrom, Prayernet administrator, Don Brackensiek for helping with various administrative items in Deborah's absence, Wilma Boesiger and Ellen Nutt for so faithfully praying through the church directory, and to those who have served behind the scenes as intercessors and ministering on Personal Prayer Teams. Seeing the fruit of effectual, fervent prayer bringing hope, healing and encouragement to the Body IS the answer to prayer. Hopefully, those prayers are making God famous in our community as well.



TEACHING TASK

Ann Ralstin, Team Leader

The Teaching Task Team assists the Elders in the Teaching Ministry at Christian Communion. Our goal is to provide curriculum development, procurement, and implementation as well as help teachers discover and implement their gifts.

The Teaching Task acts as a clearing house to make sure a broad spectrum of classes are provided in all ministries to “Lead (us) into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ”. Not only do we consider classes on Sunday morning for adults but we coordinate with other ministry teams that have a teaching component: Deeper Roots, Mary Martha Fellowship, Man to Man, Young Marrieds 20/40, Prayer, and Growth Groups.

Currently, the members are Dennis Anderson, Kathy Pipal, and myself. There are two major shifts on our team this year. Scott Nelson and Idona Majors will no longer serve on the team and we are so appreciative of their ministry since this team was formed. Secondly, this last year the Equipping Team has been formed and we will be exploring how these two teams will work together or parallel to meet the teaching/equipping needs of Christian Communion.

This last year both the Financial Peace University and the Truth Project were video curriculum that Gary Heller and Scott and Nancy Reeser brought to us. We are appreciative of their facilitation and the growth that resulted in both of those classes. Dennis Anderson developed a curriculum on Spiritual Gifts that is outstanding and informative and can be easily repeated for others. Kathy Pipal is compiling a curriculum for Singles and is asking for the input of all singles in the development of the material. You can contact her at kpipal@pipalanderson.com.

Currently, our team is giving everyone an opportunity to look at LeaderSHIFT Together. This is the small group study that was formulated by the authors of LeaderSHIFT which is more user friendly and less time consuming than the Application Guide which the ministry leaders worked through over the spring, summer and fall. It allows everyone to take the same journey in becoming more confident in the gifts and talents the Lord has given us.

Check the bulletin for groups that are forming with other content. We are confident that when we look into the Word of God and add significant relationships in a group setting, GROWTH HAPPENS!

We welcome your input. If you have suggestions for new classes or small groups please email aralstin@msn.com.



EQUIPPING
Monica Hyde, Team Leader

The Equipping team was birthed from a series of trainings the Ministry Leadership team went through at the beginning of last year. Upon the conclusion of those trainings the Leadership team asked for some “next steps.” They started by reading the book Experiencing LeaderSHIFT and discussing it. Along with the book came a more in depth application guide which was designed to help tease out ideas, tools and elicit candid dialogue about what needs to shift in individual ministries and as a whole. The leadership team asked to go through this together and so began an intense journey through the material. Now, just to be clear, the team was not just looking for another curriculum to start and finish but a vehicle for examination, challenge and growth.

So with very little time, Martha Carty, Steven Reames and I jumped in with six feet and open hearts to help facilitate. I am so grateful for their willingness to be led by the Holy Spirit and to offer their gifts to the Leadership team through this process. It has been a reminder that when we seek the Lord to be the Guide, He comes through and does exceedingly and abundantly

beyond what we ask! That is also what happened as the leadership team broke off into small groups, became transparent and shared triumphs, struggles and challenges and lifted each other up in prayer.

In order to recap and not lose momentum the next "action step" was for each ministry leader to engage in a "download session" with their oversight and a third person to share what the Lord had shown them through this process. This occurred in November and December and currently the equipping team is compiling the results of the download sessions. As a team, Martha, Steven and I do not know what the future looks like for us, but are holding loosely to everything and allowing the Lord to have His way with our team, the process and our lives. We look forward to taking part in how God moves in 2010!



FORWARD MOTION PRODUCTIONS – VIDEO MINISTRY

Brandon Kindelberger, Team Leader

Written by team member Jared Nelson while Brandon was in the Philippines.

This was a productive year for Forward Motion. Not just in actual videos made, but also in getting things rolling administratively. Being a newer ministry, we've had the privilege of starting almost from scratch and letting things take shape. There is a freedom when things aren't always set in stone. I have been amazed to watch each team member and their gifts come together perfectly. Sometimes I think God doesn't give any one person the entire picture, just so we have to work together. That has been the best part for me.

The team created an assortment of videos this past year. From little "tags" played before church announcements to comical object lesson short films, each video had its own style and feel. Last year, we began planning two large scale videos. The first being a welcome video for newcomers to the church and an "edgy" short film for evangelical purposes. Both are in their final stages.

The group added Paul Wardwell, Coyde Ostolasa, and me to the team already consisting of Brandon and Anna Kindelberger, Kelly Guizzo, and Ali Williams. Paul has been a huge asset to the team. With extensive knowledge in video editing software, he has brought fresh ideas to the team and spent countless hours editing. It has been exciting to watch Coyde contribute with the creativity and storyboard side of things. I wish the entire church could attend one of our storyboard sessions just to see how his mind works. He's quite the comedian. I've had a lot of fun creating music for each video. The benefit of having every aspect of each video created by our own team is that our movies can be played anywhere, whether at other churches or at film festivals, and we have no fear of infringing on copyright laws.

The team is excited about the coming year. There are many more videos to be made. It will be good to finish up these two large scale videos. We believe that the short film, when finished, could be entered into numerous film festivals. "Going public" has been our vision from the beginning. And now it's starting to happen. We would also love to see more people join the team. If you'd like to be a part, please contact Brandon.



ENVISION ARTS - ART MINISTRY
Jennifer Shelby, Team Leader

The arts are becoming a more visible part of the ministry at BVCC. Envision teamed up with other creative minds to form the “Creative Team” in the church to begin transforming the image of the church. We want to honor the history yet bring BVCC to a place of relevance in the current culture, as well as to express the changes that are going on within each of us, the congregation, and beyond the walls. This year we gave the church a new logo and tagline as well as transforming the website.

We put together three art shows in 2009: *Redeeming Love*, *Envision*, and *Words*. The heart behind the art shows is to give people both inside and outside our congregation a means of expressing what God is doing in their lives and a means of using the creative gifts that God has given them. I hope to release others to minister in the giftings that God has given, even if they are a little unconventional. Just as we can be ministered to through music or words, we can also be ministered to through art.

We also put together a display of *Everything Glorious* for the Christmas season aided by several volunteers, each of whom blessed us in a special way. The encouragement for the congregation as they gazed upon this work was to consider the glory in every little thing that God created and to reconsider things that are usually overlooked.

On November 21st I was able to participate in a worldwide celebration of the revival of the arts as a means of ministry called the New Renaissance Rising. I met with other artists and the Vineyard Boise Vine Arts studio where we gathered for worship, discussion, and creation. We are in a unique time where we are seeing a reemergence of the special relationship between faith and art that has existed in the past, but has been dormant for some time.

There was a change in the team in November when Amy Granger stepped down. Her experience as a professional artist brought a lot of insight that was helpful in getting this ministry off the ground.

I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2010! My prayer is that He will be glorified and people will be encouraged and ministered to through the arts.