

Boise Valley
Christian Communion
2009 Annual Ministry Report



PRAYER

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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.