

# january highlights...

## Singles' Ministry – Kathy Pipal

I am VERY excited about the development of a ministry in the church for singles including those never married, divorced, and widowed. I believe the Lord desires to minister to singles at Christian Communion and teach the church how to better minister to them also.

The first part of the project will be a curriculum or a book dealing with the unique contributions singles make in the church, challenges they face, and biblical and practical solutions to these challenges. In order to write this, I need input from those about whom I am writing. If you are willing to participate, I will interview you and use parts of your stories (preserving privacy and confidentiality) to glean needs, disappointments, frustrations, problems and positive aspects and opportunities of singleness. After completing this study, the material will be used in a Growth Group setting to discuss and pray for needs and will be available for use on an on-going basis as part of the equipping/teaching ministry of the church. I will begin interviewing in January. If you have not been contacted and would like to be part of this project please contact me at [kpipal@pipalanderson.com](mailto:kpipal@pipalanderson.com) or 342-3581 (work) or 343-8004 (Home).

The second part of the project will be development of a team to plan social activities and support groups for specific needs (divorce, grief, single parenting, etc). If you have suggestions for social activities, classes or support groups that would benefit you or if you would be willing to serve on a team to plan these activities, please let me know.

Mark this date on your calendar: **Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7 PM** at the Church – a brain-storming session regarding social events, groups and classes. Plan to come and share your desires and ideas.

### The Care Ministry: Loving the children of God

“and everyone who loves the Father loves His child as well.” (1 John 5:1b) Can you smile and say, “Good morning,” from your heart? **The Care Ministry Team could use your help one or two Sunday mornings a year** handing out bulletins. Please pray about serving. Sign-ups will be in the foyer the 2nd and 3rd Sundays in January.

Sr. Hi Winter Camp  
Jan. 15-18 in Cascade

**DIVORCE Care**  
Starting Jan. 14

Facilitated by Daniel & Betty Wilmot

A weekly group for people who are separated or divorced where you can find hope for healing from the hurt of divorce. The 13-week class costs \$12 for the workbook. Contact Daniel or Betty for more information at 375-8618.

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## excerpt from the ticket

A book chronicling the life-changing journeys of BVCC members.

### letty & jim

The thought of losing Jim left Letty hollow. When she was alone, she wept deeply for the loss of his love. She remembered her mother declaring more than once, “You be nice to Jim. He’s the best thing that’s happened to you!” With her mother’s voice perpetually in her mind, she lived, breathed and walked in the hope that, one day, Jim would remember the vibrant woman he once loved.

Looking for answers, Letty contacted her pastor to share her growing despair. She was unaware that Jim had sought help on that same day. Turning to God, Jim prayed: “God, I have done everything I can to make this marriage work, but I have failed. I don’t know if you ever get involved in the events of this world, but if you do, please heal our marriage.”

Copies of The Ticket are available in the foyer.

# the ripple

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### BOISE VALLEY CHRISTIAN COMMUNION

## Experiencing LeaderSHIFT Together - Ann Ralstin

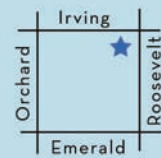
Part of the outcome of the Elders and Ministry Leaders process through LeaderSHIFT is to be more effective in equipping others to focus on a biblical definition of “success” in life. Therefore, we are inviting you to experience LeaderSHIFT with us in a more intentional way.

Don’t let the word “leader” in the title cause you to think this is just for those who are leading or desire to lead a specific ministry. The questions the curriculum asks are: Am I being faithful, bearing fruit, experiencing fulfillment and making God famous? The answers apply to our personal lives as well as our calling to make a difference in the world in the name of Jesus.

I have a couple of questions burning in my heart: *What if every person at Christian Communion answered the above questions together? How would our personal lives and corporate life be enriched and expanded?*

Frankly, there is no way a curriculum or the ideas of our team, the Teaching Task, can motivate you externally. But we can pose yet another question: *Is the Lord internally motivating you to take a fresh look at what He desires for you in 2010 and beyond?*

visit us...  
sunday services  
9am & 11am



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check us out...  
[bvcc.net](http://bvcc.net)

call us...  
208-345-6776

We can guarantee you will be stirred and encouraged when you explore Experiencing LeaderSHIFT Together. Will you take 6 weeks at the beginning of 2010 to join us on this journey?

I will facilitate Experiencing LeadersShift Together at 9 AM beginning January 24. (Look for sign ups coming soon.) Other team leaders and small group leaders will be joining me in facilitating multiple times for you to take this journey with us. Look for those times in the bulletin or on the web after the first of the year. And prayerfully prepare for a revolution of fulfillment in 2010.

# bvcc in action

## Deacon Nominations - Tami Reames

January is a time for reflection, and focusing on God's direction in the coming New Year. This is also the time of year when the congregation nominates new people to serve on the Deacon Team.

As our entire church body experiences changes, transition is also occurring in the Deacons' ministry. In the past, the Deacons have primarily been a work group taking care of organizational responsibilities for BVCC. It is our desire to shift the Deacon job description so that more members of the Body can share in the work the Deacons oversee. These responsibilities have become more than just performing the tasks, but rather mobilizing the church to do ministry together. Therefore, as we begin the nomination process for open Deacon positions, we are praying for people who can effectively invite others into ministry, not just do the work themselves.

Deacons are to be:

- full of the Spirit and wisdom as in Acts 6;
- of Godly character as outlined in 1 Timothy 3;
- passionate about what they do, loving toward those they serve;
- looking for others to join them in the work, able to share their passion/enthusiasm/vision
- Willing to learn about inviting/

training/developing/encouraging others to join them in ministry

- emphasizing care for and development of the body, as well as the tasks at hand; and
- responsible for getting things done

For those who simply enjoy doing tasks, there is plenty of room on the expanded ministry teams led by the deacons - and they can serve without attending meetings! However for deacons to be mobilizing the body, their focus needs to be on caring for the needs of the Body and inviting others to join the work - helping them to identify where their best ministry fit, and developing them into effective ministers.

Serving in ministry should be accessible to everyone, not just deacons. The goal is for everyone to find a place of ministry where they can be **FAITHFUL, FRUITFUL, FULFILLED, AND MAKING GOD FAMOUS.**

*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 organize and mobilize the Body to serve in such areas as: worship services, finances, buildings & grounds, and hospitality & events.*

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jan Brakensiek	15 - Ari Hamlin	22 - Mary Ann Smith
2 - Idona Majors	16 - Ashley Lucero	24 - Glenn Barnes
3 - LaVonna Ringering	- Caleb Pon	- Margo Stone
5 - Neil Wilton	- Wayne Thowless	25 - Judy Evans
7 - Dave Willoughby	18 - Alexia Lancaster	- Lee McCormick
8 - Kennedy Harris	19 - Carmen Halstead	26 - Judy DeGiorgio
- Grace Ruddy	20 - Samuel Gironda	- Tanner Hendricks
9 - Ellen Nutt	- Emery McCormick	27 - Larry Knapp
- Ted Sigmont	- Diana Pon	- Cliff Seusy
11 - Amanda Lawrence	21 - Deanna Brent	29 - Kiley Nelson
13 - James Beckman	- Jana Mansfield	30 - Eric Gironda
14 - Kaylyn Ruddy	- Daniel Ross	

## February 2010

- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 12 - 15 - Jr. High Winter Camp
- 15 - President's Day (office closed)

## March 2010

- 28 - Palm Sunday

# New Winter Classes 9 a.m. Beginning Sunday, January 24

More class information is available online at [www.bvcc.net](http://www.bvcc.net).  
Look for registration forms in the foyer and/or bulletin.

## Experiencing LeaderSHIFT Together

-facilitated by Ann Ralstin Cost for book: \$10

The questions the curriculum asks are: Am I being faithful, bearing fruit, experiencing fulfillment and making God famous? Take a fresh look at what God desires for you in 2010 and beyond in this 6-week class. (See more in this month's front page article.)

**Mary-Martha Fellowship Bible Study for Women**  
**Stepping up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent**  
with Beth Moore explores Psalms 120-134  
at the Living Room

Registration cost is \$15 which includes the book.

"I am expecting nothing less than a new level of relationship and intimacy with God through these psalms... The more we unveil our faces to God and bare our souls to Him, expressing what is on our hearts, the safer we'll feel with Him and the closer we'll draw to Him." - Beth Moore  
(Also available Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am)

## Barnabas Men's Class

A follow-up to the Men's Muster and *Men at the Cross* for those who are called to this vital quest. It includes video presentations by Joe White, Michael W. Smith, Max Lucado, Gary Smalley, Steve Farrar and others. Any follower of Jesus Christ who has been, or will be, entrusted with the privilege of leading others to Christ represents the ideal participant for this class. Are you ready to train together so that we are battle-ready to pass on our love and knowledge of Christ to the new recruits?

# 2nd Annual Celebration of Prayer

## Hearing God's Voice Releasing His Power

with Tom White

**Fri, Jan. 15, 7-9 pm**  
**Sat., Jan 16, 9 am-2:30 pm**

### God Wants To Speak To YOU!

Join us for a powerful weekend of worship, biblical teaching and personal ministry. Come expecting to hear God's voice and let Him release His power through you!

### Topics

- Cultivating a Listening Heart
- Learning the Language of the Holy Spirit
- Hearing God Together, Discerning God's Voice in Community
- Partnering with God: Arise to Bless and to Build

### Registration Information

Registration is open to the public.  
Cost: \$10 for lunch on Saturday. If you plan on joining us for lunch, the registration deadline is Wed., Jan. 13th. You may bring your own sack lunch if you prefer.

Online Registration Available at  
[http://www.bvcc.net/prayer\\_ministry.htm](http://www.bvcc.net/prayer_ministry.htm)