



CHRISTMAS 2011

THE VISION OF WOODMEN VALLEY CHAPEL

TO LAUNCH AND STRENGTHEN A FLEET OF CHRIST-FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES
WHO ARE COMPASSIONATELY SAILING THROUGH A TURBULENT CULTURE
TOWARD A DEEPER AMAZEMENT OF GOD'S GRACE.

Three Implications of Our Amazement — Indications of the Amazement we already have, as well as catalysts for deeper amazement.

EXPLORING

If we are amazed, we will Explore God's Grace through digging into Scripture and applying it to the story of our personal and corporate journey.

EXPERIENCING

If we are amazed, we will Experience God's Grace through acknowledging our desperation and submitting it to the forgiveness and power of His intervention through Christ, resulting in an authentic relationship with Him as well as others in community, and experiencing daily transformation as a result.

EXPRESSING

If we are amazed, we will Express God's Grace by fully engaging with life, worshipping on an everyday basis, communicating the liberating gospel of grace to others, living lives of compassion within and outside the walls of the church, all in an environment of creativity and calling.

ONE CHURCH, MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Rockrimmon Campus

290 E. Woodmen Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Woodmen Heights Campus

8292 Woodmen Valley View
Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Service Times

Saturdays 6 pm
Sundays 9 & 11:15 am
Sundays 6 pm (Rockrimmon)

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Woodmen Valley Chapel (WVC) is one church with multiple locations, Rockrimmon and Woodmen Heights. You will notice as you worship with us today, that while we have pastoral and worship arts teams at both locations, our communities are connected via live video-cast in order to worship together as one church body on both sides of the city. Although geographically separated, both communities are expressions of WVC in every way: the vision, the passion and the invitation to live authentically and abundantly through faith in Jesus Christ.

If you're new ...

1. Fill out the tear-off portion of this bulletin and stop by Guest Central.

We'd like to greet you personally and answer any questions you may have, as well as offer you a special 'thank you' gift for making Woodmen part of your weekend. Guest Central is located on the lower level of the Worship Center at Rockrimmon and in the Atrium at Woodmen Heights.

2. Visit our website.

For an in-depth look into all that's going on at WVC, be sure to visit woodmenvalley.org.

3. We offer a safe place for your children at KidsCove!

We are committed to teaching your children about the Good News of Jesus Christ in a safe, secure environment, offering age-appropriate, biblically-based curriculum. KidsCove, for ages birth through 4th grade, runs concurrently with the weekend adult services. Kids in 5th and 6th grade attend Switch56 on Sunday mornings at 9 am (RR) or 11:15 am (WH).

4. Check out Connections Bookstore & Café.

At Connections, you'll find a vast selection of gifts, books, CDs, messages and coffee from Colorado Coffee Merchants! We're located on the lower level of the Worship Center at Rockrimmon and in the Atrium at Woodmen Heights or online at connectionsbookstore.com. All proceeds benefit the ministries of WVC.

Giving Update and Report

General Tithes & Offerings (GTO)	Received	Budget	Difference
Giving Weekend of 12/11/11	\$ 225,567	\$ 196,000	\$ 29,567
Giving Year-to-Date	\$ 1,970,095	\$ 2,156,000	\$ (-185,905)

GTO received is used for ministry operations and routine facility upkeep.

	Total Needed	Fiscal Year to Date
Capital & Reserve Fund	\$ 800,000	\$ 16,840

The capital fund is used for substantial facility improvements and emergency needs.

Give securely online at woodmenvalley.org/onlinegiving. 

Holiday Service Times

Christmas Eve • Saturday, December 24 • 9 & 11 am, 1, 3, 5 & 7 pm

Christmas Day • Sunday, December 25 • 10–11 am (No Sunday night service)

New Year's Eve • Saturday, December 31 (No Saturday night service)

New Year's Day • Sunday, January 1 • 9 & 11:15 am (No Sunday night service)

WVC Holiday Church Office Hours

• December 26: Closed; December 27–29: 9 am–3 pm; December 30: 9 am–12 pm;
January 2: Regular office hours resume, 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

Gluten-Free Communion Elements

We provide gluten-free communion elements on request. If you prefer or require gluten-free elements, please ask an usher for their location.

Give Your Student Camp for Christmas

• Fusion (High School) Winter Camp: Feb. 3–5; Switch (Middle School) Summer Camp: June 10–15
Purchase Camp Christmas packages after services or at woodmenyouth.com. Deposit: \$35.
Student camps are our biggest events of the year!

Winter Catalyst Guide Training

• Thursday, Jan. 12, 6–8 pm, Connections Café

Interested in helping lead winter hiking and snowshoeing outings? Sports and Rec Ministries will help you get started. For more info, contact Paul Matthys at paul.matthys@woodmenvalley.org.

Small Group Launch

• Sundays, Jan. 15, 22 & 29, 11:15 am–12:45 pm, RRWC, Rm 107

The Small Group Launch will help you learn what the Bible has to say about community, Woodmen's vision for community and connect you with other believers on the journey of faith in a small group!

Freedom from Codependency

• Tuesdays, Jan. 17–Mar. 6, 6:30–8:45 pm, RR Gym. Cost: \$25; \$30 after 1/13/12

This workshop is for any adult who wishes to experience healthier relationships and learn more about how codependency affects families. To register, visit woodmenvalley.org/codependency.

GriefShare Workshop

• Thursdays, Jan. 19–April 12, 6:30–8:30 pm, RRWC, Rm 107

This grief support group is comprised of people who have experienced loss through the death of a loved one. For more info and to register, visit woodmenvalley.org/griefshare.

The Woodmen Welcome

• Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, 1 pm, RR Gym

If you are new to Woodmen, we'd like to get to know you and your family! Join us for lunch and an opportunity to meet Senior Pastor Matt Heard, as well as our other pastors and staff. For more info and to register, visit woodmenvalley.org/welcome.

Men's Breakfast

• Saturday, Jan. 28, 8–10 am, RR Gym

Join us for a fun-filled morning as former Denver Bronco Karl Mecklenburg shares his story of life, football and faith with us. Dads, bring your kids (ages 11+). RSVP at woodmenvalley.org/breakfast.

Winter Premarital Workshop

• Saturdays, Jan. 28–Mar. 17, 6–7:30 pm, RRWC, Rm 107. Cost: \$130/couple

This workshop is designed to help you decide about moving forward with engagement or marriage and to build a strong foundation for your marriage. Register at woodmenvalley.org/premarital.

RR=Rockrimmon Campus • WH=Woodmen Heights Campus
RRWC=Rockrimmon Worship Ctr • RRCC=Rockrimmon Community Ctr
RRSC=Rockrimmon Stone Chapel • WVC=Woodmen Valley Chapel



Get Connected ...

Each year at Christmas, thousands of guests come through our doors.

Most visitors make the decision to return to a church within five minutes of their first visit. That is before they experience the amazing worship and powerful teaching here at Woodmen.

For many people, Christmas Eve will be their first visit to Woodmen — and it can be an overwhelming experience. With our large campuses, and with so many people attending, simply finding a place to park or figuring out where to drop off your kids can be a challenge.

To ensure that those from our community feel welcome and cared for as they visit Woodmen Valley Chapel this Christmas, we invite you to join us by serving at either our Rockrimmon or Woodmen Heights Campus.

Join us as we honor them by serving at one of our Christmas Eve services on Saturday, December 24.

Current Christmas Eve serving opportunities are listed below:

- **Childcare** (Birth–Kindergarten)
- **Usher** (*our greatest area of need —16 and older may serve*)
- **Guest Central**
- **Communion Prep/Clean-up**
- **Parking** (Rockrimmon only)
- **Campus Guide** (Rockrimmon only)

Please sign up online at woodmenvalley.org/christmas.

Hospitalization

If you or a loved one will be hospitalized and would like prayer or support, contact Terri at 719.388.4974 or terri.dole@woodmenvalley.org.

Prayer Requests/Comments

- I am going through a difficult time and would like to discuss being connected to a Stephen Minister.
 - Please invite others to pray about this.
 - Please keep this request confidential.
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RICHES TO RAGS: THE COST OF CHRISTMAS

December 17/18, 2011 • Senior Pastor Matt Heard

Part 3: *The Price of Love, Isaiah 53:5–6*

Christmas costs. Everybody knows that. Or do we?

We're not referring to the money we'll spend on this year's holiday gifts and expenses, but to a much deeper cost of Christmas.

Beyond the holiday frivolity, the foundational intent for this season is to celebrate the value of the ultimate Gift and the Giver . . . and the cost that was paid.

For God so loved the world that he gave . . .

. . . his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
(John 3:16)

Through Jesus Christ, God gives us the privilege of entering into a new realm of existence called eternal life. That privilege is not something we have to wait until heaven to enjoy. We enter the privileges of eternal life the moment we trust Christ. And with that Life comes gifts . . .

Gifts like Hope . . . and Peace . . . and Love . . . and Joy . . .

Those are words we see and hear a lot during the holidays. They appear on greeting cards, signs and decorations. But do we really grasp the reality behind the words? That those realities are actually gracious gifts from God to men and women living in a broken, shattered world?

Do we know the price paid for each of those gifts and, also, their corresponding value? (Oscar Wilde wrote that a cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.)

During this Christmas season, to guard against short-sighted cynicism on the one hand or mere superficial celebration on the other, we are focusing on the 53rd chapter of Isaiah's prophesy about the coming of the Messiah. In this passage, we learn that He left the riches of heaven to clothe Himself in the rags of our humanness. As a result, we're enabled to realize the price He paid for our Life and the value of gifts like hope and peace and love and joy.

The price Jesus Christ paid was a painful one of humiliation, suffering and death. Those aren't popular concepts to look at during a season that's supposed to be merry. But they are necessary truths to examine if we are to understand the deep, beautiful and infinite cost of Christmas.

