



WOODMEN VALLEY
CHAPEL

Our Vision

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, worshiping 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 Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Woodmen Heights Campus

8292 Woodmen Valley View, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Service Times

Saturdays 6 pm, Sundays 8:45 & 11 am

Video Café; all services (Rockrimmon)

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Living a Life of Worship

Welcome to Woodmen!

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 to Woodmen...

1. 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 gift as a thank you for making Woodmen part of your weekend. Guest Central is located on the lower level of the Worship Center at Rockrimmon or in the Atrium at Woodmen Heights.

2. Grab the latest issue of *The Woodmen Journal* and visit our website

The Woodmen Journal is our new monthly magazine designed to tell the story of what is happening to and through our community. We invite you to flip through the pages and discover stories that may bring tears, laughter, reflection or amazement at what God is doing. For an in-depth look into the life of Woodmen, be sure to also visit our website at 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 fifth grade, runs concurrently with the adult services.

4. Check out Connections Bookstore & Café...with free

At Connections, you'll find an amazing selection of gifts, books, messages, CDs and Pikes Perk Coffee! 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 Woodmen.

Giving Report and Attendance

	Received	Budgeted
Giving Weekend of 5/3/09	\$195,629	\$150,625
Giving Year-to-Date	\$5,042,861	\$5,094,415
Capital Fund	\$9,937	\$695,200

We're excited to announce that WVC is experiencing significant growth in attendance! The numbers below are provided for review and as a focus of prayer as we welcome the new individuals and families to our community:

Average Weekly Attendance	2009	2008
Rockrimmon (April)	4,244	4,050
Woodmen Heights (April)	1,444	1,357
Easter Weekend	11,210	7,917

 Give securely online at woodmenvalley.org/onlinegiving

Still Waters for Her

Tuesday, May 12, 7-8:30 pm, RR Gymnasium

Join us for an evening of focusing on God's faithfulness in word and song with worship leader and songwriter, Shannon Wexelberg. Shannon will share how she has discovered His faithfulness in her life's journey. Childcare is available (birth-11 years), with 48-hours notice, by calling 719.388.5002.

Résumé Writing Workshop

Saturday, May 16, 8 am-4 pm, RRWC, Rm 107, Cost: \$10/person

Are you unemployed, in a job transition or fresh out of school and looking for a job? Need help writing or redesigning your résumé? Learn résumé development, application process, practice interviewing and much more. Register at the door or online at woodmenvalley.org/workshops. For more info, call Lana at 719.388.4972.

Prison Ministry Connection

Sunday, May 17, 3 pm, RRWC, Rm 107

Are you interested in reaching out to prisoners? Join us as we discover what God is doing through the Prison Ministry, and look at ways we can partner together to share the compassion of Christ. For info, contact Cindy at cwest@woodmenvalley.org.

Boundaries Workshop

Wednesdays, May 27-June 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, RRCC, Rm 100

Do you struggle with setting moral and spiritual boundaries in your relationships? How about addictive behaviors? Is your invisible fence working? The Bible has much to say about how we can spare ourselves grief and disappointment when we establish godly boundaries in our day-to-day lives. Come be a part of this workshop led by Pastor Doug Olsen. Register online at woodmenvalley.org/boundaries.

Graduates, We Want to Honor You!

Are you or a member of your household graduating this spring or summer? We would love to celebrate this great accomplishment with you by listing the new graduates in the June 6/7 bulletin. Please visit us at woodmenvalley.org/graduates by May 31, and provide the graduate's name and school.

Past Sermons & More

Visit woodmenvalley.org/listenonline for MP3s, podcasts, sermon notes and more, or stop by Connections Bookstore & Café for messages on CD.

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



To find out more about everything going on at Woodmen, visit us online at woodmenvalley.org or pick up this month's copy of *The Woodmen Journal*.



iServe Opportunities

May 9/10, 2009

Pastoral Care Ministries

Please check your area of interest, then complete your contact info on the reverse side of this form. We look forward to serving with you!

Campus: (please check one) Rockrimmon Woodmen Heights

- Stephen Minister** – Provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are going through a difficult situation in life.
Time requirement: 8-10 hours/month. Next training: Sept. 2009.
- Heart to Home Meals Team** – Prepare and provide meals to families in need due to illness, hospitalization, death in the family or new baby. Time requirement: Prepare and deliver meals once per month.
- Prayer Team** – Provide prayer support for our church, our church body and other issues dear to the heart of God.
Time requirement: At least one hour per week.
- Blended Family Facilitator** – Provide education, discipleship, encouragement and fellowship opportunities for blended families.
Time requirement: Varies based on experience and assignment.
- Hospital Visitation Team** – Visit people in the hospital to provide encouragement and prayer to them and their loved ones.
Time requirement: One to two visits per month.

If you have questions, contact Terri Dole at tdole@woodmenvalley.org or 719.388.4974.

Hospitalization

If you or a loved one will be hospitalized and would like prayer or support, contact Terri at 719.388.4974 or tdole@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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May 9/10, 2009 • Senior Pastor Matt Heard Part 12: Amazed Abilities, Romans 12:1-8

Why are you? It may sound like a strange question, but it's not at all irrelevant. It's a short question, but not a small one. It's actually an enormous, bottom-line question for each of us, and our answer provides the cadence from which we live our lives.

While attempting to answer the question of the "why" behind our existence and the purpose behind our days, many words come to mind as possible ingredients to the answer's recipe: Happiness. Relationships. Career. Love. Family. Service. Influence. Power. Pleasure. Success. Freedom. Some people might even include the word "God" in their attempt at an answer. However, very few will bring up the word, "worship."

Worship. When you hear that word, what comes to mind? Religion? Church? Music? Ritual? Cathedrals? Singing? Liturgy? If the word "worship" is even in our vocabulary and on our radar, too many of us have cordoned off the concept to an out-of-the-way corner of our lives which is both small and ultimately irrelevant. Worship—we sadly reveal by our lifestyles and priorities—is not a big of a part of our lives. And worship—we tragically conclude—is certainly not related to that question of "why" regarding our existence.

However, a closer look at true worship will reveal something quite different. The book of Psalms (which is a book of worship) ends with this acknowledgment of our purpose: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord* (Psalm 150:6). If I'm breathing, worshiping our great and gracious God must be central to my life. And it's not only something I do (or watch others do) in a church service. The worship of God is a whole-life pursuit, involving every page of my story. *Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* (Colossians 3:17)

During this series, we are taking an incredibly important journey together—we are traveling into the realm of worship. It's a journey that will prove crucial toward who we are becoming as individuals and as a community of Christ's followers. We are engaging in an exploration of both personal worship on a day-to-day basis as well as corporate worship, when we, as a community, gather to engage in worship together (and the two are intricately connected!).

Revolving around Christ's defining words that *true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth* (John 4:23), we have established a definition of biblical worship...

Worship is my active, all-of-life response to the worth of who God is and what He does.

It's a threefold response:

- Recognizing His Worth** (Involves my Mind – "truth")
- Resonating with His Worth** (Involves my Heart – "spirit")
- Reacting to His Worth** (Involves my Body – "worship")

