



## 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

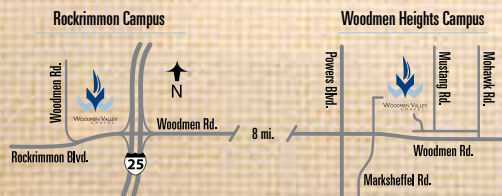
### Service Times

Saturdays 6 pm

Sundays 9 & 11:15 am

Sundays 6 pm (Rockrimmon)

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Exploring, Experiencing, Expressing God's Grace

# Extravagant Grace

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 ...

### 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](http://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](http://connectionsbookstore.com). All proceeds benefit the ministries of WVC.



## 1 can can ... thank you for your generosity!

Average weekend donations for last 12 months = 1,000

Total items received during October = 9,436


Help us continue to reach our goal of 4,000 items every weekend. Bins and a suggested donation list are located near the exits at both campuses.

## Giving Update and Report

General Tithes & Offerings (GTO)	Received	Requested	Difference
<b>Giving Weekend of 10/23/11</b>	\$ 178,318	\$ 196,000	\$ (-17,682)
<b>Giving Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 605,995	\$ 784,000	\$ (-178,005)

GTO received is used for ministry operations and facility upkeep.

	Total Needed	Fiscal Year to Date
<b>Capital &amp; Reserve Fund</b>	\$ 800,000	\$ 5,735

Give securely online at [woodmenvalley.org/onlinegiving](http://woodmenvalley.org/onlinegiving). 

## Operation Christmas Child

• Collection Weekends are Nov. 12/13 and 19/20

Change a child's life by filling a shoebox with gifts! Stop by the OCC tables after services for details.

## MOSAIC 1st Thursday

• Thursday, Nov. 3, 7–9 pm, RR Stone Chapel

Single adults (ages 35+) are invited to join us for our monthly gathering for worship and teaching. Pastor Mike Biedermann will teach. For more info, visit [themosaicingsles.com](http://themosaicingsles.com).

## Access Ministries Date Night

• Friday, Nov. 4, 5–9 pm, RRCC, Rm 100 (The Cove)

Parents and caregivers, take a night to reconnect with each other while we take care of your child, affected by a disability, and their siblings (12 and under). To register or volunteer (training provided), contact Katie Garvert at [katie.garvert@woodmenvalley.org](mailto:katie.garvert@woodmenvalley.org) or 719.388.4948.

## Men's Calling Intensive

• Nov. 4–6, Colorado Springs Christian School. Cost: \$50

Men, if you are serious about discovering and understanding why you are here and what God has created you for, this is your weekend. Learn more and register at [woodmenvalley.org/calling](http://woodmenvalley.org/calling).

## Surviving the Holidays in the Face of Loss

• Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 am–Noon, RRWC, Rm 107. Cost: \$5

This workshop is designed to help adults and children (1st–6th grade) learn ways to cope with the death of a loved one or friend. To register and for more info, visit [woodmenvalley.org/workshops](http://woodmenvalley.org/workshops).

## Orphan Sunday (Weekend)

• Nov. 5 & 6, Stop by the tables after services; Lunch, Sunday, Nov. 6 after the 11:15 am service

Get your questions about foster care, orphan care and adoption answered at our tables. Want to learn more? Bring the whole family for Sunday lunch in the RR Community Center, Rm 100.

## Compassion Sponsors Christmas Card Decorating

• Sunday, Nov. 6, 3–5 pm, RRWC, Rm 107

Compassion Sponsors are invited to bring the family and enjoy making a special Christmas Card to send to your sponsored child. Visit [woodmenvalley.org/compassioncards](http://woodmenvalley.org/compassioncards) for details.

## 58: The Film

• Friday, Nov. 11, 7–9 pm, RR Stone Chapel

58: is the inspiring true story of the global Church in action. Join us to view this Compassion film by registering at [woodmenvalley.org/live58](http://woodmenvalley.org/live58) by Nov. 9. Childcare (birth–11 yrs) is available, with 48-hours notice, by calling 719.388.5002.

## Awaken Conference for Young Women

• Friday, Nov. 11, 7–10 pm & Saturday, Nov. 12, 8:30 am–7 pm, New Life Church. Cost: \$45

This conference will Awaken young women (middle school to college) to all that God has for their lives! For more info and to register, visit [woodmenyouth.com/fusion](http://woodmenyouth.com/fusion).

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 AT WOODMEN

Whether you're looking for a place to connect with others, grow in your faith or get your questions answered, we invite you to join us on the journey!



## Discovery Class

• Sunday, Nov. 6, 8:50 am–12:50 pm, RRWC, Rm 107

This four-hour class (membership prerequisite) is designed to answer questions about our Statement of Faith, our Vision and what we believe about salvation and baptism. You will be introduced to ways you can experience community at WVC and the importance of serving God and others. To register, visit [woodmenvalley.org/discovery](http://woodmenvalley.org/discovery).



## S.H.A.P.E. Class

• Sundays, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11, 9–10:45 am, RRWC, Rm 107. Cost: \$5/person  
Come discover how God has given you a unique S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experiences) to do the good things He has planned for you. For more info and to register, visit [woodmenvalley.org/shape](http://woodmenvalley.org/shape).



## The Woodmen Welcome

• January 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 other pastors and staff. For more info and to register, visit [woodmenvalley.org/welcome](http://woodmenvalley.org/welcome).

## 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](mailto: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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# Extravagant Grace

Part 6: Meal of Grace (Romans 5:15–19; 1 Corinthians 11:26)

October 29/30, 2011 • Senior Pastor Matt Heard

At Woodmen we believe God has called us 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.”

Amazement over the grace God has exhibited toward us through Christ is what feeds our response and our submission to Him. He took the first step toward us and our response of amazement to His graciousness is what should fuel our lives, our relationships, our fulfillment, our obedience and our stewardship of everything He’s given us.

But what’s so amazing about God’s grace? There are tons of potential answers, but one would be His posture toward us in the midst of that grace. God’s grace could be summarized as Him giving us not what we deserve but what we need. Our rebelliousness toward His loving and freeing rule in our lives is pervasive, touching every aspect of our journey. And we fully deserve to experience the consequences of our rebelliousness to His rule. However, He has opted for a different posture than giving us what we deserve. He lovingly and graciously gives us what we need . . . and more.

The book of Ephesians tells us that God has chosen to adopt us back into His family and that action results in “the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.” (Ephesians 1:6-8)

In that passage, there is a unique and powerful word Paul uses to describe what God does in His grace toward us: He *lavishes* us with it. The Greek word behind “lavish” is a word packed with stunning overtones and appears numerous times in the New Testament in descriptions of God’s grace. It invokes concepts like *abundance* (even *superabundance*), *excessive*, *more than enough*, *overflowing*, *extravagance* and, yes, *lavish*!

That’s why, in chapter 3 of the same letter, Paul says, “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine . . .”

Too often, we have the opposite understanding of God. Religiosity sets us up to, at best, nervously and exhaustingly hope that we can eek out some sort of approval and favor from Him, earning it by our good works and behavior. Actually, that will never happen because our works will never bridge such an infinite gap. But, tragically, even in the face of the gracious gospel of Christ’s sufficient work on the cross on our behalf (which does indeed bridge the chasm!), we still stubbornly hold onto that attitude — and it’s rooted in a misunderstanding of God’s nature and His posture toward us.

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