# PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To My Church Family,

As our Wednesday evening Bible Study has been reading through the book of Genesis the last few weeks, I've been reminded that the opening pages of Scripture aren't just a record of the past, but also an invitation to a new way of life today.

This July, we'll be diving into a four-week sermon series that explores the story of creation in Genesis 1–2. Titled "In the Image: Living in the Rhythm of Creation," this series will explore the ways that the sacred rhythms God built into the world from the very beginning speak directly to our lives today. In a world that often pushes us toward burnout, consumption, isolation, and apathy, the story of creation offers a profoundly countercultural vision:

Rest—God rested on the seventh day, not from exhaustion, but to delight in what He made. In a culture that equates busyness with value, we are invited to slow down and remember that we are human beings, not human doings.

Creativity—Created in the image of a creative God, we are called not just to consume, but to participate in the work of cultivating goodness, beauty, and justice.

Relationships—God declared it isn't good for us to be alone. Even before sin entered the world, we were made for connection, with God, with one another, and with creation itself.

Wonder—God's world is filled with awe-inspiring beauty and mystery. Wonder draws us into worship and reminds us that life is a gift.

Join us as we explore how these God-given rhythms offer a countercultural path to wholeness, joy, and purpose. This is a perfect series to invite a friend, take a deep breath, and rediscover what it means to live fully in the image of God!

In Christ.

## **Matt Stiveson**

## LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD

Wolf Thompson and Missy Luzzi continue to lead discussion on Saturday, **July 12 at 10:00 am**. Join the group as they explore and discuss the first half of **Book III of Mere Christianity** by **C.S. Lewis**.

# **MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE**

Hi Church Family!

Happy summer to all. I just wanted to give a special **thank you** to those who have willingly stepped up to provide special music during these summer months so far. You have added such a beautiful and personal element to the service, and I know our church family truly appreciates each of you. I certainly do!

There is always room for even more special music. Just let me know if you would like to serve!

God bless you all!

Teresa

Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.

# FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP ALL AMERICAN WESTERN POTLUCK

Yeehaw!



Join us for our Fifth Sunday Fellowship All-American Western Potluck on Sunday, June 29 at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall.

We've been encouraging everyone to sign up in the narthex to bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert. Come ready to enjoy good food, great conversation, and warm community. Everyone's invited—so saddle up and let's make this potluck a summer celebration to remember!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE

What does it mean to really worship God? During this month, the students of our church will learn that worship isn't just about singing songs, but also about listening to God and worshipping Him with their whole selves. They will discover that we can worship unashamed with their whole hearts, explore how God is worthy of worship, and hold close the truth that God is with us when we worship.





Sunday, July 6	We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money	
LIBERTY SUNDAY	given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.	
	9:30 am	Worship—"In the Image: Living in the Rhythm of Creation"
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
	11:30 am	General Board Meeting
Tuesday Mornings	8:30 am	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> —meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share) Adult Bible Study and Youth Group
Thursday Afternoons	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Food Pantry
Friday, July 4	Church Office closed for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Holiday	
Sunday, July 6	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, July 12	10:00 am	"Living as a Christian in Today's World" Book and Discussion Group—First half of Mere Christianity Book III. See Missy Luzzi or Wolf Thompson for more information.
Sunday, July 13	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Saturday, July 19	12:00 pm	<b>Lessons in Grief Group</b> —please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information.
Sunday, July 20	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages
Tuesday, July 22	9:30 am	Church Women United—join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.
Saturday, July 26	10:00 am	Dad's Breakfast and Book Club
Sunday, July 27	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Study for All Ages