



# VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the  
Mountain West United States

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## RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR RESURRECTION SUNDAY

We are happy to report that many of the churches that fellowship with us reported an increase in attendance for Resurrection Sunday. For the past two years we have challenged the churches to have an all out effort to bring in visitors and share the wonderful gospel story of the resurrection. Our goal was 2,000 in attendance and among those who reported their number we far surpassed our goal. We Praise the Lord for His goodness.

## CASTLE ROCK BAPTIST CAMP DEDICATES NEW BATHHOUSE

On Thursday evening June 9th during the Nehemiah's Work Retreat the Frank Memorial Bathhouse was dedicated. This new building has already proven to be a great blessing. From the beginning of conceptual planning to now completion we have seen the Lord provide. We want to thank all who have given and labored so diligently to see this come to pass.



## FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Pastor Paul D. Hoover (pauldhoover@icloud.com)

We continue to travel among the churches and share of God's goodness throughout the Inter-Mountain Baptist Fellowship and Castle Rock Baptist Camp. May the Lord receive all the Glory and Praise for He truly has done great things. Please email us your desired date and we will seek to put you on the schedule. Please continue to pray for our church planting work as well as helping churches and pastors with their outreach and soul winning efforts. It is a wonderful thing to be serving God. Never stoop to be a king.

Serving Him, Dr. Paul and Cindy Hoover

Pastors of fellowship member churches can send news articles from their churches to Pastor Paul D. Hoover to be included in future issues of this newsletter.

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IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF **THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

# IMBF PASTORAL HIGHLIGHTS

Honoring those who serve among us and with us

**Pastor Gary Randall,**  
Elmwood Baptist Church, Brighton, Colorado | Psalm 121



**1. Your call and arrival at Elmwood including the miracles you experienced in the early days.** Following my resignation May 2, 2000 from North Valley Baptist Church in Redding California, I was contacted by my good friend Dr. Earl Matteson, who was helping Elmwood Baptist Church following the death of their Pastor. I was referred to Dr. Matteson and the Church Pulpit Committee by Pastor Dave Browning. After much prayer, Betty and I flew to Colorado in July of 2000 to candidate. Subsequently on July 30th the church voted unanimously 19-0 extended a call for us to come (There were only 17 members left, but 2 visitors also wanted us to come). The Elmwood Baptist Academy in its 26th year had only 6 students left.

**2. What God has done through your ministry at Elmwood.** The church had just gone through a split followed by the Pastor's death, and the 11 acre property was up for sale to satisfy an outstanding mortgage of nearly \$250,000. This note would become due 8 months after our arrival September 3, 2000. Immediately God began to bring people to EBC, including Chris & Lori Knutsen who were led of God to come and assist in re-building this church ministry. Chris led music and Lori and daughter Kim played the instruments, and they also began the Teen ministry. By the end of 2000 God had brought in more finances in that 4 months than either of the previous 2 years! But we still needed to find refinancing to keep us from foreclosure. God provided a local Family owned and operated bank to refinance the note, which indeed was a miracle given how small we were. By the end of 2002 we were running quite a few, and it was our plan to launch a financial campaign "Debt Free in 2003." But God plan was different which became apparent when the Banker called in January 2003 to inform me that the entire church note had been paid off in December 2002. Another great miracle! God continued to grow the Church and Academy which meant continuous building and remodeling. This July the church will celebrate 66 years, and the Academy with 85 students is completing it 48th year. There are 18 full-time paid staff and numerous volunteers that are laboring this ministry forward.

**3. Awards and commendations through your ministry.** I was blessed to attend and Graduate from Mountain States Baptist College in the 1st 4 year Class. Later Dr. Richard Dion and MSBC conferred on me a Doctor of Divinity degree, and a few years ago I received another D.D. from another Bible College. I was honored to receive the 1st Alumnus of the Year Award from MSBC.

**4. Currently what the Lord is doing.** Currently EBC is starting to put up a 5,500 sq ft addition on the building. This Phase 1 building will provide expanded bathrooms, 4 classrooms, Bookstore and additional storage space. This project is completely paid for and should be completed by August. We are raising funds for the Phase 2 building which will be approximately 18,000 sq ft. and will include a Full-size High School Gymnasium, Commercial Kitchen, New Nurseries, and New Church & Academy Offices, plus ample storage for tables, chairs and sports equipment. Praying this will be completed debt free by Fall of 2023 Lord willing.

**5. Future plans for the church.** With the completion of the above buildings, there are several new ministry out-reaches that are planned. As well as being able to host Annual Banquets and Events. Betty and I just celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 1, and in July it will be our 22nd year at EBC. I look forward to being here for as long as the Lord will have us. I have a great Pastoral Staff, and the future is as bright as God's provision!



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