

From the Publisher's Heart



Our staff at the **Church & Christian Business Guide** experienced a number of challenges in the past eight months, in our current troubled economy, however, we have come through this period with new growth in the number of churches that participate in our community outreach programs and the services on our web site have continued to grow. We are grateful for this progress.

During the past eighteen months we have succeeded in publishing our last three printed Guides ONLINE. This represents a dramatic increase in the services that we provide to our advertisers. What this means is that our advertisers now get the benefit of the printed issues that are distributed in the Denver Metro Area, which we have done now for the past twenty years, and their advertising and articles are distributed on the Internet, all over America and the rest of the world. The total advertising impact for our clients has now essentially quadrupled (when you combine the number of hits that our web site is experiencing with the number of printed Guides that we distribute annually). This also means that client advertising impact is no longer confined only to the Denver Metro Area, which is about half of one state in geographical terms. Our advertisers now impact all 50 states and more. That represents about a hundredfold increase in advertising impact geographically. This was the next logical step forward as we have continued to serve all of our advertisers and virtually all of the Christian churches of Colorado, on our web site during the past ten years. Please visit www.churchguide.com.

After we published the last printed issue ONLINE, we next developed an **Addendum** to our printed issue, and began to publish all new advertisers in a "What's New" Section. So we now have a Church & Christian Business Guide that is up to date at all times, as we continue to add new advertisers to our program. In addition, when advertisers move or experience significant changes in their situation, (two of our churches moved soon after the last printed issue went out into the community), we now simply bring the ad copy up to date and republish their ads regularly and frequently in our ONLINE Edition. This has made it possible for our advertisers to continue to distribute accurate and timely information through the Internet at any time. Any person who is seeking information for a church, ministry, or business, can now call up the ad pages in our ONLINE Guide and read or print those pages, with the aid of Adobe Reader.

Over the past few years we have been striving to help to build and grow local churches and to help to inspire a major spiritual awakening in the Denver Metro area, as well as in all of Colorado and other surrounding states. Our readers will note that we have helped many local pastors to publish and distribute their writings widely throughout the local community and beyond. As you review the published articles, which we have announced on this page, you will note that many pastors are now involved in writing and sharing their visions and strategies. We try to help churches to achieve the

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kind of growth that is documented in Acts 9:31 and 16:5.

In this issue of the Guide, several articles have been written that we trust will help to inspire growth in the Body of Christ and in many local churches. The article by Bishop Porter will inspire older men to become more effective in their mentoring of the next generation of younger men. The article on Reaching the Other Nine in 2009, is an article that hopefully will inspire a greater outreach by churches into the communities in Colorado.

About the front cover: See page 13 of this issue, for an explanation concerning the outside front cover design.

We invite our readers and friends to enjoy the **SPECIAL FEATURES** that have been included in this issue:

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As always, we encourage our readers to help their friends and business associates by sharing the enclosed information. There are some practical things that you can do. Help them find an appropriate church or ministry. Give them a Guide and review its contents with them. Minister to a friend in need. Recommend an appropriate Christian radio program, from the schedules that are published herein. Help new families to find Christian day care or school facilities. Help your neighbors to find reliable business and service providers from the enclosed advertisers. It's easy and fun to be a good neighbor, and direct newcomer families to the right place.

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