From the Publisher's Heart

Our staff at the **Church & Christian Business Guide** again experienced a flurry of exciting new activities in the past six months, as we worked on this new issue of our Guide. First, about five months ago we succeeded in publishing the entire last printed Guide issue 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 is also 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 that 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, as advertisers 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 in the ONLINE Edition. This has made it possible for our advertisers to continue to distribute accurate information through the Internet. 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 and 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 kind of growth that is documented in Acts 9:31 and 16:5.

In this issue of the Guide, several articles have been submitted that discuss the impact of new technologies. See Page 85 for a discussion of how streaming media will greatly enhance the communications power of churches in the near future. An article on pages 66 & 67 discusses the many blessings that are available to churches that employ computers and communications technologies. God is clearly empowering His church.

In this issue of the Guide, we are also pleased to present several special articles that talk about the dramatic impact of the Word of God. Dr. Kurt Grosser shared a testimony, see page 16, of how reading the Word of God daily made him far more effective as a professional.

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:

Page 16 **Do You Have Enough Time?** By Dr. Kurt Grosser, CPA/Author/Seminar Speaker

Page 21 **Choose Your Leaders Carefully**, By Dr. Michael Dent, Sr. Pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church, Denver, CO

Pages 24-25 **Paul's Ministry Partners Enjoyed Many Blessings**, By John L. Witwer, Publisher/Author

Pages 42-43 **Signs and Wonders Accompany His Word,** By John L. Witwer, Publisher/Author

Page 44 **An Interview With the Pastor of Holy Spirit Church, Dr. Charles Reeder,** By John L. Witwer

Pages 46-47 **The Easy Way Out**, By Ronnie Johnson, President, Metro Financial Group

Page 48 **A Church with a Message for Every Age,** By Pastor Barry Layne, Arvada Baptist Church

Page 55 **Current Issues Concerning the Gospel Within Evangelical Christianity** By Dr. Stephen Lewis, RMBC

Page 61 **Denver's Christian Television Alliance Seeks Unity,** By Jean Van De Sante, President and Founder of CTVA

Pages 66-67 **Computers and Communications Technology Blessings!** By Sam Beatty, President, Automation Concepts Company

Page 80 **A Home To Love**, By Susan Cohen, Associate Broker, KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY SUCCESS

Page 85 **Streaming Media Is The Future For All Churches**, By Angela Cody, Owner, See Me Talk

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.

John L. Witwer, Publisher & President