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MINISTRY NETWORKING BREAKFASTS

FOR FOOD, FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOR GROWTH

Our March Ministry network breakfast featured Dr. Mike Routt, President of the CBGC Executive Board, past-president of the Executive Board of The Southern Baptist Convention, and current pastor of Circle Drive Baptist Church in Colorado Springs. Dr. Routt was invited to share from his knowledge & personal experience in the area of leadership. He overflowed our cup!

We learned that a ministry LEADER must be:

- Spirit Filled
- Constantly Learning
- Embracing, not fearing criticism
- Tough minded
- An effective communicator
- A conflict manager
- Able to lead change
- Able to understand the times

One of the most powerful questions he asked was “Do I want to keep my church preferences and traditions, or do I want to keep my children and grandchildren?” As we grow in our association we will need to make tough choices and listen to God’s direction in this area of changing our methods, but not our message.

What a blessing to have Dr. Routt with us. Our turnout was one of the highest we have ever had. Please note that anyone in church leadership is invited to these topical breakfast meetings.

If you missed the meeting, but would like a copy of Dr. Routt’s presentation notes, please send a request to Nancy Mann at office@lpbaonline.org.

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Join us for our next Ministry Network Breakfast - MAY 10, 2017, 8:30am at West Greeley Baptist

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Garlena Rae Lee

January 24, 1945

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February 26, 2017

IN MEMORIAM

Garlena Rae Lee, 72, of Greeley, passed away February 26, 2017 at North Colorado Medical Center. She was born January 24, 1945 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to Garland and Doris Corban. Garlena graduated in 1962 from Sterling High School in Sterling, Oklahoma.

She married Johnny Lee in Sterling, and spent 54 wonderful years together. They worked together for 30 years at Universal Press in Oklahoma City.

In 2012, Garlena and Johnny started the Country Gospel Cowboy Church in Milliken. She loved her family and the time they spent together. She also loved her church family. She enjoyed the motorcycle trips taken with Johnny. She loved raising and riding horses.

Garlena is survived by husband Johnny; three children Lisa (Lee) Davis, Shelley (Jeff) Degelos and Steve (Heather) Lee; seven grandchildren Grayson Davis, Macie Degelos, Garrett Degelos, Olivia Lee, Audrey Lee, Owen Lee and Ashton Lee. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service was at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017 at West Greeley Baptist Church, 3251 W 22nd Street, Greeley. Interment Sunset Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Country Gospel Cowboy Church Building Fund 12257 CR 60, Milliken, Colorado 80543.

Intentionality...

by Ralph Helm, LPBA ACC

You heard the noise. You heard the crash. You heard the cry of one of your children…"You did that on purpose!" Amazing, isn't it? From childhood, we've looked at the intentions of the heart. From the household to the courtroom, intentions dictate consequences and the outcome is often not positive.

Not so with God. From the beginning, God's actions were intentional. From the creation of the earth to the seasons of the year, you can see the fingerprints of His Mighty Hand. This is also true with us. From the time of our arrival on the planet, to the people that have influenced our lives, our presence here is His purpose. Our personality, our call, our field of ministry and the people that we have been called to touch are there because God ordained it.

Since He has been that intentional about us, we must be that intentional in our ministry. Not only that, it's how we need to develop our people. Our mission is to bring people in, raise people up and send people out. That's not a new or creative mission statement by a church or our association. It is the clarion call of Christ in Matthew 28.

The question then becomes…what are we doing intentionally to accomplish just that? Are you intentional in building relationships that will draw people to Christ? Are you intentionally discipling them and sending them out, and if not, how come? When God sent Jesus to earth, it was part of His intentional plan to reconcile with mankind. When Christ prayed in the garden…"Your will be done." His actions were intentional. That's because love is intentional.

In 2017, let's do what we do "on purpose!"

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Trailhead Church Launch in Wellington

Trailhead opened their doors on Sunday January 15 to two services for 161 people! We are so excited to share in what God is doing in Wellington through the Richardsons and the NAMB church plant process.

January Executive Board Meeting Recap

We want to thank God's Country Cowboy Church for hosting our January board meeting. Greg and Mitzi Deal were most gracious hosts, their worship band did a great job and we were well fed by their church family. Thanks so much, folks!

Following the recommendation of the Executive Board Task Force, it was decided to discontinue the April board meetings. The decision was unanimous. Both lagging attendance and the ability to disseminate the financial as well as other information in more effective ways contributed to the decision. In addition, there were changes in the function and make up of the board. Thank you Executive Board Task Force for your hard work and efforts on behalf of the association.

These changes and all other LPBA business are recapped in the Board Meeting minutes that have been sent to you. If your church is not receiving email from the LPBA or needs a copy of the meeting packet or minutes, please contact Nancy Mann at office@lpbaonline.org.

The mission of the LPBA is to resource and network churches and ministries together as they make disciples of their world as they fulfill their distinct, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission in Northern Colorado.

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LPBA Gatherings | 2017

May 10 **8:30 am**	Ministry Network Breakfast hosted by West Greeley BC
August 9 **8:30 am**	Ministry Network Breakfast hosted by Bent Tree Church, Loveland
Sept. 24 **time TBA**	Annual Fall Celebration hosted by Immanuel Community Church, Ft Collins
November 8 **8:30 am**	Ministry Network Breakfast hosted by West Greeley BC

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