

- a. **Happy Thanksgiving**
- b. **Run to Remember Half Marathon in Ft Hood, TX**
- c. **Appreciation Dinner □ December 7th, 5:00 PM**
- d. **Kitchen Addition**
- e. **Operation Welcome Home/Wounded Warriors**
- f. **Miracles Happen Festival III**
- g. **Red Barn Progress**
- h. **Good Report**
- i. **Capitol One vs God**
- j. **End of the year giving**
- k. **2011 Outlook**

- a. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING:** Psalm 92: 1-2, 4 □ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High, It is good to proclaim Your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening. You thrill me Lord with all you have done for me. □ **HERE IS MY SHORT LIST:** 1) Knowing Christ as my Savior and His guidance throughout the year 2) My family for their love and support 3) The ministry at Ironwood where I have now served for 35 years 4) My good health which I have been recently reminded is a priceless gift 5) Adversity which continues to remind me □ Life at it's best is fragile and short 6) The national honors God blessed me with in Washington, DC and Anaheim, CA. 7) All of you for your faithful support encouragement. You have □ made our hearts glad □.
- b. **RUN TO REMEMBER:** (Attached photo of me with Jessica and Patrick). My daughter Lydia and I flew to Ft Hood Military Base in Texas to be a part of the one year anniversary of the terrorist attack killing 13 soldiers and wounding several more. We were invited by Jessica Hansen and Sgt Patrick Zeigler. Patrick was one of the severely injured who spent time at Ironwood this summer. It was an amazing experience to say the least. I was able to talk with several military personnel, including chaplains, some who were injured, and many of the runners who did the half marathon. This was a great show of support for all the families who lost a loved one. I will stay in touch with several soldiers and God willing some will attend our wheelchair camp. On Sunday November 7th, I had the opportunity to speak at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Mesquite, TX. This church has been supporting Ironwood for many years. Thanks Pastor Nelson and Donna Leeman. Thanks again to those who supported this mission to Ft Hood: Dan & Joan Blaisdell, Phil & Sherry Heydt, New Beginnings Church, and Rockpoint Church.
- c. **APPRECIATION DINNER** □ Tuesday December 7th. If you supported Ironwood in some way this past year, our □ Old Fashioned Christmas □ program is for you! Come join us for an evening of good food and fellowship followed by a short program in the chapel. Please RSVP by December 1st by calling the office 507.533.4315 or emailing Jode@IronwoodSprings.com . We look forward to seeing you.
- d. **KITCHEN ADDITION:** (Photo attached) We have applied for a permit to add 300 square feet of food storage space in the kitchen. Jan Odle, our Food Service Director and cook, has been patiently waiting for this much-needed space. Thanks so far to Bucknell Construction, Radcliffe Construction, and Laures Trucking for donations including excavation, cement, roofing materials, etc. More help and funds are needed as we □ d like to have it ready June 2011.
- e. **OPERATION WELCOME HOME Dates for 2011:** As the new year approaches we are excited to fill the Miracle Lodge as we serve soldiers and their families at each of our OWH retreats. Operation Welcome Home weekends are April 29-May 1st and September 16-18. Wounded

Warriors Retreat will be May 20-22nd. A donation of \$275 sponsors a couple/family for the weekend. Plan now to get involved: fundraisers, volunteer, candlelight dinner, etc. Help us spread the word to the military.

- f. **MIRACLES HAPPEN FESTIVAL III:** July 29-31, 2011. Just a reminder to put these dates on your calendar.
- g. **RED BARN PROGRESS:** (Photo attached □ Arlan Walton working on the roof) They just keep coming back! I am referring to Eaglebrook Church in Minneapolis and many other wonderful volunteers. The walls are up, lots of siding is on, we've been painting and staining, and now we are ready to work on the inside electrical and finish work. Three electricians are here today. This will be a good winter project.
- h. **GOOD REPORT:** Smith Schaefer □ Certified Public Accountant firm has declared Ironwood has kept its financial house clean and in order. This should show our supporters that we are being fiscally responsible and good stewards of what God has provided through your generous gifts.
- i. **CAPITOL ONE vs GOD:** Capitol One boasts of giving □double miles□. How about triple, quadruple and beyond when giving to God's work? Malachi 3:10-11 declares □I will open the windows of Heaven and pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in. Put me to the test□□
- j. **END OF THE YEAR GIFTS/CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** All financial gifts will go toward the much-needed kitchen addition unless otherwise designated.
- k. **2011 OUTLOOK** - Someone has said, □When the OUTLOOK is bad, try the UPLOOK.□ We have already made lots of exciting plans and the 2011 calendar is filling up! Each year God continues to expand our ministry; with your support and God's blessing this next year we expect to □Do great and mighty things for His Glory.□

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,

Bob