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The Cloudbaven Chronicle

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Please join us in our 5th annual
Christmas at Cloudbaven

A traditional candlelight service of

Lessons & Carols

followed by a

festive feast of holiday fare

Saturday, December 1st, 6:30 pm

Guest soloist: Mr. David Moon

Greetings from Cloudbaven

November finds us excitedly preparing for our fifth annual *Christmas at Cloudbaven* (see above.) This year, our featured soloist will be David Moon from Las Cruces, New Mexico, and our accompanist will be Judy Dalton of Cloudbaven. As is our tradition, Jim will be preaching on the grand theme of *Emmanuel, God With Us*. We warmly welcome all of you who can be with us for this special time.

Please contact Katy if you are willing to bring some hors d'oeuvres or a dessert for the feast.

Oh yeah, our telephone number has changed (see sidebar on next page.)

Ministry milestones

Despite the upheaval caused by the installation of our new septic system, we have had a busy fall season. Jim preached at Westminster Presbyterian's annual camp out up here in the mountains, and filled in for Pastor Chuck Isaac at Christ the King in El Paso. He also enjoyed the opportunity to teach on God's simplicity at Pastor Rick Steele's Bible study in Ruidoso. Our fall teach-in on *Church, Culture and Country* was well at-

tended, and Jim presented similar material for the return retreat of *The Seekers*—a multi-denominational men's study group from El Paso.



The Seekers

Cloudbaven hosted the Tuesday morning women's Bible study from Westminster, and held a special farewell reception for our dear missionary friends Rick and Vicki Smith. The Smiths are moving to Reading, PA, to answer God's call to the Northeast Regional Directorship of American Missionary Fellowship. Some 85 folks came to encourage the Smiths and send them off to this new opportunity. As you may recall, Rick is a faithful member of Cloudbaven's board of directors. Rick and Vicki have been greatly used of God to encourage us to begin and persevere in this ministry. We will miss them lots.



Rick & Vicki Smith

We attended Southwest Presbytery's September stated meeting in Sierra Vista, AZ. Locally, Jim has been elected president of the Sacramento Mountains Ministerial Alliance. The

Alliance's annual community Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 18th, at 6:00PM at the Cloudbaven Baptist Church.



Katy & Marivi, Mike & Chuck

We were especially blessed to host Rev. Chuck and Marivi Isaac and Rev. Mike Glodo for an overnight at Cloudbaven and to attend Mike's three-day conference at Christ the King in El Paso. Mike was a mentor of both Jim and Chuck during their times at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. He has since served for six years as the Stated Clerk of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church denomination. Mike has recently returned to RTS, teaching classes which include the Pentateuch and the Gospels. Mike's topic for the conference was *Encountering the Glory of God In the Face of Jesus Christ*. You can download audio files of the conference at CTK's web site: www.ctkpc.com. Highly recommended!



Three generations: Luella, Katy & Alesia
We both enjoyed a week's vacation with Katy's mom Luella and daughter

(over)

Alesia in Barron, WI, on the occasion of Katy's 45th high school reunion. A large number of her former classmates attended and enjoyed a lively presentation by one of their former teachers, Lillie Carlson Sauer.



Lillie

Katy also attended a fine conference at Glorieta Conference Center near Santa Fe, NM. The speaker was Tara Barthel, coauthor of *Peacemaking Women* (Baker Books, 2005).

Ministry challenges

Thanks to your partnership, we continue to be able to minister to those whom God sends to Clouthaven. Due to your generosity, we have begun to move toward a financial position that, God willing, will allow us to ensure the future of the ministry. We still have a long road before us, but God continues to provide in excess of our monthly ministry expenses so that we can build for the future. Please keep Clouthaven in your prayers as we seek to be God's servants to those in need.

Tell ya what...

We are pleased to report that the work has been completed on Clouthaven's new septic system. This was a massive job, ably completed by Raymond Davis and his son Chris. It was either do it now or wait and spend significantly more later as New Mexico's regulations continue to become more strict. Adding to the difficulty were many areas of fractured rock



Katy & the tank

which had to be removed to install the leach line. Several cows observed the process and managed to steer clear of the excavations (pun intended.) We now have an 1800 gallon septic tank and some 250 ft. of high-tech leach line, and are up to code for the foreseeable future. Our terrain out back has been altered quite a bit, but Raymond has finished it off nicely. We have seeded it all and await Spring to get our lawn (really weeds) back. Although it has been a difficult time, God has provided yet again for us and for our ministry.



Raymond, Chris and 1/3 of the leach line

Contact changes

New telephone number!

Up until recently, the whole state of New Mexico has had just one [!] telephone area code. Now we have two, and ours is one of the changes...

Clouthaven: (575) 682-2720

Jim & Katy: (575) 682-2670

Please update your address book.

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Prefer e-mail to "snail mail?"

If you are currently receiving the Clouthaven Chronicle by mail and wish to switch to e-mail (or vice versa,) just drop us a note at...

katy@clouthaven.org

(E-mail saves us time and money.)

Happy Thanksgiving!

We had an early Thanksgiving with a visit from Jim's son Tim who was on his way to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia.



Tim

This season we have much to be thankful for. In your celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, remember to give thanks to God for his faithfulness and for the hope he has given us in Christ Jesus.

— Soli Deo Gloria! —

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"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."—Is. 44:22