

## Community Stuff

We don't "go to Scum." We are Scum of the Earth Church.

1. Women's Event  
March 14<sup>th</sup> 10am - Noon  
Pancake Breakfast Bring \$2  
and your mug for tea or coffee.  
Where: our church bldg.  
Details: Kimberly Claire  
[kimberlyclaire81@hotmail.com](mailto:kimberlyclaire81@hotmail.com)

2. Small Groups of 3  
are starting up. If you are  
interested in getting involved  
contact Josh Cook or Kimberly  
Claire. [jrcook1@gmail.com](mailto:jrcook1@gmail.com)

3. Prayer & Action Small Group  
Wednesday Evenings  
Contact Nate Michels  
[natemichels@gmail.com](mailto:natemichels@gmail.com)

4. Scum Bike Factory  
Get your bicycle in shape  
for spring or build one.  
[joshuapeebles@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuapeebles@yahoo.com)

5. Rocks of Memory (Ebenezer)  
Kristi Spitzer is attempting  
to gather our memories of  
the way God blessed us  
during the church building  
campaign. Contact her  
before we all forget!  
[kristiannsawyer@hotmail.com](mailto:kristiannsawyer@hotmail.com)

## SOTEC Staff News (An update from Mike Sares)

I attended the National Pastors Conference last month. It started out slowly for me and then got better quickly. Particularly impacting seminars were led by Shane Claiborne of the Simple Way in Philly; Bill Hybels of Willow Creek in Chicago; William Paul Young, author of *The Shack*; Don Everts, author of *Jesus With Dirty Feet*; and JP Moreland, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Talbot School of Theology. I also got to reconnect with the folks from InterVarsity Press who are publishing my book under their *Likewise* imprint. I now have a deadline to finish in early June, so prayers would be much appreciated!

## **The Building. The Church Building. The 935. Anything but, "The Church!"**

(For a couple reasons: the church, of course, is the people and because we don't want to be confused with the nightclub of the same name.) We are learning to live in it.

Our one neighbor still hates us. He promised us at the zoning meeting that he would be a "bad neighbor." So, he's called the police on us several times claiming noise violations. Every time, except for once, the police didn't see (um, hear) a problem. But now we have a court date March 11th. Truthfully, we are well within the decibel range required by the city (we have checked numerous times). Even so, we have since put insulation in the windows and up in the eaves to make him a little happier. Isn't working. He was last seen giving our building the finger as he walked in front of it. Please pray for him, and show him the love of Christ in ways he can accept. Jesus has done so much for us.

## Words to Chew On

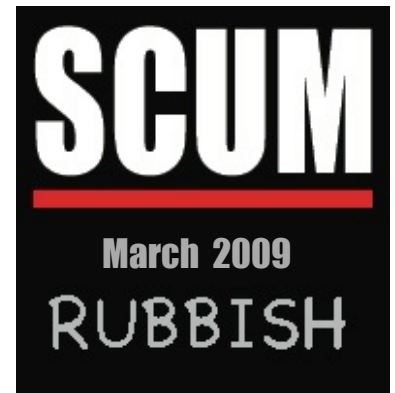
**Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. Psalm 5:1-3**

These are the opening lines to a prayer written by David, the king of Israel, about three thousand years ago. This much is obvious:

- 1) He wants God to hear him because he is in trouble
- 2) He knows God is the boss
- 3) He understands that prayer gets God's attention
- 4) He starts talking to God about it right away
- 5) He expects God to do something, but he doesn't know what or when

Does that process sound familiar? These lines give us hope that our prayer lives are not as shallow as we've feared. It's okay to keep asking for help. David did, and he was called "a man after God's own heart."

But don't stop at the point of asking the Lord for help. Keep going. See what else comes out of you as you pray. One great thing about the Psalms is that we see it is okay to be utterly honest with God. He can handle us being real.



## Church Council Update

The Scum Church Council is working on a code analysis for our church building, just to make sure we are in compliance with what the city requires. The results will be discussed at the meeting this month and then a course of action will be plotted out (probably with an architect who will help us draw up some plans for improvements). Council is also meeting to finish up some of the SOTEC Polity (church government) details. Council members are always open to hearing from Scum attendees. They are: Jim Croft, Karen Spurling, Fran Blomberg, Heather Walaszek, Sam Spitzer, Amy Croft, and Mike Sares.

## First Friday: 11th Ave. Gallery

The 11th Ave. Gallery is Scum's attempt to reach out to the art scene in Denver and to our neighbors. Be a patron. Attend and look around!

