



Bringing the Good News to Climbers

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Calling Climbers to Pray

[Many Time-Slots Open](#)

By Calvin Landrus

For many climbers, climbing can be an escape that gives them a false sense of controlling their own destiny. Add to that the intense feelings of accomplishment that climbing brings which can be temporarily stuffed into their hearts' God shaped vacuum.

For these reasons, Solid Rock's vision of reaching climbers for Christ is a tremendously difficult task. Add the strategic challenges of being a rather small ministry with a rather large national scope, the mission looks almost impossible. However, we serve a great God who wishes all people to come to salvation!

Our only hope for us to see these salvations in the climbing community is for us to cry out to God and ask that the Holy Spirit shall move among us in a powerful way. Will you join with me and other climbers and set aside a time of prayer for the climbing community and the salvation of those who are part of it?

On Thursday, May 6th, 2010, you are invited to pray for the climbing community and SRCFC's effectiveness in helping Christian climbers do outreach work. Last year, we had over 80 Solid Rockers praying for hundreds of climbers by name. This happens the same day as the American National Day of Prayer. Our goal is to cover the entire 24 hour day from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm (Pacific Daylight Time). Sign-Up now at www.srcfc.org/activity1/ndp.asp.

DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP IS MONDAY, MAY 3RD!

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From Chapter Coordinators - Jason Mann and Roger Kubly

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Upcoming Events

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May 6

7th Annual International Day of Prayer for Climbers

May 8

The 18th Annual Spring Thing at Smith Rock

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May 15

UC Santa Barbara, CA Climbing Competition
SRCFC is participating as a Sponsor

July 7-11

National Conference with International Climbers Festival, Lander, WY

On April 10th, we had an amazing outreach at the **11th Annual Limestone Climbing Competition** in Central Texas. We had five Solid Rockers present. Our hope for the event was to really make a good first impression on the local climbing



Josh K., Jason M. and Roger K.

community as our Central Texas Chapter begins to gear up. Our presence was very well received. We passed out about 100 Gatorades and 120 home made brownies. Many climbers expressed their thankfulness for the free goodies which opened the door for multiple spiritual conversations. With 37 entering, our gear raffle was highly participated in, and one of the organizers of the comp won the grand prize of a 60 meter rope. Three of our members, Jason M., Josh K., and Collier S, competed in the comp. Collier won the speed comp with a time of just over ten seconds on a top-roped, 50 ft, 5.8 flake! We were so thankful for the inroads God helped us to make into the Central Texas Climbing community. It was a wonderful time of bringing Good News to many climbers in different stages of their spiritual journey. Please continue to pray for developing relationships, particularly with members of Central Texas Mountaineers.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS FROM ROGER

I arrived Friday night with almost no one there. The first person I met was a park ranger (with whom I got to share Christ with). She accepted a Bible and climbing tract and said she'd look at both. I then spent a precious time walking around the climbing areas down to the Pedernales River praying for our time there the next day. The sunset reflected in the river overwhelmed me with joy. Even my voice of praise to God failed to be enough to express the depth of awe of God's power and presence.

On Saturday, I was climbing with a "just-found" partner, Tim, and we were trading leads on the short routes (30-40 feet average). I was working on the 3rd draw of one climb and was struggling with a hold in order clip. I could feel my hand slipping, but I thought I could make the clip before I fell. WRONG! The next second I was on the

[Read more about events!](#)

Announcements

Kitty Calhoun to be at National Conference

We will be holding our National Conference during the 17th Annual International Climbers' Festival in Lander, Wyoming, July 7-11, '10. You can see what last year's ICF looked like at climbersfestival.org.

SRCFC will be a sponsor of the event and have a service role. Besides being able to take advantage of the event, you will get to know Solid Rockers from across the country, receive training in evangelism, experience worship and devotionals and hang out together. Recently, high-profile climber/instructor and SRCFC endorser, [Kitty Calhoun](#), has agreed to be our key-note presenter for SRCFC. In addition to sharing with us, Kitty will be doing a clinic and giving an evening presentation for the event.

Special Offer for California Road Trip Guidebook

SRCFC Member, Tom Slater, is offering the guidebook he authored called, CALIFORNIA ROAD TRIP - A CLIMBER'S GUIDE - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA to SRCFC Members at special price of \$45, WITH \$5 GOING TO SRCFC (Thanks Tom!). This hefty road reference for climbers is an ideal guidebook for any climber - whether local or visitor - traveling in Northern California. It uses maps, abundant photos, topos, and in depth area information to get climbers on the path

ground standing up! Nothing was broken; only injury was a scratch on my nose. He caught me just inches (maybe a foot) off the ground. That 20 footer was astonishing to me since I had never fallen that far. I became aware of two transgressions quickly. Pride and forgetfulness. My pride kept me from admitting weakness and telling my belayer to watch and get ready to "take". Thankfully he did anyway. Second was forgetfulness to really spend time in prayer in the morning asking God for protection, wisdom and strength. After a pause to recollect my senses, I finished the climb with no problem, but with a renewed sense of gratitude to God for His kindness and mercy to me.

New Website to be Launched Next Week



Travis Working on the Website

"Where are we?" and *"What are you talking about?"* have often been muttered by Travis Weil over the last several weeks in the National Office.

Two Springs ago, Travis was with SRCFC and did an internship. Knowing that his work in construction was currently slow, I invited, begged and promised

to climb with him, if he would come out and give full time attention to our new website. His questions were often needed because of my inadequate directions in moving content from our old website and making our new website work the way I wanted.

The good news is we have reached a point where we are ready to launch the first phase of the new website. This will have most of the content found on the old site but in a much cleaner and modern look. Travis has done a great job of learning the new "content management system" (if you know what that is) and make the site look fantastic. LOOK FOR A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED TO THE WEB!

The second phase will include functionalities that will allow us to interact as an online-community. It will have updatable member profiles, private message email systems and forums. We hesitate to promise or declare when the second phase will be launched. Our website company is adding these items to their content management system, thus making them less expensive to have. THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

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Community Announcements

at srcfc.org.

- Member in India looking for Climbing Gear for Orphanage

This section allows us to give extra news about our community and/or to give members the opportunity to spread the word about something that is not directly related to SRCFC's mission - items like things for sale, job announcements, etc. Please email info@srcfc.org with your announcements. Please visit link above to learn more.

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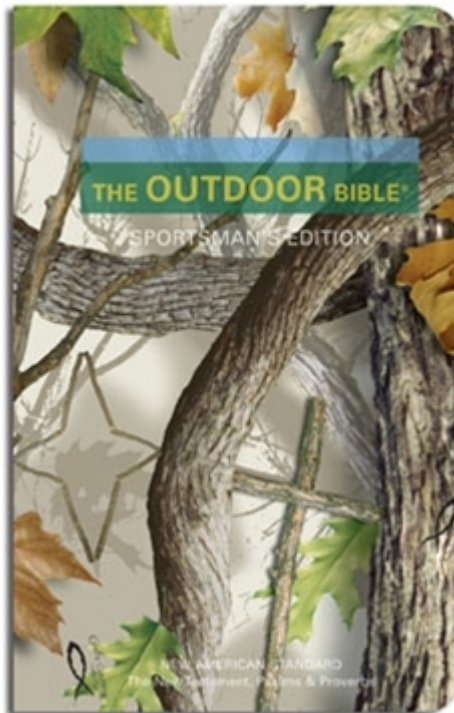
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And KUDOS for Travis for all is volunteer work on the site!

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