

For His Glory

"So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE – The First Baptist Church of Redway shall exist to glorify and love God by reaching out to all people, sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, baptizing believers, and teaching them to obey God's commandments as they are found in the Bible.

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Women's Ministries

Thank you for your participation in the Lottie Moon Foreign Missionary Christmas offering. Our goal was \$750.00 and you church were again generous with your giving. You doubled our goal by giving over \$1,500.00! Thank you for your continued prayers for foreign missions and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Lose It For Life Project

by Gretta Kirk

The Lose it for Life Project offers support to anyone struggling with weight loss. The group is based on material titled "Lose it for Life" by Stephen Aterburn and Dr. Linda Mintle. This uniquely balanced program deals with the physical, emotional, and spiritual elements that may hinder us from achieving our weight loss goals. "Lose it for Life" was designed to stand alone or be used with any other food program. By combining the written material with real life strategies and support the, "Lose it for Life Project" offers the motivation needed to achieve lasting results.

Meetings are held every Sunday from 2-3:15 pm at the First Baptist Church of Redway. For more information please call Gretta Kirk 707-223-4615

Men's Ministries

by Dave Ordonez

Men's group: will meet at 9am on January 9th in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite verse to share, and any project/ministry ideas you have in mind.

Men's Ministries Retreat

by Dave Ordonez

Jenness Park Men's Retreat information: We will leave January 15th and return January 18th. R. McWhorter, will be our devotional leader.

Recreational facilities include: Dodge ridge Ski Resort, Pinecrest Lake, Leland High Sierra Snowpark, Aspen Meadow horseback riding Trails, Historical Twain Harte, Columbia State Park, Long Barn Ice Skating, Sonora Bowling, Golf Courses, and of course just relaxing and taking in the beauty.

Each person needs to bring their own bed linens and pillow. The cost is \$170.00 per person. This includes lodging, dinner on the 15th, breakfast, **lunch**, and dinner on the 16th, and 17th, and breakfast on the 18th. If the cost is a burden, but you wish to attend; please contact Pastor Doug for confidential assistance. Please remit your fees to Carol Ordonez or make arrangements no later than Sunday January 10th.

There is still some room so if you wish to attend please contact Dave Ordonez at 223.0324 or ordonez@starstreamcable.com

The Pastor's Corner

by David Sanchez

"For I am the Lord, I change not" Malachi 3:6

The immutability of our God means that He never changes! Therefore, His promises too, never change. As I considered the changing of a calendar year I also consider what changes lay ahead.

There are moral changes: The standards of the world continue to vacillate with the winds of culture. **There are scientific changes:** The last century moved from the Industrial age to the space age and then on to the information age. In the last 100 years we have moved from cars that can go over 35 mph to cars that have land speeds over 300 mph. We have gone from looking at stars and planets to putting a man on the moon and robotic cars on Mars. **There are political changes:** The political landscape all over the world is in a constant state of flux. In any given month a new leader is emerging as the head of state somewhere in the world many times creating ripples across the world that are unsettling. **There are personal changes:** For some old age is creeping in. For children; a new semester and a chance to improve their grade point average. For others, marriage seems to be a more powerful draw than before. It's just the opposite for others. "Times they are a changing."

As God's people in this ever changing world, we sometimes need to be reassured of certainty. The greatest certainty of all is the immutability of God. *"For I am the Lord, I change not"* Malachi 3:6

It is said of Jesus Christ in *Hebrews 13:8*: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever". Isn't it good that no matter what the future holds that he holds the future and he never changes? *"For I am the Lord, I change not"* This truth is borne out in other scriptures as well. **James 1:17 says:** "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. In all the changes that are going on and will go on, our God never changes – "hallelujah, what a Savior!"

But suppose for a moment that God could change. We know that the Lord is gracious - but what if he could change? We know that the Lord is forgiving- but what if he could change? We know that the Lord protects his children – but what if he could change? We know how powerful God is – but what if he could change? If God could change it would imply that he could get better. It would imply that there was something missing. It would imply that God is somehow deficient and not completely worthy our trust and dependence, but He is! Our God by his very nature will not change. When we think of this great text we are reminded that the same God who accomplished great things in the past has not changed His mind or His plan for the future no matter what the present looks like.

God has blessed this land of ours. For many years now, the gospel has been preached and from corner to corner, souls have been saved, churches established, missionaries sent throughout the world from this tiny homeland of ours. Yet, it appears that things have changed. No longer is there the fear of God in this land that there once was. No longer is Gods word held in reverence by the vast majority. It appears that as a nation we have begun to turn our back on God. But God says to us who live in this land of ours *"For I am the Lord, I change not"* His plan is not dependant on any one nation or the faithfulness of any one group of people. We need to trust Him completely that His plan for the world has not changed one iota. He is still moving us down the road of human history toward that glorious future that He promised and it will come to pass: *"For I am the Lord, I change not."*

God has blessed our local church. As we look back, we can surely say that the Lord has blessed our work. Souls have been saved, baptized and added to the church. The saints have grown in the Lord and some have gone from this place to serve the Lord elsewhere. With these additions and attritions, the look and feel of the church body and personality changes. New struggles with leadership and maturity arise and sometimes they are unsettling but God is still the same and He is leading on toward the bright future He promised to take us. "For I am the Lord, I change not."
 Every New Year presents the ever changing ebb and flow of life on earth, in the land, in our community, church body, and in our families. But, the grand truth remains that God is unchanging and His plans are unchanging. Let this thought bring you both comfort for the future and the motivation to seize the future by faith! All my love to you all,

Pastor David

Culbert News

by Doug Culbert

This spot would normally be reserved for the Youth Ministry report and since there isn't much to report I'll bring those far and wide up to speed on the latest happenings within the Culbert household.

Many of you may know that Kymberly was married in November to Donald Cook II. They make their home in Happy Camp where Donald grew up. This is also the same town where my brother and sister-in-law live so she's still close to family. They surprised us on Christmas day with news that they are expecting their first baby. Kymberly is only a couple weeks along and they will find out the tentative due date in January when she sees her doctor.

The other big news is that we have relocated the rest of the family to Fortuna. We were unable to sell our home in Redway but found a reliable long-term renter who was able to pay us enough to cover our mortgage. We are still most definitely involved with the ministry in Redway and have no plans of our own to change that. We look at it as trading a 5-day-a-week commute for me to Ferndale where I work for a 2-day-a-week commute back to Redway for Church and Bible Study.

Laura has involved herself in a couple of local mid-week youth groups and has connected with several friends her age that are good influences. She is enjoying the fellowship with these youth groups and has seemed to really grow from the experience. Most of the every-day stuff is unpacked and we have now devoted our spare time to going through the rest of the boxes that have been in storage for three years keeping some and sending the rest to the thrift stores. We would like to thank all those that helped us during this time. We thank you for the hot meals that were delivered, the borrowed trucks and trailers and the bodies that helped us move. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful church family and we are thankful for you all. Our new address in Fortuna is 3266 Matthew Lane, 95540. New phone is 725-3667. Our cell phones remain the same.

Until next time... Doug

Christmas Food Basket

Photos of JBCR members organizing baskets for distribution



Thank you for your generous contributions to our Christmas Food Basket ministry. Your giving and partnership with this mission allowed us to bless over 200 families who found themselves in need this Christmas!

Calendar of Events

The church calendar is online! Please communicate with staff before planning an event on what appears to be an open date. To add a date to the calendar, please contact Pastors David and Doug, or Peggy Hoaglin The calendar is publicly available on the web at the following link. <http://cid-bd101f8f03a1d439.calendar.live.com/calendar/Church/index.html>

- CEF Sunday school training **January 9**
 ~ see Sandy Folmar for info
- Men's Ministry Meeting **January 9**
- Men's Ministry Retreat **January 15-18**
- February newsletter submission deadline **January 28**
- SBC call to prayer **January 31**

SBC Call to Urgent Prayer

January 31 Southern Baptists are encouraged to observe a Day of Fasting, Prayer and Repentance for the many decisions being made that effect people within the SBC. We need God's direction. The goal is for all of us to "Be still and know that God is God," as a sign of our humility and desire to wholeheartedly return to Him. By our being still before Him (see Psalm 46:10), we exalt our God and position ourselves to obey the Great Commission our Lord commanded in Matthew 28:18-20.

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