

For His Glory

“So whether 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.

A Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Redway – June 2010

Thank you to all of the ladies who attended the Rio Dell conference. It was a special time of fellowship with other Christian woman and Barbara Maybee was a blessing and an inspiration as she shared Gods word and some of the events of her life with us.

Rodeo Breakfast: Women’s Ministries will be sponsoring the Rodeo Breakfast June 19th. Everyone is welcome to come and be apart of it. The breakfast starts at 7:00 am and goes until we run out of food or the parade begins, which ever comes first. In his love Marie Keller

Local Disaster Relief: The family of FBCR approved the desire of the men's group to develop a disaster plan to account for and provide needed spiritual and physical comfort to our members, attendees, and the general public, utilizing our membership, facility, and coordinated efforts with local emergency management teams.

Summer Projects: The membership has approved replacing the front doors to the church. They will be solid oak; painted white on the outside and a natural stain finish on the inside, and they will be fully ADA compliant. Other projects we would like to complete this summer include: 1. Strip and repaint/repair the siding on the east end of the church building. 2. Add storage space along the outside north wall of the fellowship hall. 3. Replace the remaining old windows in the church. 4. Replace the front doors to the church sanctuary. 5. Extend the gutter runoff to take the rain water further from the building. 6. Paint the doors that were installed during the remodel. As you can see, this is an ambitious list and we are in need of volunteers to get this work done. **If you would like to be of service in any of these projects, please contact a trustee or pastor.**

CLEAN COMEDY COMES TO FBCR: Stephen B will be performing at FBCR on Sunday, June 27th at 5:00 p.m. With 28 years of stand-up comedy experience Stephen is one of the funniest most polished comedians that you will ever see! His comedy is upbeat, fast paced and positive and always appropriate. Stephen's act is topical, silly, thoughtful, and absurd but most of all funny and guaranteed to make you laugh until it hurts! Stephen is a member of the Christian Comedy Association and performs for congregations and church groups for outreach events, fundraisers and numerous other events. He also tours with the Heavyweights of Clean Comedy and The Clean Comedy Tour. Tickets are on sale now for a suggested donation of \$5.00 each. If you can afford more than the suggested donation we ask that you pay more to assist others who don't have the ability to pay although nobody will be turned away. The main purpose of the donation will be to recover the costs associated with sponsoring the event. You can get tickets at Nice Cars in Garberville, True Value and Parkinson's Building Materials in Redway and Topcoat Nail Salon in Fortuna. Finger foods and fellowship directly following the show.



Pastor's Corner

Pastor David Sanchez - June 2010 – Justification Part II

“For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.” Romans 6:14

Last month, I used Deut. 11:13-15 as a platform to highlight the danger of trying to please God and justify ourselves by being obedient to the Law of Moses and also that the Law of Moses can lead us to become justified through the Savior if rightly applied. The summary of that message was: *“If we use the above passage from Deut. 11:13-15 as a means to lead us to the Savior, then through him we will receive freedom from sin and a growing spiritual maturity as a child of God. On the other hand, if we use this passage as our model for being right before God, we will find ourselves to be perpetual living examples of failure. ‘The law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ!’ May our hearts be filled with this grace and learn what it means to live by grace.”*

Now, in Romans 6:14, Paul tells us *“For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.”* The apparent reason for this needed instruction was that some might suppose that if I am no longer bound by the Law of Moses and am living under the grace of God, that I now have no rules to govern my life and I can do whatever I want without repercussions. In Romans 6:1-13, Paul leads us up to the great truth of verse 14 by highlighting our connection with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ symbolized by baptism.

Paul answers the question: **Why did Christ die?** He died to liberate us from slavery to sin which is our bondage under the Law of Moses as he says in Romans 6:6b-7: *“So that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.”*

Paul answers the question: **Why was Christ resurrected?** Christ was resurrected to live for God and to give this new life lived for God to all who believe on His name as Paul says in Romans 6:10: *“The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.”* And Romans 6:4: *“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*

So then, Christ died to sin and was resurrected to a new life devoted to God and apart from sin. When we unite with Christ, we also unite with him in his death in order to first put away our own condemnation that comes from the Law of Moses and keeps us in bondage to sin. Then, we are united with Christ in his resurrection to this new way of life that comes by grace through Jesus Christ. This life is a life of holiness and godliness that God has eternally planned for us to possess and graciously provided the way to it as the Apostle Paul also says in Ephesians 1:4-6: *“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.”*

The Law of Moses did not provide us with this great liberation but grace through Jesus Christ has. With this amazing and abundant grace comes the expectation that new life bearing new fruit will spring forth in the lives of those who have received it. This is so, not simply because there is a new standard or law to live up to, even though there is. It is so because there is a new life with new freedom, new capabilities, and new motivations that spring up from a new heart toward a new and living hope that is wrapped up in the one in whom we have placed our faith; that is Christ Jesus.

Why then, would I want to remain in bondage and slavery to sin as my master when Christ has set me free for an abundant life that I cannot even grasp in my wildest imagination? *“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”* The yoke of slavery that Paul is talking about there in Galatians 5:1 is the Law of Moses. The reason he calls it a yoke of slavery is that it highlights our sin and our inability. Grace on the other hand liberates us from the bondage to sin through Christ Jesus and sets us free to pursue the righteousness of God as grace abounds in our lives. This then, is not a license to sin, nor is it a free pass to sin without consequence. It is the freedom to pursue righteousness without condemnation for our present weakness so that through Christ, we might become not only in name but also in character, the righteousness of God.

If you are in Christ, you are not a slave to your old master; sin, whose power over you was the Law of Moses. NO! You have been set free by grace through Jesus Christ to pursue the new life and that life is now before you. Believe it! Run to it! Lay hold of it! Bask in it! Enjoy it! It belongs to you dear child of God! For your benefit and...

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CAMP REPORT:

Youth camp has a pre registration of 75 campers. This is unprecedented and to put this into perspective two years ago we only had 72 campers at camp on the first day. Children’s camp is sitting right around 45 preregistered campers which is more than they had at camp last year. The cost to attend both camps, respectively, at this time is \$115 but the cost will go up in the middle of July. Registration forms for both camps can be picked up at the church office or you can download them from the church website. Follow the “Resources” link from the home page. Children’s camp is July 26-30 for ages 8-11 and Youth camp is August 2-6 for ages 12-17.

Committee on Board Nominations – By Pastor Doug Culbert:

I attended the final meeting for the Committee on Board Nominations in May. At that meeting we finalized the nominations for the Baptist Foundation, CBU Board and Executive Board that will be voted on by messengers at the annual convention in October. The first two committees are made up of mostly professionals in the respective fields and, for the most part, we accepted the nominations presented by the respective boards since they have done most of the preliminary research and qualifying of the nominees. The Executive Committee is a little different since it is made up of a balance of Pastors and lay people throughout the state. COBN members provide nominees to this committee, whether they come directly from us or our ministry partners in our respective regions. One our challenges as a committee, was balancing the age demographic. Most of the members of the Executive Committee are over the age of 45. We are trying to recruit younger leaders to share the responsibility of this committee. Family and career commitments make serving more difficult then those who are retired or in full time ministry. We are working bridging this gap over the next few years. My “job” is complete for this year but I will be back in Fresno next February as we prepare for another year in 2011.

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Calendar of Events

- Planned Potluck June 6
- Study of Esther Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the church..... All month except June 9
- Women's Ministry Rodeo Breakfast FundraiserJune 19
- Father’s Day June 20
- Hosting San Diego Christian Bicycle Ministry..... June 24
- Blue Slide Camp Workday June 26
- Christian Comedian Stephen B 5:00 p.m. @ FBCR June 27

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