

# 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.

Monthly Newsletter of the First Baptist Church of Redway, California

March 2010AD

## Women's Ministries

by Marie Keller

Next month we will take up offering for Annie Armstrong. This offering is for home missions. Pray and let God lead you in what to give. Your generosity is always overwhelming and God's blessings are even more awesome. Pray for one another and lift each other with encouraging words. Marie Keller 923-9302

## 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 Saturday February 27 at 9am in the fellowship hall. In addition to our fellowship, we hope to discuss ways to solve the church's storage issue.

## The Trustees Report

by Dave Ordonez

Forty new black vinyl chairs have been purchased and delivered to the church.

New carpet has been selected by the membership, and will be installed prior to Easter Sunday.

A new lawn mower has been purchased and put in service for our lawns.

A new toilet has been installed in the ladies room. This new toilet is taller, and should make it easier to use for our elderly. Also a grab bar is planned for the same stall.

## Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 7~14 2010AD

**Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"**

## The Pastor's Corner

by Pastor David Sanchez

"This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD." Isaiah 66:1-2

I remember the building of our first house. This was going to be our family sanctuary; a place of rest. We selected the location, floor plans, colors, furnishings and all the other personal choices that we could make. The look and feel of our house was heavily influenced by our own personal decisions. We could see and had to live with the effect of those choices. "Look what we did!" we might say in pleasant reflection or possibly in regret if our decisions did not turn out so good. Of course, somewhere in the process we had to acknowledge and relinquish control to the builder who actually built the house.

There are some similarities between our experiences with our first home and the temple of God that David wanted to build for God and that Solomon actually built. We want God to dwell among us. We want Him near, close by so that we can feel secure and know that He is watching and caring for us. After all, that's what the temple in Jerusalem was all about; a representation of God with us.

In our earthly thinking we want to build a home for God and furnish it the way we like. We have images in our mind about what it will look like and we forge ahead making our plans accordingly. God then comes to us like the master builder and challenges our notions of how to build this house that we want to house Him. What are the building materials you are going to use? If God encompasses all of heaven and earth, where exactly are you going to try to contain Him? Can we really do that? Who is going to receive the primary benefits of this house we build for God? Those are tough questions!

God allowed David to collect the building materials and Solomon to build a beautiful earthly building that represented the heavenly dwelling place of God. It was a copy of the one in heaven that God was building for His eternal dwelling place. Yet, when Jesus stood near the temple with his disciples amazed at the magnificence of its size and beauty, he said: "Do you see all these things?"... "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." This came to pass a few decades later. Did David and Solomon's dream go down with the stones or was God doing something more important than earthly buildings?

Paul said in **1 Corinthians 3:16**: "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" In **1 Peter 2:4-5**: "As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." And Paul says in **Ephesians 2:19-22**: "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

We can see in the above verses that God is declaring that **HE** is the builder and locator of the house and not us. It then occurs to me that we must first see ourselves as the dwelling place of God and that God Himself is the architect and builder of this house that is our life. Then we can begin to cooperate with Him in what this beautiful dwelling place of God is going to look like. Since, our ideas differ dramatically from His, perhaps it would be better if we simply acknowledge God's ownership and relinquish control to the builder who actually builds the house. We can trust that if we implement His ideas, we will indeed become the beautiful house He designed us to be. May it be so,

For His Glory, Pastor David

Many may not know that I was nominated for and voted in at the last Annual State Convention in October to a four year term on the Committee on Board Nominations. When asked by our pastor to consider this position I had no idea the position I was agreeing to but he assured me I could do it so I agreed. Many who know me know I enjoy challenges and will jump at an opportunity to push myself to the next level, whether it is in sports, ministry, vocationally or in my everyday life. This appointment definitely catapulted me to the next level in ministry. The COBN is charged with nominating people to the three most prolific boards in the State Convention. The Executive Committee, the California Baptist Foundation which oversees annuities and assists people in estate planning and California Baptist University Board of Directors which speaks for itself. I attended the first of two meetings in Fresno at the beginning of February and it was humbling to be sitting in a room, sharing a position with people from different backgrounds from all over California. Not only that, but to have the Chief Executives of the three most powerful committees in the state sitting in front of us in sort of a "lower" position, and I use that term for lack of a better description. They were each coming to us, the COBN, and providing their list of people that they would like to see considered for nomination to their respective committees which consisted of doctors, lawyers, bankers, CPAs, well-known evangelical speakers and authors. I was thinking to myself, if I walked on the campus of CBU and asked to have a meeting with the President of the University, it probably wouldn't happen, at least not without some questions as to who I was and what my purpose was, then I MIGHT be able to talk to one of his assistants. Now I have the CBU Board Representative "asking" to see me (and the rest of my fellow committee members). Wow! This was pretty overwhelming. I saw some pretty powerful names on the list of nominations for these three committees and I am one of 8 people who will decide who goes on the ballot at the 2010 Annual Convention for the state messengers to vote on. I have my work cut out for me over the next couple of months until we meet again in May to finalize the nominations. Please pray that God gives me wisdom and understanding to serve on this committee in a way that fulfills His purpose.  
Until Next Time...

**2010 Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®**

**Theme:** Live with Urgency: Share God's Transforming Power

**Scripture:** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek" Romans 1:16 (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

**Dates:** March 7-14, 2010AD Please pray for North American missionaries

**National Goal:** \$70 million

*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>

- Men's Ministry Meeting ..... **February 27**
- Marshal Ranch tree planting day ..... **February 27**
- Planned Potluck ..... **February 28**
- April newsletter submission deadline ..... **March 26 5:00 PM**
- Resurrection Sunday continental breakfast and Worship ..... **April 4**

*Newsletter Submissions...*

*by Nancy Keppeler*

Please send any possible "For His Glory" newsletter submissions by email to Nancy Keppeler at: [GraceofGod@wavecable.com](mailto:GraceofGod@wavecable.com) by the designated deadline. This is a good tool to use to inform the Church of upcoming meetings, and events that are connected to First Baptist Redway. If there is space and your submission is in prior to the posted deadline it could be printed. All submissions may be edited with permission from the writer.

For His Glory and by His Grace, Nancy

*Son Rose service Schedule for Resurrection Sunday April 4, 2010AD*

- There will be a Continental Breakfast from 9:30-10:15
- Gathering to Worship 10:15
- Worship 10:30
- There will be no Sunday School

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- Resurrection Sunday continental breakfast and Worship ..... 9:30am **April 4**
- Study of Esther begins ..... **April 7**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Camp deadline ..... **April 9**
- Scones and Tea at Three ..... **April 10**
- Women's Ministry Meeting ..... **April 18**
- NCBA Women's Ministry Conference ..... **April 24**
- Quarterly Business meeting ..... **April 25**
- May newsletter submission deadline ..... **April 26 5:00PM**

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