

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.

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Women's Ministries

The Annual NCBA Women's Ministry Conference was held Saturday April 24th at First Baptist Rio Dell in partnership with First Baptist Church Redway. We had a great day of encouragement, growth, relaxation, joy and fellowship as we were reminded how we are "Fastened Together in Christ" Our theme verse was John 17:20-21A "21 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one" KJV We were blessed by the messages from our gifted speaker Barbara T Marshall. A special thank you goes to Marie, Tina, and Nancy for their help on the planning team, Tina for the button game, Janette for the story reading, Elizabeth for leading worship, Peggy Mullaney for preparing the wonderful take home gifts, and all of the ladies that prepared a spectacular salad bar for lunch. Thank you also to Rio Dell for hosting the event and for the lovely decorations, breakfast, and the great teamwork in planning the event. It was a beautiful day and we look forward to the next time the sisters of our association will be able to spend a day together.

Women's Ministry Meeting Sunday April 18th 6:00PM We will spend some time in prayer for the ladies of our association and discuss upcoming events. The ladies shared prayers at the NCBA conference and these prayers have been entrusted to Rio Dell and Redway so we can pray for the needs of our sisters.

Men's Group & Trustees Report

by Dave O.

Pending membership approval, the men's group hopes 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.

We are also discussing the possibility of a 3 generation camp out this summer. The focus of this camp out is to provide a wholesome, faith based camping experience for youth mentored by young Christian men, who in turn can be mentored by the older more life experienced Christian men. If you are interested in going, or have a child who would like to go, or would like more information, please contact Dave O, or Louis Hoaglin

The trustees have identified some projects we would like to complete this summer. These projects 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.

The Pastor's Corner

by Pastor David Sanchez

Justification Part 1 ~ "So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the LORD your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul—¹⁴ then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. ¹⁵ I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied." Deuteronomy 11:13-15

It is tempting for the preacher (this one included) to take a passage like this and form the Christian model of expectation for developing a right relationship with God and finding favor in His eyes. It's a pretty simple outline: 1) be faithful to the Law of Moses. 2) love God completely 3) serve God with everything you have 4) God will bless your land and give you everything you need. This will definitely preach! It has many times. In fact I still hear some form of this sermon every day online, or from the lips of some Christians with good intentions. If preached rightly, this sermon *can lead* to freedom and a right relationship with God: justification. However, if preached wrongly, this sermon is a pretty easy path to bondage for both the believer and the unbeliever.

Paul says in Rom. 3: "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin." Again, Paul says in Rom. 7: "...I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet." ⁸ But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire..." and "Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. ¹⁰ I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death." And again, "Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! But in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it produced death in me through what was good, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful"

Paul makes it clear that God's purpose for demanding man to live in complete obedience to the Law as given by Moses was to highlight to man what God already knew: that man has fallen short of the glory of God and stands in condemnation for failing to live up to the righteous demands of God's Law. It was never intended to be the model or means of justification for man. This is not hard to prove. What will we find if we ask the question of the Biblical record: How well did Israel do as a nation? How well did they do as individuals? How did the rest of the world fare? The Biblical record is clear on this point, that none of all of Israel lived up to the righteous demands of the Law referred to above. In fact, after laboring to make this very point in Romans 1-3, Paul sums it up this way in Romans 3:23: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." Who has faithfully obeyed the commands that God gave through Moses? Who loves the Lord, God and serves Him with all their heart and soul? Do you? Please don't say that you do. You don't! There is only one man that has ever done that and his name is Jesus. All others have miserably failed including all the great characters of the Bible as well as every great Christian that has ever lived. It's true!

Here then is the effect that God intended from the preaching of the Law: "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous (justified) in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin."

Moses was not giving us the model for Christian living, he was giving the evidence against us so that we could be led to a clear understanding that we cannot justify ourselves by our faithfulness or obedience, but that we have a great need for the Savior

whom God provided in His son Jesus Christ who lived a sinless life and died a sinner's death as an atoning sacrifice of our sins once and for all. This same Jesus was raised from the dead to give us life that never ends and a relationship with God filled with grace that we do not deserve but freely receive by faith in Christ alone.

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.

For His Glory, Pastor David

NCBA ~ Children & Youth Camps

By Pastor Doug Culbert

CAMP REGISTRATION

Camp registration for Blue Slide 2010 is unprecedented! Last year we received 9 registrations that qualified for the "Early Bird Special" and received a 40% discount on the final registration cost to attend camp. This year we received 43. Good communication and promotion is the key to getting these kinds of numbers. It also helps staff plan for food and staff early on so there aren't any surprises later. Because of these good numbers we extended the early bird special another week and received a few more forms. Even after the deadline passes you won't find a camp with the caliber of teaching, food and recreation we have at the price we offer. Now through May 14th the cost is only \$110 but will increase to \$135 on the first day of camp. There are a couple discount deadlines in between so don't waste any more time and get your registration in now. Forms can be picked up in the foyer at the church.

COBN

I will be making my second of three trips to Fresno for the Committee on Board Nominations on May 15th. At this meeting we will take the nominations from the respective departments and put together the final list of nominees that will be presented to the CSB messengers at the State convention in October. We were challenged in February to come in May with a list of nominees from our respective associations. I sent out a letter to members of our association shortly after returning from the February meeting asking for feedback from people in the NCBA. I will be making phone calls now to encourage and inform members of our association just how important these committees are and even more importantly why representation from the North Coast is monumental. I have a few more weeks to generate some interest within the association and will spend time contacting people I feel will represent our region well. I understand that being a member in this capacity is a huge commitment for most but also know personally that the benefit totally outweighs the cost and pray that we can get one or two more to be a part of this wonderful denomination to a greater degree.

CHURCH WEB PAGE

The church web page is up and running with just a few little aesthetic quirks to work out. We have edited and posted sermons from 2008 to the present although prior to the beginning of February the sermons are just a select few. It takes roughly 2 hours to fully edit a sermon before it's uploaded so we're doing our best to keep this ministry tool current and available. Please be reminded that this does not replace your warm body in the chairs on Sunday morning but is a tool to be used for personal teaching and makeup if you are gone from our body on Sunday morning periodically. You can also share the link with your friends and family from out of the area who might enjoy some great teaching from our pastoral staff at FBCR. This tool is being used right now in a Prison Ministry! We also have available the outlines for our Wednesday evening bible study in the book of Esther. You can go ahead of time and download the current or past outline in either Microsoft Word® or Adobe Acrobat® format. There's also links to the church event calendar, an electronic version of this newsletter and resources available throughout our association and state conventions. Speaking of the newsletter, if you would prefer to receive this newsletter in electronic PDF format please subscribe to this option from our newsletter page on the website. This will save on printing and distribution time and materials. The church website can be located at <http://www.fbcredway.com>

Calendar of Events

The church calendar is online! The calendar is publicly available on the web at the following link.

<http://cid-bd101f8f03a1d439.calendar.live.com/calendar/Church/index.html>

Men's Meeting	May 1
Planned Potluck after Worship	May 2
Study of Esther Wednesdays	All month
National Day of Prayer	May 6
Mother's Day	May 9
Youth Camp 2 nd Deadline.....	May 14
Women's Ministry Meeting	May 16
June newsletter submission deadline	May 25 5:00PM

Newsletter Submissions...

by Nancy Keppeler

Please send any possible "For His Glory" newsletter submissions by email to Nancy Keppeler at: 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.

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and by His Grace, Nancy