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**Mission:** First Baptist Church on RIDGE exists to reach people and develop them into fully devoted followers of Christ.

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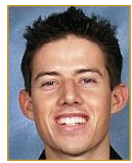
**I**ncorporate believers into the church body

**D**evelop members into fully devoted followers of Christ

**G**uide members into meaningful ministry

**E**xpress joyful worship to God

## ACTS 1:8



**Ryan Rindels returns from Suriname:** Lobi wan. Mi bali wan switi odi ini a nen fu kownu jesus. Loved ones. I greet you beautifully in the name of King Jesus. Well, after nearly 22 blessed months as a missionary to Suriname I returned home on October 19th. I want to thank all of you who prayed for me during that time as well as those who gave generously to me directly or indirectly through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. God is good. I saw fruit borne during my time in Suriname and am excited to see what the Lord will do in the future among the Aukaan people.

As for my life, I plan to pursue a Master's of Divinity from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and will begin this upcoming January. I desire to serve the Lord in ministry and theological training is going to be a helpful and important step to aspire. I want to be a part of ministry among the college-aged group at First Baptist. Although it's not final, I plan to attend seminary one day a week (still full-time) and be involved here in Grass Valley. I will be doing a presentation summing-up my final months in the country on the first Wednesday of December. Glad to a part of this congregation again. God bless you all.

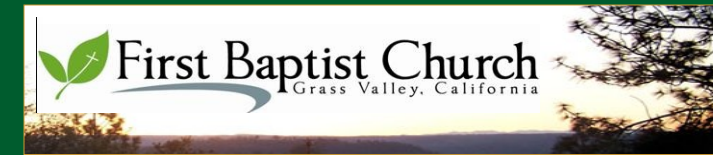
Thank you Church Family for your generosity in **Operation Christmas Child**. We broke our record of 150, but will have a final count in a few days. Boxes are still coming in. We received an additional \$510.00 in cash donations and boxes are being made now. *Bob & Sharon Williams*



**Haiti Mission 2010:** God works in ways we cannot begin to understand to use us to His glory and our good. He moved in the hearts of His people and created a desire to serve others in ways we couldn't imagine and with tasks for which we couldn't humanly prepare. In the end it was hard to determine who was more blessed, the servants or the served.

Going to Haiti was a mixture of certainty that that was the call and uncertainty about what we would do when we got there. Faith is proved by God's faithfulness when, in our uncertainty, we are obedient. Jayne Sanchez, Penny Chaney, Kayla Mateo, Cheryl White and I witnessed God at work as He supplied resources, knowledge and victories as we trusted Him. Supplies taken at the last moment on an apparent whim, things picked up along the way, our life experiences and the experiences of others came together in His power to meet the needs of a hurting, hopeless people as He used us to teach the gospel of hope in Christ. *Pastor Mike*

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# NEWSLETTER

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From The Pastor's Heart



## From The Pastor's Heart

Pastor Mark Rindels

My Dear Church Family,

**"Behold, I am doing a New Thing!" (Is. 43:19)**

This verse has been our theme this fall and is more than just a theme. It is REALITY! God is doing awesome things in our midst. First, we raised \$88,116.91 on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in cash and an additional \$141,311.00 in pledges over a 3-year commitment period. The TOTAL was \$229,427.91. Presently, Bruce Ivy Construction is completing Phase II of "A New Thing" campaign which includes replacing the windows in the Worship Center and removing the A/C compressor units on the roof and filling in the wells with a new roof line. We are excited that this will be done before the major part of the Winter as it is scheduled for completion January 7<sup>th</sup>. **Praise God** for His provision! We will be working on plans for Phase III in the future and will be seeking congregational input.

One of the awesome things that God is doing is reflected in our salvation and baptism decisions. **From October 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>**, we

have seen **4 people come to salvation** and **6 people have followed our Lord in baptism**. Wow! Praise God for these miracles! We have been seeing more people visiting and checking out our church. Yes, God is doing a new thing!

This fall, I have been preaching through a sermon series titled **"He Still Does Miracles."**

We are looking at many of the miracles of Jesus and applying the truths to our lives. I have been reminded as I've studied through the scriptures that He truly does miracles in our time. This is not just about what God did in the past but what He is doing now. The church needs to walk by faith and believe God for miracles every time we meet. I feel God leading me to continue this theme into the Christmas season. **Miracles @ Christmas** will be the new series and we will look at the many miracles that revolved around the birth of Jesus. Invite your friends and let's see people come to Christ and get connected to the church during this Christmas season!

Pastor Mark Nunn is introducing **"A Very Merry Christ-**

**mas"** Production this year and performances will be on Saturday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 & 7 PM and Sunday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The choir is working hard to present this outreach to our community. One of the statistical things that is being reported in church growth circles now is that non-church people are more likely to go to church on Christmas than Easter. It used to be that Easter was the prime time but now that has shifted to Christmas. For this reason, make a big effort to invite people to our Christmas production. We are excited to see what God will do in leading people to a saving knowledge of Christ.

**I appreciate all that you do** to give for the service of our church and the Kingdom of God. We have a lot of loving, generous, serving people in our church and I praise God for you. May God continue to use all of us to advance His Kingdom's work!

Let's continue to reach people with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

Loving God and loving you,  
*Pastor Mark*



## Youth Ministry...Pastor Adam Click



Youth Pastor  
Adam Click

Hey Church Family,  
We just had a great 5<sup>th</sup> quarter this past Friday. We had 10 new youth show up. We are looking forward to this Friday when we will have our last one of the football season. Thank you to all who have given time and resources to make this possible. We look forward to many

more events coming this year, broomball, Family Force 5 Christmas concert, another lock-in and much more. Please pray that we will be able to continue to make relationships with youth in our community.

**Pastor Adam**



## Music Ministry...Pastor Mark Nunn



Worship Pastor  
Mark Nunn

Happy Thanksgiving!  
One of my very favorite verses is Psalm 34:1 "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." What an awesome reminder that we are to be continually praising and thanking God for all He has done, not just at Thanksgiving!

Mark your calendar now....."A Very Merry Christmas" is coming Saturday De-

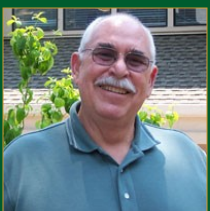
cember 18 at 2pm & 7pm and Sunday December 19 at 7pm. Please begin inviting friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc to one of the 3 performances. We need your help (if you are not singing in the production) please volunteer to usher, hostess, greet, bake, help with childcare and most importantly please PRAY! Pray for hearts to be open to the message of salvation and

Christ's love, the health of the cast, good weather and a great weekend.

**Pastor Nunn**



## Pastor Mike Sanchez—From My Perspective



Associate Pastor  
Mike Sanchez

*How does God know that we love Him?*

In a recent Sunday School lesson the writer posed an interesting question. "What evidence is there in your life that you love God?" The question was difficult for me to answer. It seemed to me that the question was put to the wrong person. Here's why.

It would be presumptuous for me to answer the question. What I may think is evidence that I love God may not be what He considers evidence

that I love Him. Scripture says, "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46) It doesn't matter what *I think* is evidence that I love God. It only matters what He thinks is evidence that I love Him and He finds that evidence in my obedience to His commands.

A good example of this is found in 2 Samuel 6. David desired to bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem and well, let the Bible speak for itself. "They set the ark of God on a

new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, sistrums and cymbals. When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God,



because the oxen stumbled. The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down and he died there beside the ark of God."

God told them how to move the Ark but they thought they had a better way. God determines what evidence of our love is and it is always tied to our obedience. Others may live or die because of our obedience to God's commands. His first command is that we love Him with our whole heart, mind, body and spirit. His second command is that we love others more than ourselves. The evidence of that is that people come to Christ and live because we are obedient to Him in actively sharing our faith and loving one another.

If you were on trial for loving Christ, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Because of what you say, or because of what He says? **Pastor Mike**

"KidZone has taken on a new look for Fall/Winter 2010! The 9 am group, led by Becky Swabeck and Dave Parmenter continues to use the "Worship KidStyle" Curriculum that is designed for one large group of kids aged 6-10.

For the 11 AM class, the children participate in the Worship Service for the first 25 minutes. Then, they are dismissed to their classes--the 1st-3rd graders study with the LifeWay Curriculum with teachers Yvette Rindels, Penny Chaney, and Cindy McKinney. This past month the emphasis was on worship, bringing offerings to repair the temple (church), & praising God for all his wonderful works. It was NOT a coincidence that our church as a whole was doing "A New Thing Campaign"--- the Lord worked the timing out for the children to be learning about caring for God's house, bringing offerings and sacrifices to Him, etc. This class is tailored to help early-readers and non-readers.

At the other class offered at 11 AM, Ray McWhinney and Rebecca Evans teach the 4th & 5th Graders. This class challenges the older children with lessons from the Bible about: How to Become a Christian, baptism, tithes & offerings, service, and other basic doctrines of the Church. The children also focus heavily on Bible Skills--memorizing key verses and passages, and participating in competitive games that help them find the books of the Bible quickly.

As we go into the Winter quarter, we look forward to learning about the Savior that came to us at Christmas. We are excited to welcome some newcomers into our Children's Ministry this fall, and we could also use a few substitute teachers, as well as 2 new teachers for the 9 am Session. Please contact Phyllis Click if you have an interest in working with the kids--you will be blessed!"

**Yvette Rindels & Phyllis Click**

**Children's Department**



Fall 2010 Happenings

**LUNCH AT Goomba's** on October 17<sup>th</sup> was very yummy! The restaurant opened especially for the 24 of us that attended & they catered to our every hunger need.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** The Saints Alive booth, run by Larry & Loretta Tackett was a huge hit. More suckers than we can count were won in the Pumpkin Pulling game and kids of all ages had a great time. Lots of small fun prizes were given away too. Thanks to everyone who worked the booth and especially to Larry and Loretta for organizing this booth activity.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** is being sponsored by the Saints Alive seniors in the Upper Fellowship Hall this year. It will be a time for the whole family with lots of food, games and other family fun. Please sign up in the foyer so we

know how many turkey's to cook. All you need to bring is a side dish enough for 12 people. Invite your friends and neighbors (but sign them up too, please.)

**A CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP** is being held Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be available. Anyone who would like a variety of delicious cookies but only has time to bake one batch is invited to participate. This will only take an hour or so of your time.

**Come \* Enjoy Refreshments \* Swap Cookies \* Fellowship**  
**Steps to take for the Cookie Swap:**

- 1) Bake at least 3 Dozen of your favorite cookies.
- 2) Wrap them in multiples of 6 (six)
- 3) Bring your recipe on a recipe card—we will have blank recipe cards available that others can write your recipe on.
- 4) Invite your friends and neighbors.
- 5) Be prepared to take home a wonderful assortment of Christmas cookies for your holiday enjoyment.

*Come "Praise the Lord, ... Who satisfies your desires with good things..." Ps. 103:2a, 5a.*

The Saints Alive Senior Adult Ministry needs additional help. Please contact Jayne Sanchez, 273-4224, if you have a heart to see senior adults grow spiritually and stay active. We meet during the day about once a quarter at the church to plan events.

May you have Fall Blessings in abundance!

**Jayne Sanchez**

