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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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Develop members into fully devoted followers of Christ

Guide members into meaningful ministry

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ACTS 1:8

Once again we would like to thank you for participating in the Acts 1:8 Missions Banquet. I personally had a lot of fun and it was a successful time of seeing God working in our Church body. It's time now to look ahead and see where He is leading us this year. We have several new opportunities ahead and several opportunities to continue with His plan that is in full motion already; you just have to jump on board if you want to see it firsthand. God does change lives, He changed mine!

Coming very soon are several events you may want to know about. First, there will be a meeting for Operation Christmas Child. If you even think you may want to get more involved, this is the meeting for you. Wednesday night, March 31st, 5:00 - 7:00. See Bob Williams for more info. Second, I just received an invitation from Living Well Medical Clinic, they are planning their "Walk for Life" on Thursday April 1st, two times available. I will be going in the evening if you would like to join me, let me know. These are both information meetings and not firm commitments to participate. and most importantly is Disaster Relief Training on May 13 to

15 in Granite Bay. Many opportunities are available here. Please don't pass this up, we are trying to build a team to respond to disasters. Not because we like disasters, but because people are always in need after one!

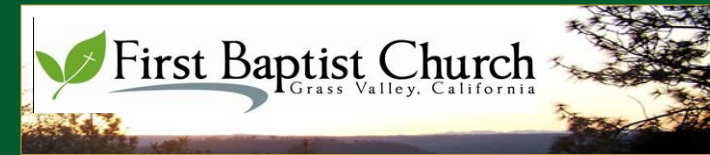
Our more regular opportunities like Interfaith Foods and Hospitality House are always in need of helpers. If you help with HH already, don't forget to keep your apron ready for Relay for Life spaghetti feed on May 22nd. Speaking of Relay for Life, check with the Church Office and watch the bulletin for how to be involved in this activity as well. Praise God we live in a community that prides itself on taking care of each other. Let's be a light to those God puts "in our way".

Keep Nicole Boschée in your prayers while she moves toward God's call to Rio and get "stretched" at sports camp this June.

Working for Him,
Bob McKinney
Acts 1:8



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From The Pastor's Heart



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Pastor Mark Rindels

My Dear Church Family,

Praise God for eternal life available through Jesus Christ! It is because of this beautiful gift that I do not have to say "Good-bye" to my father-in-law. Instead, I can say, "So long, I'll see you in heaven." **Yvette's father, Robert Cotton, went home to be with Jesus on Monday, March 15th.** He had suffered through a number of years of declining health and had been in a care home for a little over one year. His home-going is bittersweet because we miss him but we also know he is in a wonderful place in heaven. I thank God for the good relationship I had with my father-in-law. He treated me like a son and always appreciated the things I did for him around his property. His #1 tool for fixing things was duct tape. He loved duct tape!! I was able to complete most repairs around his property without duct tape and he was amazed. My father-in-law was a very generous man and loved his children, and grandchildren. Because Ryan was close to his grandfather and wanted to be here for his service, we are postponing his **Memorial Service to Tuesday, May 25th,** here at our church and you are invited! Ryan will be back for a 2-week vacation from May 21st - June 6th. Dad was very active in his church, Colfax Baptist Church, until his health declined to the point he couldn't attend

anymore. **Thank-you all for your love expressed in cards, letters, emails, phone calls, and meals.** What a loving church family you are! We ask that you **keep my mother-in-law, Rosie Cotton, in your prayers.**

Easter is approaching and what a blessing to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ! We are participating in the **Across California special evangelistic outreach.** More than 2,225 television spots are airing throughout California during this God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) door-to-door prayer and evangelism saturation. We are asking God to break down the spiritual barriers that are keeping many people away from God. We are inviting people who don't know Jesus as their Savior to come to faith in Him and reaching out to disenfranchised Christians who aren't attending church anywhere. Pray for all the efforts that are going on here in California and around the country. May God bring a record number of people to church on Easter and beyond so that they might discover the hope available through Christ. Because of what Christ did on the cross, we have forgiveness of our sins, Christ with us in this life, and Christ with us in all eternity. Praise God for this indescribable gift!

I am beginning a **new sermon series** immediately after Easter titled **"Standing Tall in Tough**

Times." This series is a study through the book of 1 Peter designed to help people stand tall when things around them are so uncertain and shaky. 1 Peter was written to encourage believers who were suffering for various reasons. They were challenged to live such worthy lives that people would see Christ in them and be drawn to Him. Come ready to be encouraged and bring your friends who don't know Jesus or don't have a church home with you.

Be thinking about and praying for our **Mega-Sports Camp** outreach this summer from June 21st-25th. We will be offering coaching instruction in 4 sports: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, and Cheerleading. We will also be teaching Bible Stories and having a fun time in the Worship rallies. Can you help us?

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

Loving God and loving you,
Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark Rindels
1 Cor 15:58



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The Fire Within...Pastor Adam Click



Youth Pastor
Adam Click

Hello Church Family, We are still keeping busy in the youth department. We are finishing up the *Truth Project* on Sunday morning. We have also started a youth Praise Band that plays worship on Sundays. We are finishing up the book of Romans during Wednesday night youth group.

We also have a few activities on the horizon. We are planning on going to the Rock and Worship Road show at Arco Arena on April 2nd. There will

be 7 current Christian artists performing, and we are planning on bringing more than ten Youth. Also this summer we are working on getting a summer camp trip organized. It should be a fun time for the youth.

Keep us in prayer as we continue to reach out to the youth we know at the high schools and junior highs in the area. Pray that God becomes central in the lives of our youth as they face so many struggles

attending our schools. Our God can use them but pray for the courage of our youth to stand up for what is right.

Pastor Adam



Music Ministry...Pastor Curt Jarboe



Worship Pastor
Curt Jarboe

Spring has sprung and Easter Sunday is almost here. What a great opportunity to invite and bring someone with you to church. People are more open to attending church on Easter Sunday than at any other time during the year. And, surveys reveal that 85% of people said that if they were asked to go to church with someone they would go. Put those two together and you have a pretty good chance to be able to bring someone new to church next week.

Part of my job at the bank where I work is bringing in new customers and businesses. Guess what? If I never invite and ask anyone to bank with us, I will never have to deal with hearing no and being rejected. But, I will also never hear any one say "yes". Sure, I will never fail, but I will never succeed either. I have to risk and be willing to hear "no" often in order to hear "yes" sometimes.

The same is true for us as Christians. If we never invite

someone and risk being turned down, we will never have the joy of hearing yes and being able to bring them to church where God can speak to them and draw them to Himself.

Not long ago, I heard "yes" and brought a new business into the bank. I went by to see them this week and see how things were going. Unsolicited, the first thing out of the business owner's mouth was "I love your bank". I love to hear that and that was a reflection on everyone in our branch who created that experience for him. We also can help people feel similarly when the come to First Baptist too.

Let's all take the risk and invite someone. We may have to invite more than one person before we find someone who says yes, but I guarantee you that if you refuse to give up, die to yourself and don't worry about them saying no (that's God's job anyway) that eventually someone

will say yes, and eventually someone's life will be forever changed for all eternity.

This Sunday, you will experience the Contemporary service band leading worship the way we do at 9:00. We are doing this so that everyone will know what we do and the music we worship with because you may have friends, children, grandchildren or neighbors who might connect with this style of worship music and be more likely to come. Would you be willing to invite them and go to the 9:00 service if it meant the possibility of reaching them for Christ or just getting them back in church?

Both the Contemporary and Blended Services on Easter will be great services and great opportunities to invite folks to. Let's not miss it. I'm inviting several people too.

Because of Him,

Pastor Curt



Associate Pastor
Mike Sanchez

Pastor Mike Sanchez—From My Perspective

Can you conceive of thirty-three million of anything? Something as small as a penny for instance. If you had thirty-three million pennies, you'd have \$330,000. In today's economy it doesn't sound like much. What if you had \$33,000,000? Wow! That would feel good! What would you do with it? Would you hoard it? What would you buy? How would you live?

What would change? Next to the number 1, thirty-three million sounds like a lot. Which is the more valuable? One or thirty-three million?

I guess it's a matter of perspective. If you were to spend \$33,000,000 to buy one rare diamond, that diamond might appear to be pretty valuable. But, what about the reverse? Would you use thirty-three million diamonds to buy one

dollar? Probably not. It doesn't seem to be worth it. Our perspective of value is sometimes messed up, but God's never is. Would you spend \$33,000,000 to ransom one person? Would it be a fair exchange? What's that one person worth? Would it depend on who that person was? What if that one person who needed ransoming were you?

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Would the value go up?

That one priceless diamond worth far more than \$33,000,000 is Jesus the Christ. When he ransomed you he did it with his precious blood. He would have given it all, even if you were the only one who needed ransoming. So you have value, the value of the precious blood of the Prince of Peace who gave himself for you. So what about the thirty-three million? What's that all about? In the state of California there are thirty-three million people who need to be ransomed by the blood of Christ. In Philippians 2:6-8 we find "(Jesus) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death** — even death on a cross!" The one of priceless value gave himself for not only one who was unworthy but for all who are unworthy.

Are we now so valuable that we, unlike Jesus, cannot humble ourselves to reach out to those who are dying in their sins? Can you, who now have been ransomed, humble yourself and reach out to just one of the thirty-three

million for whom He gave His life as a ransom and tell them the gospel? Perhaps you can't conceive of something as big as thirty-three million but you can conceive of just one. So, can you reach out to the one or two who are within the reach of your hand and the sound of your voice? Maybe the question isn't can you, maybe it's will you?

Think about that.

Pastor Mike



We have had a fun spring in KidZone as we have studied in March the creation story in Genesis, being created in God's image, and discussing "right and wrong" choices. On March 28th we will learn about worship and praise, and the children will participate in the 11 am worship service for the first half-hour so they can learn about the various ways we express our love for God through worship. The Contemporary Praise Band will lead the service. We will study "Jesus, The Savior" during April, starting with the resurrection story on Easter.

In May our focus will be on the family and how to love our family and get along with each other.

Preparations are underway for the Kids SportsCamp to be held June 21-25, from 8:45 am – 12:30 pm. This will be for children who have completed 1st through 5th grade. They may choose one of the following sports in which to participate: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, or Cheerleading. We will also have Rallies where the kids will learn Bible verses and Bible stories.

Early bird special registration will be on Sunday, May 2nd and Sunday May 9th. Any family attending FBC on those Sundays can register their child for only \$10. The fee will increase as the date of camp approaches. Look around your neighborhood for kids who might like to participate!

In Christ,

Yvette Rindels

KidZone Teacher



Senior Ministries celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 13th in style with a yummy corned beef & trimmings pot-luck and an informative and humorous workshop presented by Andy Owens entitled "Things You Need To Get In Order". Now that we've prepared for our eternal home by accepting Jesus as our Savior, we learned the importance of preparing to make sure our wishes are carried out and to make it easier for those we leave behind.

Here's a question for you: Which man do you think prepared and made his wishes known with a will before he left this earth and which man left absolutely no instructions? Howard Hughes with his billions and Michael Jackson with his millions? For the answer ask anyone who attended the workshop. We had 35 people in attendance!

Saturday, April 24th a Bus Mystery Tour is being planned. Watch for more details.

Sunday, May 2nd is Senior Adult Sunday so please invite your parents, grandparents, senior neighbors and friends. Special music will be performed by talented seniors plus some other surprises from your Saints Alive Senior Adults!

Jayne Sanchez



Seniors Ministry

