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

**R**each the un-churched

**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

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## Be praying for all our Missionaries...

Acts 1:8 has been very busy preparing for two summer Mission Trips. We have a team going to Sao Palo Brazil July 2-13<sup>th</sup> and a second group of young people ministering in Minneapolis Minnesota on July 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

Also...Ryan Rindels, Suriname South America



**Brazil Team:** (Left to right) Sarah Heitbrink, Penny Chaney, Larry Click, Becky Swabeck, Pastor Mark, Matt Rindels, Bob Williams, Kayla Mateo, Sharon Williams, Pastor Adam, & Bev Suenram.



## Congratulations to the Newest Members of First Baptist: (January-March 2009)

Alice Querequincia...Keith & Cindy Wilson...Mary Gauthier...Rick & Marla Carr...T.J & Kamee Waters...  
Wayne & Bobbi Terres...Dave & Cheryl White...Erik & Stephanie Anderson...

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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,

I just love Spring! With the arrival of this season comes the warmer weather, beautiful daffodils in bloom, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, and the new sense of hope in the air. After a long, cold winter, it is a welcomed arrival!

Christians, in particular, have a greater reason for hope. We have the joy of knowing personally the God of the universe. Because of what Christ did on the cross, we have been forgiven. We have Christ in this life and for all eternity. He will see us through anything that life throws our way.

This does not mean that we will not have trials and heartaches along life's path. In John 16:33, Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." These past 1 1/2 years in our nation have been painful as we have watched the recession grow deeper and deeper. I heard recently that the average American's net worth has declined by slightly over 20% in the past year and that figure goes up drastically, if you were invested in the stock market. This has affected Christians and non-Christians alike. Christians have the opportunity to trust God and point non-Christians to Him too.

I am beginning a **new sermon series** immediately after Easter titled "Trusting God in Trying Times." This series is

designed to encourage Christians in their faith and help non-Christians come to faith in Christ when they see the awesome nature of our God. We will look at the amazing and matchless attributes of God. We will look at feelings and hurts and discover how God meets those needs. It will be current and relevant to what people are going through in their daily lives. Come ready to be encouraged and bring your friends who don't know Jesus or don't have a church home with you.

We continue to see God's hand in the Acts 1:8 mission arm of our church. **God provided approximately \$4,000 at our "To Brazil with Love" fundraiser on March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Thank-you for your great support of missions! You'll never know how many people will come to Christ because you were generous in sending & supporting missionaries.

On a personal note, Thank-you for lifting **Ryan and his fellow missionary, Taylor**, up to the Lord. They are **working hard and learning the language in Suriname**. They are building relationships with people in their village and attending church by traveling down the river in a canoe. What an adventure! It is the kind of thing Ryan loves and he feels so much in God's will as a missionary in Suriname. You can check out his blog and learn about what God is teaching him and how he is maturing in the Lord in the middle of this adventure. Go to [www.ryansrindels.blogspot.com](http://www.ryansrindels.blogspot.com).

When he comes back to the capital city about every 6 weeks, he updates his blog. If you haven't done so, **please pick up one of his prayer cards at the Welcome Center** and keep him in your prayers daily. Thank-you!

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

*Loving God and loving you,*

**Pastor Mark**

*1 Cor 15:58*



## Adam's Apple...Pastor Adam Click



Youth Pastor  
Adam Click

Youth ministry is going well. We have a great group of students and are digging in to Jesus and His life in the book of Matthew. It has been a good time of looking into the scripture and applying it to our lives today. Please pray that our students take what they hear and use it in the tough missions' fields at their schools.

Also coming is our mission trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is going to be a great opportunity for our youth to serve people in the

United States. Our Acts 1:8 team is sending teams to minister in Nevada County, California, Minnesota and Brazil! I am glad to be a part of the church reaching outside its walls to minister the gospel.

As with many trips, this mission trip will affect our youth every bit as much as it will affect those they minister to. We will be working in soup kitchens, orphanages and other ministries around the city of Minneapolis, so it will be great to see our youth get their hands work-

ing for Christ. This trip is going to cost \$600 per person and we are sending a 12 person team. Please pray that not only will God send these youth from our church but also that it will change their lives forever. If you want to contribute scholarships for students, or have working opportunities, please let me know.

Looking forward to God's work,

**Pastor Adam**

## Music Ministry...Pastor Curt Jarboe



Worship Pastor  
Curt Jarboe

First of all, let me say a big "Thank You!" to all who had a part in our Night of the Classics. It was a great evening together. It's exciting to watch and see what God is doing in our church right now in so many ways. We continue to see a steady flow of first time visitors in each of our services and people also joining the church from both the contemporary and blended worship times. We work hard each week planning and rehearsing music for worship. I appreciate Candy Neeley so much for the good work she is doing with the choir. Thank you, choir, for your ministry of music and worship. The members of the orchestra are also so faithful and committed to rehearse every Wednesday night and Sunday

morning in preparation for worship. Our accompanists too are so faithful and such a blessing. I believe God is honoring the level of commitment and dedication our blended service musicians give each week and we are seeing some of the fruit in those who are visiting and joining First Baptist. I appreciate the same level of commitment that the band members of our contemporary worship give every week. After the choir rehearsal on Wednesdays, they stay another hour and a half until 9:45 to rehearse and prepare for worship. God is also using and honoring their dedication and heart for worship. While our Contemporary Worship Service is smaller in size than the Blended Service right now,

we have seen many new families attend and join our church. In the short time since we started the service last year, we have now seen 13 people (plus their children) join the church. That's over one new member a month. We still continue to have new people visiting weekly—two couples just last week. With Easter just around the corner, this is the perfect time to be praying for and inviting people you know to one of our weekend services. I am inviting some people I have met in Grass Valley and hope you will too. The worship ministry is planning and preparing for exciting, uplifting services. See you Sunday ready to worship our awesome God.

**Pastor Curt**

## Pastor Mike Sanchez—From My Perspective

### The Wonder of God

I have a confession to make. I am a curiosity junkie. I am possessed of this almost insatiable need to know about all manner of things. My lovely bride wonders why I will sit through an absolutely awful movie, stay up late to finish the book, disassemble an appliance or piece of machinery and watch hours of "How it's made".

I sit through the movie because

I'm hooked and I must see how it ends. I must know how the story ends, know how the appliance or machine works, and I crave to know how it, whatever it is, is made. I love to unravel the mysteries.

It's this same insatiable curiosity that drives me to Bible study. I want to know more about Him. When I prepare a lesson to teach or a sermon to preach, I get caught up in unraveling the mys-

teries of God. God in the microscope as well as God in the telescope. How can He love sinners such as we are? How does He think? What did He mean when He said or did that? I must know him!

Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." You see, I know that He knows me but I

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want to know Him more. God is a mystery and I crave to know Him, to be filled to overflowing.

There is another mystery. Why don't all believers crave to know Him more? It appears that there are some who believe that you can have too much of God. How sad! When I see Him face to face, I want to know Him as well as He knows me. Don't you?

Think about that.

**Pastor Mike**



## Women's Ministries

Come and experience the many wonderful things God is doing in Women's Ministries here at First Baptist Church, Grass Valley! Women of all ages and backgrounds are already growing in their faith through dynamic Bible studies, enjoying meaningful activities and events and participating in warm Christian fellowship. You are lovingly invited to join us! Please check the Women's Ministries table in the foyer for current Bible Studies you can join and we welcome your inquiry if you'd like to lead or host a

Bible study at your home or at church. Contact Candy Neeley 432-3811.

*\*\*Please note these up-coming events on your calendar:\*\**

~Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm; **MOPS Day-Out.** We babysit and minister to the MOPS Moms children for 4 hours so they can have some time for themselves. Volunteer your time for this outreach ministry. You can read stories, rock babies or take children for nature walks among other tasks. What a glory to God this ministry is!

~Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am – Noon; **Mother's Day Tea/Luncheon.** This is a great time to reach out to those women who are lonely and need a friend. Invite your mom, or a neighbor, friend or other relative. We honor moms in many ways during this event. If you're not a mom, we're pretty sure you have or have had a mom, so come and enjoy this time together. This is one of our most well attended events of the year. We'll have the sign-up sheet for this out soon.

~Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, after church; **All Church Silent Auction and Family BBQ/Picnic.** This is our major fund

**Continued....**raising event for meeting the needs of several needy families in our community. Start planning now for what you can donate to the Silent Auction or contact your favorite retail establishment to see if they will donate a gift certificate or other item. Contact Jayne Sanchez 273-4224.

**Relationships are essential! Everything we're exposed to gets woven into our lives.**

**"For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of an-**

**other." Rom 12:4-5**

Develop your relationships with other women and in doing so develop the Body of Christ—His Church.

Remember that following Christ is the only way you'll find out who God wants you to be.

Look for the **NEW** Women's Ministries brochure that will be available by Easter.

May God Bless all your relationships!

**Jayne Sanchez**

## God's Comfort

For Elda & the Wilson Family with the loss of Doug.

