

OTHER NEWS -

- Pastor Rick Daugherty has announced his resignation effective December 31st, 2009. This will be a great loss for the Wheatland Church. On his last day with the church, he will have completed 25 years as Pastor. He will be missed.
- We have a new ministry led by Mark Miller, President of River Valley Outreach Center. This ministry supplies building materials such as windows, cabinets or tile to non-profit organizations. The materials are available for ministry projects at a huge discounts. For further information, contact Mark at:

Mark Miller, President
River Valley Outreach Center
390 Virginia Street
Gridley, CA 95948
530-701-4462



Cooper Avenue Baptist Ordination

Cooper Avenue Baptist Church invites all ordained men to participate in an ordination council on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 2:30 pm at CABC.

After the recommendation of this council an Ordination Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. in Benedict Hall of C.A.B.C. All SBBA churches are invited to join us for this special time of celebration.

Pastor, please let us know how many you will be bringing and please R.S.V.P. to the church office at 673-9278 by Monday, January 11, 2010.

Serving Him Together,
Cooper Avenue Baptist Church Deacon Body

ON TARGET EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

February 15-16, 2010
Marriott South Bay,
Torrance, California

THIS CONFERENCE WILL HELP YOU MAKE DISCIPLES!!!

Jesus Christ left us with the Great Commission to make disciples. As a pastor, staff member or lay leader it is easy to get caught up in meetings, activities and even ministries that do not directly contribute to the making of disciples.

Do you ever wonder if you and your church are truly making disciples? Do you have a working definition of a disciple? Do you have an identified disciple-making process that your church's ministries, activities and resources support?

This conference is filled with ministers who have a clear definition of what a disciple is, have a simple disciple-making process, make regular evaluations of the disciples and the process and make wise adjustments to their ministries. These leaders understand what God is blessing in their ministries and are ready to share it with you.

California Southern Baptist Convention
Healthy Church Group, Dr. Randy McWhorter - Group Leader
Healthy Church Group, Tim Gentry - On Target Conference Director
678 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710
559-229-9533, ext 243, www.ontargetevangelism.com



~SBBA ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR~

January 2010

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY – Office Holiday
- 4 SB Bible Institute Classes – 7 PM, FBC, Gridley
- 5 Ministers' Fellowship Breakfast – 8 AM Chico
- 5 Migrant Ministry meeting – 6:30 PM @ 1st Baptist Gridley
- 11 SB Bible Institute Classes – 7 PM, FBC, Gridley
- 18 SB Bible Institute Classes – 7 PM, FBC, Gridley
- 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – Office Holiday
- 19 Ministers' Fellowship Breakfast – 8 AM @ Yuba City
- 25 SB Bible Institute Classes – 7 PM, FBC, Gridley

The
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FROM THE DOM:

I hope and pray that all of our churches experienced a great celebration of our Lord's birth. The "Open House" Riette and I planned was not attended in great numbers, but we enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship. The weather certainly played a part in keeping people away.

The New Year is now with us and once again I remind you all of the "God's Plan For Sharing" (GPS) emphasis beginning this year. On four Mondays, Jan 4th, 11th, 25th, and Feb 1st our Bible Institute will provide training opportunities for GPS.

I know we have been pushing GPS . . . and without guilt. I pray every church will participate in this exciting evangelism opportunity. SBBI is also providing two other classes you need to take advantage of; they are:

"Shaping the Soul" Doctrinal Study
"Personal Finance God's Way"

Don't miss out!

Pastor Tom

GPS (God's Plan For Sharing)

Coming in January!

Our Sierra Butte Bible Institute will provide four weeks of training for our "God's Plan For Sharing" evangelistic emphasis for 2010. This course will be at no charge. It will meet on Mondays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at:

First Baptist church
100 Vermont Street, Gridley

January 4th, 11th, 25th, and February 1st

This special training opportunity is provided by our Healthy Church Group of CSBC, Fresno:

On Jan 4th, the class will be "GPS Overview & Engaging Strategies for the Local Church" taught by Randy McWhorter.

Jan 11th will be "Prayer Strategies for the Local Church" taught by Roger Byrd.

Jan 25th will be "Sowing Strategies for the Local Church" taught by Richard Vera.

And the last night, Feb 1st, "GPS Wrap-Up & Harvesting Strategies for the Local Church" with Tim Gentry.

We need representation from all of our churches. I pray that we will have at least 50 people in attendance each night. Tom, DOM



Iglesia Bautista Emanuel's Kick Off Block Party

Our first use of the Block Party Trailer was an exciting experience. Marcos and Judith Galicia our new Hispanic Pastor directed the Block Party indoors at the Gridley church. The event was attended by 150 Hispanics from Biggs - Gridley. Everyone had a great time. The event was highlighted by Marcos' sermon and 26 adults prayed to receive Christ.

It was a lot of fun and fellowship and a joy to see the Holy Spirit at work!

Please Pray -

Our Pastorless Churches:

Live Oak	Cooper Ave, Yuba City
Orland	Corning
Wheatland	Asian Bible, Chico

These Churches are currently being led by Interim Pastors.

Building Projects:

Magalia Pines - New Sanctuary
Sutter Baptist - Sanctuary Remodel

Both projects are being done with volunteer labor. Yes! you can help. Workers of all types and skills are in demand. If you want to help, call: Tim Craig, Sutter - 751-6503 or 671-6365; Doug Crowder - 873-9448

Mark Your Calendars

Planning meetings for the Associational Ladies' Fall Retreat will begin on Saturday, February 6th. They are held the first Saturday of the month at First Baptist Church in Gridley at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in serving on this committee, mark your calendar and join us!

Jackie Baker
Retreat Coordinator, 894-2414
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Next year in Richardson Springs!!
Come and be Refreshed!
September 17, 18, 19, 2010



Migrant Ministry Planning Meeting January 5, 2010 6:30 PM

The Migrant Ministry Team is gearing up for this coming year. Those who were involved last year, are reminded that our first meeting will be January 5th, 6:30 PM, at First Baptist Church, 100 Vermont St, in Gridley. Please come to this meeting to sign-up if you want to help out again this year. If you can't make this meeting, and still want to sign up, please notify either the SBBA office (846-7222), or Pastor Rick at FBC, Gridley (846-3122).

Last year, our Director of Missions, Tom Stringfellow, challenged us to pray about expanding the Migrant Ministry to include both of our Migrant Centers in Yuba City and Williams. Though Williams did not materialize in '09, please pray that God will make a way in 2010 for both of the Migrant Centers to receive the Good news of Jesus.

If your church would like to commit to giving and/or helping with snack donations, etc., please attend this meeting or contact us of your intentions. As you know, it takes a lot of work and people to bring this all together. But with God's blessing, we will accomplish the task!



Sierra Butte Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
7 P.M.

at
SBBA OFFICE
100 Vermont St, Gridley
(First Baptist Church)

