

It's That Time of Year Again!

Time to SADDLE UP for **SADDLE RIDGE RANCH VBS!** One of the suggestions made at the GPS meetings in Gridley was: "Watch what God is doing and get in on it." God is doing great things in our annual VBS programs—in 2008, over 2.8 million people were enrolled in Southern Baptist VBS; 86,000 made decisions to accept Christ as Savior; and more than 3,000 people committed their lives to church-related vocations during VBS.

Can YOUR church afford not to get in on what God is doing through VBS? It's the single largest outreach event for Southern Baptists, and more people have come to know Jesus as Savior through VBS than through any other outreach event.

So "herd up" your workers and plan to attend the Associational VBS Clinic, **Tuesday, April 20**, at Gridley First Baptist Church. Training for everyone from VBS administrators, decorators, and age-level Trail Bosses, to missions, recreation, and snack leaders. We're hoping to add a class for our Spanish-speaking cowboys as well. Chuck wagon opens for supper at **6 p.m.**

Ya'all come and we'll treat you so many ways, you're bound to like some of 'em! See ya at the ranch!
Contact Jack & Dollie Harvey,
530-673-2924 or



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.

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FROM THE DOM:

It's been an exciting 2010 so far. If the rest of the year is anything like January, you had better fasten your seat belts.

Our first two sessions of GPS (God's Plan for Sharing) training were far beyond expectations. Our attendance each week surpassed the 120 mark. The only thing more impressive than the attendance is the quality and impact of each of our speakers. Clearly the more of our churches involved, the greater impact in our communities when we enter the outreach phase of GPS.

On Monday, February 1st, Tim Gentry will bring to a close our first GPS push. He will bring a message on commitment. He may be the most inspiring of our speakers over the 4 week training period. You do not want to miss this final night of GPS training.

Now is not the time to let down, but rather to move up another step toward spreading the gospel.

Pastor Tom

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!

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Next year in Richardson Springs!!
Come and be Refreshed!
September 17, 18, 19, 2010

~SBBA ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR~

February 2010

- 1 SB Bible Institute Classes – 7 PM, FBC, Gridley
- 2 Ministers' Fellowship Breakfast – 8 AM Chico
- 2 Migrant Ministry Meeting – 6:30 PM @ 1st Baptist Gridley
- 6 Ladies' Fall Retreat Mtg – 10 AM @ 1st Baptist, Gridley
- 9 **Executive Board Meeting** – 7 PM @ 1st Baptist Gridley
- 15 **PRESIDENTS' DAY – Office Holiday**
- 16 Ministers' Fellowship Breakfast – 8 AM @ Yuba City
- 15-16 On Target Evangelism Conference @ Redondo Beach
- 22 SB Bible Institute Classes – 7 PM, FBC, Gridley

Personal Evangelism Clinic

On March 7th, 8th, 9th, we will sponsor a training event on "Personal Evangelism". This opportunity comes on the heels of our 4-week GPS events. Every church member needs to know the basics on sharing their faith with others.

This clinic was not on our original training cycle schedule. It came as a result of the presentation on "Soul Shaping" by Dr. Jim Wilson. His expertise is in "personal evangelism". He is committed to Sierra Butte and our GPS push. Classes will be held at Grace Baptist, 3646 Oro Dam Blvd, Oroville, 533-1456 on the following schedule:

Sunday, March 7th, 6:00 PM
Monday, March 8th, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 PM

Our Cooperative Program at Work

Sometimes we wonder where our Cooperative Program dollars are spent. GPS is the result of some Co-Op dollars. Our own clinic on "Personal Evangelism" in March is 'no-charge' provided by these funds. We would all agree our GPS experience was money well



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the Needs of a Hurting World
Through the
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

Building Projects

Magalia Pines' new sanctuary is moving forward and scheduled for a late spring completion.

Sutter Baptist is well underway in remodeling their sanctuary. This much needed effort should be completed by Easter, April 4th.

Both projects still need volunteers. Feel free to join the FUN!! If you want to help, call: Tim Craig, Sutter - 751-6503 or 671-6365; Doug Crowder, Magalia - 873-9448

Please Pray -

Our Pastorless Churches:

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

No church growth succeeds or sustains itself without a foundation built on prayer. Our new Website has a prayer information sharing feature. Let's all pray for one another and utilize this internet feature.

New Web Site

Sierra Butte's new interactive Website should be up and running by the end of February. We have had some snags along the way, but we have been assured that it won't be long now. Just a few more tweaks. I pray each of our churches will use this tool.



Migrant Ministry Planning Meeting February 2, 2010 6:30 PM

The Migrant Ministry Team met in January to plan for this coming year. Sixteen faithful individuals volunteered to again support this industrious mission project. The Team voted to again try to start a VBS in the Williams Camp. Invite letters have been sent to those outside of our area who worked so hard in years past giving them dates of our camps and asking them to join us again.

We were told that doctors from Kaiser Permanente would be coming on board to help work the medical and dental vans. Along with Yuba City, we are also going to set up the vans in the Williams Camp, requiring twice the professional work force. We still need more volunteers to commit in helping: teachers, food and clothing distributors, etc.

Our next meeting will be February 2nd, 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. 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).

Sierra Butte Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
7 P.M.
at
SBBA OFFICE
100 Vermont St, Gridley
(First Baptist Church)

