

THE BATE FAMILY

planting Faith Baptist Church
of Roseville, CA

under GFA Missions



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EXCELLENT GREATNESS

I was recently reading Psalm 150, and I noticed the phrase “excellent greatness” in verse two. Normally when I think of the word “greatness”, I don’t think another word is needed to describe greatness. So, why the word “excellent”?

There is a valuable truth for us in considering this. To excel is to surpass or to be abundant. In other words, God’s greatness is surpassing all others, and there is plenty of it for us to see.

As Psalm 150:2 says,

“Praise him for his mighty acts: Praise him according to his excellent greatness.”

Our God has a surpassing greatness like nothing else we have seen, and his greatness is so great, he will never run out of it! May we keep this in mind as we labor for our Lord!

START-UP FUND DONATIONS

Things have been really exciting in the start-up fund department over the last month! We received two different donations towards our start-up fund! Often, it has been overwhelming for us to think about the expenses involved with starting the church, and it is encouraging to watch God provide. Just the other day, I was on the phone with one of our supporting churches, and the pastor said that they plan to help with some of our moving expenses when the time comes. Praise the Lord!

Check out our start-up fund page at www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/startup

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Speaking about our start-up fund, we used one of the donations we received this last month towards our start-up fund and some savings that we already had and purchased some equipment for the church. We purchased a portable piano keyboard, a portable sound system, and all the accessories that go along with them. What a joy it is to see some of the pieces fall into place!

You can see some pictures on our website at:
www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/equipment

ATHEY NEWS

There are a few things that are exciting in the Athey household (CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/team). Matt is doing a pastoral internship at our sister church (www.fbcfolsom.org) for the next year. When



Matt and I first began to talk about church planting several years ago, we never dreamed that all of this would take place! God has blessed us all richly!

Amy has had several medical procedures done to help with a physical complication she has with her arm. Her next one is in mid-March. Pray for her as she deals with the pain involved with this surgery as well as be a mom, wife, and secretary too!

Matt and Amy are moving at the end of this month! This is a special blessing from God. The house they are moving into is much larger and in a better neighborhood. This house has also recently had some things redone in it as well. It is like God has customized this just for them! What a blessing! It is just like God's excellent greatness!

Another blessing was that the Athey Family was able to travel back east last month for the first time in a year to see family with some very CHEAP flight tickets! Praise the Lord!

A CANCELLATION BLESSING

We had a last minute cancellation this month, and usually for a missionary on deputation, cancellations are not easy to deal with. For us, it was a blessing. It gave us our first weekend home in a while! We were amazed that we actually got some cleaning done! It was also nice to spend some time with people at our sending church.

A FEW GREEN HANDSHAKES

Over the past several weeks, there have been several people that have given us a "green handshake." A green handshake is a handshake with money in it (We have also received some money through the mail as well). It is a special joy for us to see God's people be so generous with us.

Some of you might wonder what we do with extra funds like this. Sometimes it helps us cover the bills. Often, we do our best to put it into savings for future church expenses. Occasionally, we have to spend it on the extra expenses we incur from all the travelling we do.

SUPPORT LEVEL INCREASE!

Faith Baptist Church of Folsom, CA (our sister church – www.fbcfolsom.org) voted a few weeks ago to support us financially. They have already supported us in so many other tangible ways. We are now at 62%. Praise the Lord!

Last month I asked you to pray that several churches would choose to support us over the next several months. This is an answer to prayer. In addition, there is another church that has recently indicated that they are in serious consideration about supporting us. Please continue to pray that God would send us several other churches and individuals to support us. We are confident of God's provision in his time, and we are thankful to serve him in this way while we wait for the rest of the funds to come in.

ITINERARY

I have been working since the beginning of the year to schedule more deputation meetings, and I will be continuing to focus on this over the next few weeks. Pray with us about this.



EXCITING CHURCH BUSINESS

Usually church “business” is less than exciting. But, here is some church business that I think most people would find exciting. We have been busy since the turn of the year taking care of some of the business involved with getting a church started. It has been neat to see it come together. We now have a PO Box in Roseville and a Federal Tax ID for the church. Currently, we are in the process of getting a bank account for the church. How exciting it is to be a part of the starting of a Bible-preaching church!

PICTURES

Enjoy this month’s pictures! www.CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/newsletters

With a thankful heart,

Nathan

On behalf of the team (CaliforniaChurchPlanting.com/team)

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62%



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February 5, 2012

Southwest Community Bible Church
Parma, OH

February 19, 2012

Bethany Baptist Church
Grand Rapids, OH

February 26, 2012

Community Bible Church
Norfolk, NE

March 4-7, 2012

Bible Baptist Church
Kingsport, TN

March 11, 2012

Trinity Baptist Church
Westfield, IN

March 18, 2012

Faith Baptist Church
Reidville, SC

April 10-26, 2012

California Trip

April 16-17, 2012

Church Planting Ministry Summit
Camp Ironwood
Newberry Springs, CA

May 6, 2012

Calvary Baptist Church
Sheldon, IA

May 20, 2012

Bible Community Church
Mentor, OH

May 28 - June 2, 2012

GFA Family Conference
Brevard, NC

June 3, 2012

Westside Baptist Church
Martinez, GA

June 20-22, 2012

ARCH Church Planting Conference
Mentor, OH

