



Santa Clara
First Baptist
ANNUAL REPORT 2005

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Annual Report, Senior Pastor

The year 2005 concluded my 14th year as the senior pastor of SCFBC. It's hard to believe we been together for such an extended ministry season!

Because of our church's generous personnel policy I was given a three month sabbatical during the year. (It comes every seventh year) Susi and I used the time to travel by car across this great country of ours, to participate in our son Andrew's graduation from the US Naval Academy, and to visit family and friends throughout our travels. It was an effective time of refreshment.

It was also a time for reflection and preparation. I visited a number of churches in our valley and across the country. I participated in a worship conference at Willow Creek Community Church outside of Chicago. Observing how others do ministry was insightful. I returned to work with a fresh perspective and increased energy for the tasks at hand.

Our church was ably led during the sabbatical by our Associate Pastor, Jennifer Hammar. She demonstrated increased ministry capabilities and handled a number of pastoral responsibilities very well.

Because of this and the changing demands of our church's ministries, we chose as a church to move Pastor Jenny out of Children's ministry and increase her pastoral duties in our AM and EDGE worship services. She now oversees both the children and youth ministries and is now the de facto pastor of our EDGE congregation.

Our Transition Team took over the responsibility for our church's vision this past year. For two years an Envisioning Team had been formulating the future direction of SCFBC. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we determined to become a church that reproduces itself by planting a daughter congregation within a ten year period of time.

The Transition Team is now working to implement this vision. Its members are Joan Friesen (Outreach catalyst), Susi Reaves (Leadership catalyst), Lisa Robinson (Publicity/Involvement catalyst), Steve McLene-gan (Diaconate Chairman), Greg Robbins (Diaconate Vice Chairman). Together we will continue to keep the fires of our vision burning hot in the minds and hearts of our members.

We also have a Renovation Team working to refurbish and update our Sanctuary, Parlor and Narthex. With our worship center showing its age of 35 years, it's time to bring a more up to date look and improved audio/visual capabilities. An architect has been hired and is now drawing up the needed plans. Soon we'll be able to show you all these improvements.

I look forward to another year of serving together with you in the greatest cause on earth. God has chosen throughout the centuries to use the local church as His key agent to advance the Kingdom. May we look to Him alone for all the wisdom and resource this great work requires.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Annual Report , Associate Pastor

Five years ago I was hired by Santa Clara First Baptist Church as a part-time Children's Pastor. This year has seen a major shift in my role and responsibilities at this church. In August I officially stepped down as Children's Pastor, and assumed a new role as Associate Pastor, with most of my time going to the leadership of EDGE. At the same time, Marlies Almendarez stepped into the role as the new Director of Children's Ministries. Marlies and I spent the Spring and Summer months working together, as she learned the ropes in children's ministry, and what was involved in the job.

The summer months were a great time of learning for me, as Pastor Rich took his 3-month sabbatical. I very much enjoyed leading the church during that time. While the responsibilities were huge, they were also very rewarding. However, I was also quite relieved when he returned.

The EDGE congregation continues to be a source of joy. We continue to experiment with different expressions of worship, and I appreciate how flexible EDGE is. We saw many baptisms in EDGE over the past year, with 14 youth and young adults professing their faith. During the Christmas season, the EDGE congregation led an outreach called "Neighborhood Care Ministry." Through the generosity of EDGE and the AM service, we were able to collect and deliver clothes, presents, gas cards, Safeway cards, household items and toys to 5 needy families in our neighborhood. This outreach ministry really opened our eyes to the tremendous needs right here in our area.

I so enjoy serving here at SCFBC. I am full of gratitude for the support and encouragement I receive from this congregation. You are a joy to be with, and a joy to serve.

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny

**In Christ's Service,
Pastor Jennifer Hammar
Associate Pastor**

Annual Report , Diaconate

Psalm 106: 1

Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

2005 was another example of God's sustaining love evident at Santa Clara First Baptist Church

A major event during the year was the opportunity Pastor Rich had to take a two month sabbatical - after 14 years of ministry at SCFBC. Pastor Jenny was excellent in providing Pastoral care during Richard's absence, along with other deacons that stepped up in various support capacities. Additionally Pastor Jenny took over the preaching responsibility for the Edge service and was officially recognized as Associate Pastor. Thank you Pastor Jenny!

Other major activities during the year include:

The Envisioning team completed its task and was disbanded with the formation of a Transition team which is responsible for the implementation phase of the vision with the diaconate assuming full responsibility for the vision by the end of 2006.

It was felt that the AWANA ministry had run its course and it was shut down.

A Director of Children's ministry position was established with Marlies Almendarez providing excellent leadership.

We had another excellent 24/7 prayer focus in June:

The church constitution was revised and made current with the churches ministry and organization.

A team was convened to investigate renovating the church sanctuary - moving the sanctuary out of the 70's and into our current age.

God has also blessed SCFBC with excellent financial resources - we had another cellular company come to us offering significant regular income for placement of an additional antenna system on the roof of the sanctuary. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

Bethlehem for 2005 was one of the best with regards to excellent weather during construction and during the event.

So we start 2006 able to see how God has sustained us during 2005. We eagerly look forward to a new year with new opportunities for service and furthering God's kingdom in Silicon Valley.

STEVE MCLENEGAN,
Chairman - Diaconate.

Annual Report, Magnification

This has been a fulfilling year in the area of music and worship. We are committed to providing corporate worship opportunities in different styles to meet the needs of different people.

Edge Worship on Sunday nights continues to be a growing ministry. Each week we see people with no previous connection to our church drawn to this service for its informal style and commitment to worship God in a meaningful way. I would like to thank everyone who serves in this ministry a big thank you for their time, commitment and hearts for worship.

One highlight for the year again was “Worship in the Park”. It was a wonderful time of worship and did a lot for building a sense of community between the people of both services. Thank you to Manna who fed over 300 people and the many people who brought friends and greeted people at the entrances to the park. All of your efforts helped to make a wonderful event for the church and community.

Sunday morning worship continues to be a mix of traditional and contemporary music. We feel that there is great value in both the richness and content of traditional music and the personal nature of contemporary worship choruses. The Shekinah! praise band continues to be thoroughly committed to worshipping our Lord and Savior. Pastor Jenny stepped into leadership and helped share responsibilities by designing and leading the worship service on a rotating basis. We now have two teams who all have a heart to see the name of Jesus lifted up and serve faithfully leading us in worship through music. Those who run the slides and sound are the silent servants by allowing us to see and hear the words and music each week through their AV ministry. Thank you.

The choir ministered to us several times last year led by Susan Nguyen and grew in numbers under her leadership. Their voices helped deliver us into the presence of God as they sang praise to Him. Thank you to everyone who is committed to this important ministry.

From my perspective there is nothing more beautiful than to see God’s people glorify Him. We are created to worship and we will strive to provide a corporate experience that facilitates your worship of our Lord and King.

SHARON CINTAS
WORSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Annual Report, Youth Department

Jr. High/High School

2005 was an exciting year for the youth staff and students as the group continued to grow both spiritually and in numbers. Under the guidance of the 9 volunteer youth mentors, the groups had an action packed year full of fellowship, learning, and community.

One of the examples of how the group grew spiritually and was blessed was the addition of members to God's eternal dwelling place. **Nick Seely, Hayden Gregoire, Danny Mulford, Tony Sandoval, Gary Rider, Austin McCollum, and John Kryger** all became followers of our Lord Jesus Christ this year. Joining Nick, Austin, and Hayden, **Katie Martin, Matt Taylor, and Marshall Varner** all were baptized this past year.

Our Jr. High and High School worship bands continue to thrive and become more dynamic in what they can play. **Jerry Cintas** leads the Jr High worship band on electric guitar with **Jesse Hawkins** on drums and **Katrina DuBord** on bass. The High School worship band is led by **Jarad Backlund** on guitar, **Matt McLenegan** on bass, **Elizabeth Poche** on guitar, and **Nick Seely** on drums. It is awesome to see the students using their musical abilities to glorify God, especially leading the entire congregation in worship as both groups did on Youth Sunday.

We have had many fun times together as we participated in: winter camps at Sierra Pines, summer retreats at Big Sur, extreme challenge games, scavenger hunts, laser tag, 12 mile hikes, and many more fun events (a special thanks to the **Lindsey's** for the use of their Suburban over and over again). The highlight of the year however, had to be the event hosted by SCFBC entitled **YouthQuake**. This event brought together over 130 youth from 7 churches for a day of fun, fellowship, and worship.

The students were also challenged with some service projects like working at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank in San Jose and spending their Saturdays building Bethlehem, and then participating in the church's largest outreach event of the year.

With the new year upon us, we stand in awe of what God is going to do with our group of fine students. Our High School group, which meets on Wednesday nights, has an average attendance of 21 and our Junior High school group which meets on Thursday nights averages over 15. We'd like to see both of these numbers continue to grow next year and would like to see even more students be baptized into life long ministry. We praise God often for this opportunity you entrusted to us. It is sheer joy to be here and to get to work with your youth and their friends.

Jarad Backlund	High School Mentor
Karen Fong	High School Mentor
Danijela Tomic	High School Mentor

Jerry Cintas	Jr. High Mentor
Daniel Howe	Jr. High Mentor
Jasmine Jackson	Jr. High Mentor
Christine Robbins	Jr. High Mentor

Andrew & Mary Wong - Jr. High and High School Mentors

THE YOUTH STAFF

Annual Report, Membership

The year 2005 began with 215 members. During the year we have celebrated 15 Baptisms, said “goodbye” to a few members moving out of the area, several became “once a member”, and the Lord called home a number of our “Senior Saints”. At the time of this report we are 199 members.

The Lord has blessed His church with many dedicated people involved in helping meet the needs of our church family. Following are the Ministries of the Membership Department.

Bereavement/Illness Meals and Receptions:

When there is a need, we try to help by offering meals, coordinated by Doris Smith and Maxine Cintas. If you hear of an illness or death in our church family, please call Doris at 241-5299 or Maxine at 241-7567. Volunteers are also welcome to join in a Memorial Service/Funeral Reception.

MANNA (church meal functions):

Bonnie Williams coordinates these ministry with lots of volunteers. You may call Bonnie at 269-2577 if you would like to help in the special ministry to the church family.

Fellowship Fund:

This fund has helped people with purchasing prescriptions, eyeglasses, family counseling, utilities, rent and motels. The amount spent to assist our church family or people from the community was \$3205.00. Also we have a Food Pantry to help feed families from our church and community. To keep it stocked, we spent \$645.00, representing 181 bags of food. Volunteers for the “Pantry” are Harold Trathen and Maxine Cintas. You can help support these ministries by writing “Fellowship Fund” and the amount you’d like to give on your offering envelope.

Good Samaritan Ministry:

This ministry involves many volunteers and is co-coordinated by Maxine Cintas. Two families were helped on a regular basis to relieve caregivers so they could go to Doctors appointments, shop and take care of personal business. Other shut-ins were helped by picking up prescriptions and groceries, providing rides for doctors appointments, making deliveries, helping with cleaning and other chores around their homes. If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Maxine at 241-7567

Prayer Chain:

This service provides prayer support for our church family and their families. If you would like to be added to the chain or have a request, please call Betty Hasting at 866-1551 or Jim Lovelace at email chain deloys@aol.com.

Shut-in and Tape Ministry:

Gayle Wilson does a wonderful job with this special ministry to those, shut-in from attending church. Not only does she duplicate the Sunday a.m. service and mail it with the Sunday Bulletin, she also includes a personal note to that shut-in. If you are ever “shut in” and would like to have this service, call Gayle at 615-1459 or the church office at 241-7635.

Sermon Tapes:

Each Sunday, the Pastor’s sermon from the previous week is available on cassette to those who missed the previous week or would like to hear it again. Also, you may request a sermon or sermon series by writing a request on the back of your registration card or fill out a request from the Tape Request Box located on the Information desk in the Narthex. These tapes are free and can be returned to reuse or you may keep them and if desired add \$1.00 each in your General Giving Offering. You will find these tapes either on the name Tag Table or on the Information desk including the requested tapes with your name attached. Dorothy Depew coordinates this ministry.

Sunday Morning Fellowship:

Thanks to all the small groups who help keep this valuable ministry going. Maxine Cintas and Doris Smith share in coordinating this special time when visitors and our church family can stop and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you are not in a small group and would be willing to bring some cookies once every three months, call Maxine at 241-7567

EDGE Worship Fellowship: Michelle Lasher coordinates the volunteers for this special time of fellowship. You may call her at 249-4115.

This Scripture has been quoted many, many times with the annual report. And I've chosen to use it again this year:

Matthew 25:40

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me".

Respectively,

Jane Bush
Membership Deacon

Annual Report, Treasurer

Statement of Income and Expense

(does not include Bethlehem)

	2005 Jan-Dec	2006 Jan-Dec
Income		
General Fund Income	385,932	375,865
Designated Fund Income	102,680	85,833
Memorials Fund Income	536	597
Missions Fund Income	53,040	47,934
	<u>542,188</u>	<u>510,228</u>
Total Income		
Expense		
General Fund Expense		
Payroll Expense	208,636	204,758
Staff Expense	41,565	35,028
Membership	813	1,514
Missions	12,468	11,943
Magnification	4,604	5,403
Property	59,119	75,638
Ministry	2,347	2,882
Maturity	23,603	15,014
Finance	13,458	11,680
Other Funds		
Designated Fund Expense	82,980	109,561
Missions Fund Expense	46,322	31,150
	<u>495,915</u>	<u>504,570</u>
Total Expense		
Net Income	<u>46,273</u>	<u>5,658</u>

Comments:

When compiling the budget for 2005, it was anticipated we would need to pull from the surplus from previous years. However, once again giving exceeded income. We ended the year with a net income of \$46,273. This was \$38,523 over the budget.

We will not be doing a traditional stewardship drive for 2006. Although we are in the planning stages of a sanctuary renovation, we are again placing our trust in the Lord to continue to provide for the needs of Santa Clara First Baptist Church.

ALLYSON LAGESCHULTE

Annual Report, Maturity

2005 was a year of encouraging growth for adult Maturity at SCFBC. The highlight was a Lent emphasis entitled "The Life You Have Always Wanted", written by John Ortberg while at Willow Creek. It focused on applying what we already knew to enriching our spiritual lives. Many people participated and there have been signs of renewed and increased spiritual life since.

Two new nurture groups (also known as home Bible Studies) formed, by splitting as their 'parent' had grown too large. Other groups continue to thrive, despite practical difficulties for one or more of members, which gave opportunities for caring which in turn increased the bonds within the group. Two Sunday Schools continued for most of the year (other groups are more accurately nurture groups even if they meet at church).

An experiment was tried with Introduction to Maturity, one of the "Introduction to" series, formerly held in a 2 hour session on Sunday afternoon - instead it was taught as a Sunday School class over 7 weeks - and appeared to be much more helpful to the participants. The content was practical instruction in the basic Christian disciplines of prayer, Bible study, obedience, the Holy Spirit, sharing your faith, stewardship and membership of the body of Christ.

As we look into 2006 we hope for continued growth of adults individually and as nurturing groups - if you are not currently in one, please contact Joel Robinson (or the church office) and join one today!

Martin Baynes
Maturity Deacon 2004-2005

Annual Report, Missions

In 2005 the Mission Department continued to build on many of the programs and outreach opportunities we had begun the year prior.

We once again coordinated (along with Ministry Department) a Ministry and Mission Fair as part of our Lenten emphasis. This allowed SCFBC attendees to chat with local mission organizations and learn how they can become involved.

We also sent another team to partner in ministry with our sister church, New Hope Baptist in Limon, Costa Rica. This year's team members were: Natalie Ferry, Karen Fong, Coy and Tracey Lindsay, Wim Mauldin, Jay Nordgaard, Joan Friesen, and Joel and Lisa Robinson. This was our fifth opportunity to share in the ministry in Limon by working at the elementary school operated by the church. The team dug ditches for water runoff, dug a ditch for a retaining wall, shared in the classrooms and did lots of painting. The team also participated in New Hope's Sunday School and Sunday worship hour as well as its mid-week Prayer Service. The host families were very gracious and we look forward to more opportunities to share with our Costa Rican brothers and sisters.

SCFBC continued its outreach to our local community by serving breakfast the first Saturday of each month at the EHC LifeBuilders' Boccardo Reception Center in San Jose. Two teams of SC bowlers also took to the lanes to support the organization's Home on the Lanes bowl-a-thon fundraiser. Additionally, the EDGE worship team shared their gift of music with guests at LifeBuilders' emergency cold weather shelter in Sunnyvale.

Thank you to all of you who once again gave generously toward programs to spread the Gospel of Christ and provide relief to those that fell victim to the year's many devastating storms. We received more than \$54,000 to support God's work locally, nationally and internationally.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>2005 Actual Giving</u>
Correctional Institution Chaplaincy Ministries	\$ 2,250	1,872.09
CityTeam	\$ 3,000	2,514.13
WorldVision	\$ 750	624.02
New Hope Baptist Church	\$ 3,000	3,101.13
EHC LifeBuilders	\$ 750	914.02
Redwood Glen Baptist Camp	\$ 2,500	2,710.10
ABCW Regional Ministries	\$ 5,000	4,159.89
ABC National Ministries	\$ 5,000	4,160.19
ABC International Ministries	\$ 10,000	8,320.10

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Seafarer's Ministry	\$ 2,500	2,080.11
ABSW Scholarships	\$ 1,500	1,248.08
Rainbow Acres	\$ 1,000	832.04
Bacone College	\$ 750	624.02
TOTAL	\$ 38,000	33,160.23
Special Offerings	<u>Goal</u>	Actual Giving
America for Christ	\$ 3,500	2,211.80
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 3,000	16,024.20
World Mission Offering	\$ 5,000	1,540.49
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$ 1,000	1,407.00

Thank you very much for your gracious support and participation in the mission activities of Santa Clara First Baptist Church. If you have any questions please contact me at 408-554-1728 or jlrobinson5@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa Robinson
 Deacon of Missions

Annual Report, Children's Ministries

There were many activities and events during 2005 for Children and Family Ministries. As the new director this year, 2005 has been a time of transition and a real learning experience for me. I continue to be amazed each day that God is using me to serve the children and families of this church.

Here are a few of the many ways our Ministry has grown and been a part of this church the past year:

Our Children's Ministry team has grown this year through training and fellowship with each other. As a group we have participated in several workshops and spent time together decorating the children's classrooms. We also had a special dinner during the holidays and had the opportunity to get to know more about each other. The teachers have shared with the congregation in our monthly Celebrate about their class and the children who make each Sunday special. Several of our youth have taken on teaching responsibilities this past year and it is so exciting to see God working in their lives as they bring positive energy and enthusiasm to the kids each Sunday.

This past year we designated one Sunday service a month to have the children come in and join their families and the congregation and participate in the service. The children really like to sing and enjoy being a part of the service. They especially like the Children's Moment and how Pastor Jenny always makes it interesting and special for them. We have also seen an increase in class attendance this past year in both the morning and evening programs. The children and the families in the congregation have invited their friends to come on Sunday and this is a real testament to the teachers and volunteers who give faithful of their time and talent each week.

Family Camp was a first for me this year and my granddaughter and I had a great time. There were so many activities to participate in but the best times were spent round the campfire singing silly songs and listening to spooky stories. We even had a "bear" sighting. Young, old, single, married, with or without kids, are all invited to another Memorial Day weekend of hanging out and enjoying the fun with family and friends. You won't be disappointed.

Brought back by popular demand this year was Vacation Bible School. It has been several years since our church has offered VBS and for five evenings in July, the church sanctuary was transformed into a jungle, complete with elephants, giraffes and monkeys. The week started out with a Water Park event and water balloons were flying everywhere. The snow cones were also a big hit. The VBS theme, "Serengeti Trek, Where Kids are Wild about God", provided a fun filled time of exciting bible stories, tasty snacks, enthusiastic worship and thrilling games. The children made new friends and learned how to reach out to others by doing a mission project collecting hygiene supplies for a nearby children's shelter. More than 50 volunteers, including many of our youth, participated in this event. This was a great outreach to neighborhood children in our area and we plan to do it again in 2006.

I look forward to seeing how God will touch each of our lives in the coming year and help us each continue to nurture our children in their faith. I want to thank each person for the support and encouragement I have received and how this church continues to give so unselfishly to this ministry with your time, gifts and talents.

In Our Lord's Service,

Marlies Almendarez
Director of Children's Ministry
& The Children's Ministry Team

Annual Report, Property

Painted room 13
Bathrooms in the office area painted
Nursery carpeting removed
Nursery A/C installation
Trees behind cross at front of church trimmed
Lighting behind cross installed
Sanctuary stain glass window cover repaired
Sanctuary plumbing maintenance
Children's playground border removed (Eagle Scout project)
Playground swings repair/replaced as needed
Fellowship Hall lighting fixtures repaired/replaced

Some Projects to be addressed for 2006

Eagle Scout to complete playground
Status: Eagle Scout project to reinstall border
Fellowship Hall parking lot tree maintenance
Rooms 4 / 5 storage cabinet hinges need ongoing maintenance
Exit/emergency lighting on property need maintenance
Parlor lighting need maintenance
Fellowship Hall walls and ceiling need touch up painting

Thanks to all who participated in our all church workdays. Please watch for notices of our upcoming all Church workday in March. If you are interested call the church office 241-7635 or contact George Garcia at 883-1398 or stop by a Tool Tyme meeting 1st Thursday monthly in Library at 7pm.

George Garcia, Property Deacon