



Santa Clara
First Baptist
ANNUAL REPORT 2010

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Annual Report, Senior Pastor

Where we began 2010

We began this year with two Sunday worship services, a vision for planting a new church along with a church planting team and a constitution that only recognizes baptism by immersion by those seeking to come into our membership. We were also continuing to deal with the onerous changes the city of Santa Clara was requiring of us, an on-going renovation project and the desire to hire a new Director of Student Ministries.

As we ended 2010 much has changed

We have postponed the church-planting vision and are in the process of replacing it with a more foundational vision.

We learned from the Congregational Life Cycle material that churches must periodically renew their vision. Failure to do so will result in that congregation's slow decline and eventual death. After having determined that our vision of planting a new church lacked any traction within our congregation, we embarked on seeking God's face to determine what He has for us. We launched our *Summer in the Son* emphasis and combined our two congregations to do so. After months of prayer and discussion we have centered on the theme of service. The statement "Here to Serve" has become our new theme.

- We have changed our constitution to recognize and affirm other forms of believers' baptism.
- We have combined our worship services, recognizing that the two-service approach wasn't working in its present form.
- We have Erik Meyer as our new Director of Student Ministries and funding to support him into 2012.
- We have completed all property actions required by the city of Santa Clara.
- We have advanced the renovation project and continued to undergird it with generous congregational support.

Looking forward- 2011 Preview

As we enter into 2011 we have our work cut out for us.

- We must continue to live out God's vision of serving our community.
- We must seek to deepen the personal maturity of everyone in our church family through our lifeApps classes, Life Groups, and special training seminars and conferences.
- We want to continue to improve the leadership base of our church through mentoring, teaching and training opportunities.
- We plan to finish our Renovation project and the Bethlehem storage building.

Thank you

I want to thank each of you for the time and energy you have given to the work of Christ. While a lot of this ministry took place through the organization of SCFBC, I know you are also finding ways to minister in the name of Jesus to the people of your community and workplace. Keep up God's gracious work!

A special thanks goes out to Steve McLenegan for his faithful service as Chairman for these past six years. Well done!

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Annual Report, Associate Pastor

Children's Ministries

In February of this year I took over leadership of the Children's Ministries. With the help of my staff, a complete overhaul and re-envisioning of the ministry took place. **Meredith Lanier** and **Rebecca Ebel** took over the Nursery. Under their leadership the Nursery room was cleaned out and reorganized. They also began a teaching time for the toddlers during the worship hour. This has been a great addition, as the children look forward to their lessons each week. **Michelle Ramer** came on board to start a Preschool Ministry, which we did not have. The class was a huge hit, with 8 -10 children coming each week. In the Fall, Michelle returned to Nursing school and **Kari Hana** took over the class. **Bill Wright** and **Pat Graham** continue to do amazing work with our K-1 children during the worship hour. Being in their class is always a highlight for each child who goes through the *SPEEDway* ministry. During the worship hour, **Jon Hammar** and I began a Kids' Worship program. K-5 children enjoy free play, snacks, singing, and interactive lessons. This has been received with great enthusiasm from the children. Every week they try to peek into the Kids' Worship room and figure out what we're going to learn next.

The children also got some chances to show off in big church this year, to the delight of their family. The kids led the worship service on Mother's Day. Their Children's Sunday theme was "The Bible's Believe it or Not." During the summer months they worked hard on their summer musical under the leadership of **Susi Reaves** and **Trisha Cooley**. Their performance was wonderful! Thanks to **Peggy Shalloe** for the awesome stage sets. In the Fall, we put on the Halloween Carnival as an all-church outreach event to families in our neighborhood. The Carnival was so much fun and very popular. God provided lots of great volunteers who ensured our visiting guests had a wonderful experience.

Life Groups

The Life Group leaders meet on the first Sunday of each month. We meet together for sharing, prayer and training. Life Groups and their leaders for 2010 included the following: Seniors' Life Group led by Pastor Rich, IMPACT led by Jerry and Sharon Cintas, X-Factor led by Jonathan Fung, Homebuilders led by Rebecca Ebel, Depew Life Group led by Dorothy Depew, Chicks Life Group led by Chuck Chicks, Family Life Group led by Pastor Jenny, Mother's Life Group led by Daena Yuksel, and Brothers in Christ led by Adam Burdick.

lifeApps

In 2010 we offered different types of classes during the Sunday School hour. The Back to Basics class taught by Pastor Rich was offered regularly. During the summer months we ran two book clubs led by **Allison Fung** and **Jerri Cooper**. Allison led the club reading the book "This Present Darkness," and Jerri led discussions on the book "5 Love Languages of Children." In the Spring I taught a class on the Holy Spirit, and in the Fall I taught a class on "Keeping Your Child Safe."

Mission to Schools and Students

In the summer months, we prayed as a church – "Lord, what would you have me do?" As a staff we felt repeatedly that the answer was service to our community. In talking and praying about how best we can serve our local community, we felt led towards schools. Through choice and circumstance, this church has a history of serving schools. In schools we have the opportunities to serve adults, children and families. As this vision of blessing our local schools began to form, a team came together to help push us towards this goal. In 2010 we had just begun meeting. The team decided to research how others had been helping schools. Team members include: **Pastor Jenny, Pastor Rich, Sharon Cintas, Erik Meyer, Peggy Shalloe, Michelle Lasher, Shannon McMaken, Jim Garvey, Danijela Tomic, and Kimberly Barnett.**

While the research was being done, we would begin helping in the classroom of Kimberly Barnett. Kim is a 2nd grade teacher at Scott Lane Elementary who has been actively involved at SCFBC past four years. In December, Kim began an after-school reading program for kids in her class. We began taking sign-ups for volunteers to help in her class on a weekly basis. Volunteers began serving in Kim's class in 2011.

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EDGE Worship

Due to declining attendance and participation in the EDGE worship service, the decision was made to stop EDGE Worship and bring both congregations together at the morning worship time. This was a very difficult decision, made over months of prayer and discussion. At the end of 2010 we do not see a restart date for EDGE in the near future. We will continue to be in discussion and prayer about the types of worship services we can most effectively offer.

10-Year Anniversary

September 1 of 2010 marked my 10-year anniversary at SCFBC. The church family surprised me (completely) with a wonderful dinner celebration. In addition, through their generosity, the church also gave my husband Jon and I a 4-day cruise to Mexico. The cruise was amazing, and made even more special because it was a wonderful gift of love from this church. Thanks once again to you all. Serving at this church has been an incredible experience, and an incredible blessing for me and my family.

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

Annual Report, Diaconate Chairman

1 Chronicles 16:11

Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

2010 was the end of my 6 year appointment to the Diaconate. It has been a privilege to serve God and this congregation. The 1 Chronicles 16:11 scripture has been an important verse for me, and I believe it applies to the focus we have tried to maintain during 2010. Sometimes effective leadership can be measured, not so much by what happens, as by what doesn't happen. I believe the major accomplish during 2010 was the constitutional change allowing for church membership for those individuals who had previously made a public profession of their faith in and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Savior, but been baptized by some means other than immersion. Much discussion, with focus group meetings, resulted in an almost unanimous approval of this change, a change which could have been quite controversial. Another accomplishment was the hiring of a Youth Director. The major challenge during 2010 was managing the finances of the church with the economic challenges that exist in Silicon Valley, lack of jobs and pressure from the City of Santa Clara on changes to our property specifically the property line fence, landscaping and new Bethlehem set storage building. The Finance department, Steve Erling, Michelle Lasher and Barbara McLenegan handled these challenges with exceptional skill, with the result that we are almost at a break even position at the end of 2010. Part of this is because we have, as a group of believers, kept looking to God and His strength to guide our steps and path forward in His service.

In Christ's service,
Steve McLenegan

Annual Report, Finance

Considering the economic challenges of 2010, your Finance Department is pleased to share that Santa Clara First Baptist Church fiscally survived the year virtually unscathed. We experienced bumps and bruises throughout the year but, despite some unexpected challenges, we ended the year at a near breakeven point.

The Statement of Income and Expense included in this report is divided into three categories: General Fund Income and Expense; Designated Fund Income and Expense; and Missions Fund Income and Expense.

General Fund:

The General Fund is the money that is used to handle the day-to-day operations of the church. All expenses that are calculated into the annual budget come from the General Fund. General Fund income is derived from Envelope and Loose Giving, Youth Director Giving, Cellular Antenna Income, Interest, Rent from the Korean Church and various miscellaneous sources. The total General Fund Income for 2010 was \$437,789. Despite the down economy, this was a modest increase in income of \$10,187 (+2.3.0%) above 2009 giving. General Fund spending was kept in check and total expenses for 2010 were \$437,108. This equates to a slight net income of \$681. The prior year experienced a net income of \$6,787.

Designated Fund:

Designated Funds are the money that is given to be used for specific ministries, programs or projects. Designated Funds are earmarked to be used only toward the specified ministry, program or project. Most notable for 2009 and 2010 was the Renovation Building Fund. In 2009, Designated Funds recognized a positive income of \$110,081. This 2009 income was recognized as being temporary as much of the Building Renovation had yet to be performed. As work on the Building Renovation was completed in 2010, expenses in 2010 outpaced income. The result was a recognized loss for 2010. This was to be expected and was noted in the 2009 year-end report. Designated Funds recognized a loss of \$119,746 for 2010.

Missions Fund:

Similar to Designated Funds, Missions Fund is money that is given to be used specifically for missions. Total Missions Fund income for 2010 was \$46,600. Total Missions Funds distributed were \$41,575. The year-end Net Income for Missions was \$5,025. This year-end Net Income was distributed during 2010 as no Missions Funds are retained by SCFBC.

Looking Forward:

It should be anticipated that many of the economic challenges of 2010 will continue in 2011. The leadership of SCFBC will continue to be fiscally responsible throughout 2011. I am faithful that God will continue to do His good works through SCFBC just as my faith in the generosity of all our membership remains strong.

Through Him all things are possible,
Steve Erling, Deacon of Stewardship and Finance

Statement of Income and Expense

	2010 January- December	2009 January- December
General Fund Income and Expense		
General Fund Income	437,789	427,602
General Fund Expense		
Payroll Expense	268,066	246,884
Staff Expense	60,876	60,556
Membership	2,473	3,395
Missions	2,523	7,608
Magnification	4,728	4,770
Property	68,473	69,494
Ministry	2,776	818
Maturity	15,355	13,733
Finance	11,837	13,557
	<u>437,108</u>	<u>420,815</u>
General Fund Net Income (Loss)	<u>681</u>	<u>6,787</u>
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Designated Fund Income and Expense		
Designated Fund Income	316,498	314,798
Designated Fund Expense	436,244	204,717
	<u>436,244</u>	<u>204,717</u>
Designated Fund Net Income (Loss)	<u>(119,746)</u>	<u>110,081</u>
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Missions Fund Income and Expense		
Missions Fund Income	46,600	45,408
Missions Fund Expense	41,575	45,127
	<u>41,575</u>	<u>45,127</u>
Missions Fund Net Income (Loss)	<u>5,025</u>	<u>281</u>

Annual Report, Membership

The Santa Clara First Baptist Church (SCFBC) membership count at the end of the 2010 was 175. In addition to giving the Right Hand of Fellowship to five new members, there have been nine “membership” to “once-a-member” changes from loved ones going home to be with the Lord, others moving out of the area, and others making changes for personal reasons. Each of us needs to remember to invite our unchurched friends and neighbors to church activities; in doing so we will be spreading the Gospel and the church will grow one person at a time.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the SCFBC “**Here To Serve**” emphasis seriously and spent many hours volunteering with the following Membership ministries in 2010.

Back to Basics Class: Pastor Rich conducts two or three sessions of Back to Basics classes a year for people interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of SCFBC.

Baptisms: In May the membership voted to revise the Constitution to read that people with a “Believers Baptism”, (baptized by sprinkling or effusion after accepting the Lord) will also be considered for membership, but that the method of baptism given by Pastor Jenny and Pastor Rich will still be by immersion. Contact the pastors if you want to be baptized.

Church Meal Functions: Manna Coordinator, Adam Burdick, again lead the teams that provided meals for Easter Breakfast, four Quarterly Family Gatherings, and Worship in the Park. Thank you for your contributions of time, talents and treasure to assist in this fellowship ministry.

Fellowship Fund: Your generous gifts to the “Fellowship Fund” have provided funds for those in need for such things as unexpected medical bills, bereavement expenses, counseling needs, emergency expenses for housing or car expenses. If you have a need for some of these funds, contact the church office at 241-7635.

Food Pantry: Shannon McMaken coordinated the food bag assembly this year and the office handed out 164 sets of food bags to people who came to the church asking for food. Several church families were given food to augment their Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and/or gifts. Thank you for your food and monetary donations and to the Life Groups who participated in giving. Food bags are always available by asking for them at the church office Monday – Thursday during regular office hours.

Good Samaritans: Maxine Darknell, coordinates the Good Samaritans who help people in distress - giving rides, helping with projects a person might not be able to do by themselves due to circumstances at the time including family meals for people going through medical treatments or bereavement. Call Maxine at 241-7567 if you would like to be part of this team.

Membership Database updating and Directory: Pat Graham kept the database information updated weekly so when it was compiled for the New Directory, all the information was current. Doris Smith coordinated the Olan Mills photos sessions midyear and several people submitted activity photos. Hopefully the distribution of the New Directory will be in March or April of 2011.

Prayer Chains: Maxine Darknell is coordinating the telephone prayer chain with Betty Hastings for those without a computer and Trudy Kroll is coordinating the email prayer chain being sent to nearly 100 addresses. Contact Trudy Kroll at krollgirls@sccglobal.net if you would like your name added to the email prayer chain.

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Annual Report, Membership

Shut-in Visitation and Communion: Pastor Rich and Pastor Jenny take turns quarterly to visit shut-ins and take communion to them with Maxine Darknell coordinating. You also can participate from your home by visiting, calling and praying for people who are ill and can't leave their homes or living places. For example, Gladys McFarland blesses people with her travel slides to two different Convalescent Care Homes bi-weekly as part of this ministry.

Shut-in CD sermon Ministry: The monthly *Celebrate* newsletter and the weekly sermons are on-line at the church website at www.scfbc.org for everyone to read or listen to. In addition, CDs are sent out to people who are unable to attend worship.

Service Fellowship Refreshments: Maxine Darknell and Doris Smith, coordinate the Fellowship refreshments with all the Life Group and Fellowship Groups participating. Daena Yuksel provides the Fair Trade Coffee for this ministry. It gives us, the church, an opportunity to visit with each other and to welcome our new guests as Jesus would – with open hands and with the joy of the Lord.

Respectfully,
Jerri Cooper
Membership Deacon
jerri123@al.com or Jerri@scfbc.org
phone: 904-0908

Annual Report, Missions

During 2010 the Mission Department continued some of the programs and outreach opportunities we had started from previous years. We were not able to participate in some of the projects this year such as the Redwood Glen workday nor were we able to send a team to Costa Rica . We had also explored and considered a few opportunities for some other international trip in one of the countries in Africa.

In 2010 we sent out three missions teams. We sent a team to Ensenada, Mexico to do a VBS with a local church there again. In addition, we had 2 teams go to Mexico to do construction on a school for orphans in Ensenada that is now almost complete.

SCFBC continued its outreach to our local community serving as host to the LifeBuilders' Cold Weather Shelter Program. We had over 130 homeless men, women, and families that spent the night in the fellowship hall one weekend in February. Our guests were treated to hot meals, a bag lunch, a warm place to sleep, prayer, movies, games and fellowship.

In late fall, IMPACT coordinated an outreach activity of carrying dozens of sleeping bags, socks and jackets to San Francisco to distribute to the homeless.

The ABW group was active throughout 2010. Some of their projects include a scholarship lunch, a Spring Tea, and putting together ditty bags for the Seafarers, as well as coordinating the Operation Christmas Child efforts.

In addition, the Prayers and Squares ministry gave 11 quilts that were covered with prayer to friends and family. They expanded the ministry to include giving a quilt for ABW for a raffle which benefitted their Scholarship Ministry along with making prayer squares for every person in the military that is associated with SCFBC this year.

Thank you to all of you who once again gave generously toward programs that spread the Gospel of Christ and provide relief to those in need. We received just over under \$44,000 to support God's work locally, nationally and internationally. Of this amount about \$3700 was for a special offering designated to the Haiti relief which was under the umbrella of the One Great Hour of Sharing.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>2010 Actual Giving</u>
Correctional Institution Chaplaincy Ministries	\$1600	1552.42
CityTeam Ministries (San Jose)	\$3000	2910.79
New Hope Baptist Church/Limon School	\$2600	4947.69
EHC LifeBuilders	\$1800	1746.48
Redwood Glen Camp	\$2700	3119.71
Regional Ministries	\$4250	4123.62
International Ministries	\$4700	4560.24
National Ministries	\$4250	4123.62
Seafarer's Ministry	\$2600	2522.69
ABSW Operating Budget	\$1400	1358.37
Gary & Mylinda Baits	\$2000	1990.53
Lauran Bethell	\$2000	1990.53
Glen & Rita Chapman	\$2000	1990.53
TOTAL	\$ 34900	36837.21
Special Offerings	<u>Goal</u>	Actual Giving
America for Christ	\$ 2,200	718.00
One Great Hour of Sharing (incl. giving to Haiti Relief)	\$ 3,000	4782.50
World Mission Offering	\$ 3400	150.00
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$ 1,000	1345.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,600	6995.50
Grand Total	\$ 44,500	43,832.71

Annual Report, Student Ministries

2010 was a great year and I would like to thank everyone who has given time, money and other support for the student ministries at Santa Clara First Baptist. I would like to thank our mentor staff for their continued involvement in our Students lives. So a huge thank you to Andrew Wong, Mary Wong, Jerry Cintas, Christy Meyer, Kimberly Barnett, Karena Bertos, Danijela Tomic, Fion Cheng, Amy Victorson, Chris and Desiree Toland. The impact you have on our students is greater than you will ever know!

Student Ministries

Student Ministries was great in 2010! We have seen a great number of high school students in our midweek program on Wednesday nights. We saw steady growth both spiritually and numerically during the latter half of 2010 and look forward to seeing that trend continue in 2011. We had a solid group of junior high students and a great year of learning about having a relationship with God, playing games, and having a great time! Our IMPACT college/career group continued to reach out to college/career age students with awesome Bible study and lots of exciting events. 2010 was a good year for student ministries and we are looking forward to what God is going to do in 2011.

After School Program

We started our after school program this past year on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a computer lab in room 13 for students to use for homework, video games, snacks, and a place for students just to hang out. I am excited to see where our program goes this year. We are looking at new ways to reach out to the students in our area.

I appreciate all your prayers for our ministry and I am excited with what God is doing in the lives of our students. With your continued support we can come alongside our students and help them truly experience a passionate relationship with God!

In Him,
Erik Meyer

Annual Report, Worship

2010 was a year of change in the area of music and worship. Edge Worship was temporarily shut down Memorial Day weekend. We took some time to re-evaluate the ministry as there was a lack of participation and attendance over the last year. Over the summer the staff and congregation searched for direction from God in our “Summer in the Son” emphasis asking God what He is calling us to do. We felt a nudge to focus our attentions on becoming a church that serves the community. At this time, we are still seeking the Lord for a renewed vision regarding the Edge service. In the meantime, both congregations met together for worship blending both congregations and music styles. It was a difficult process at times, but we learned to respect one another more and appreciate being a unified family.

The choir led by Susan Nguyen ministered to us several times last year . Thank you to everyone who is committed to this ministry. Susan resigned from her position and her last song with the choir was the “Hallelujah Chorus” on Christmas Sunday. Her talents and passion for worship with the choir will be sorely missed.

Some of the most meaningful worship services are the ones in which our wonderful, humble orchestra gathers to bring praise to God in a uniquely beautiful way. They add so much power and energy to the music and I look forward to those weeks with great anticipation. Thank you to everyone who participates and uses their talents in this way.

Those who run the slides and sound are the silent servants by allowing us to see and hear the words, music and sermon each week through their AV ministry. Thank-you.

One highlight for the year again was “Worship in the Park”. Thank you to Adam Burdick who led the effort to feed over 300 people and thank you to the many people who brought friends and helped with the children’s activities. All of your efforts helped to make a wonderful event for the church and community.

The church renovation has brought some much needed changes in the sanctuary which affects the worship services. New lighting was installed which has helped create more of a feeling of “sacred space” in the sanctuary. Acoustic sound panels were installed on the back wall of the sanctuary to help control the sound better and new speakers were installed which helps the sound to be much clearer. We look forward to the completion of the stage re-design, back-lit screens and finishing touches to create a beautiful space in which to worship God together.

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 Director

Annual Report, American Baptist Women

AB Women's Ministries continues to be a vital part of the ministry of Santa Clara FBC. There are 2 Circles which meet monthly. The Turley/Baits Circle meets the third Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. and the Luran Bethell Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 1 p.m.. All women are invited to participate in the circles. The circles, which are named for missionaries, support these missionaries by gifts and prayers.

There were two all church events during the year. The first was the Scholarship Luncheon held at the California Art Institute of Sunnyvale in March at which \$473.50 was raised for the AB Women's Ministries of the West Scholarship fund. The second was the Spring Tea, at which 3 Antiques Appraisers gave appraisals of items that were brought to the tea. The proceeds from this went to Love Gift. In addition we also hosted the fall meeting of AB Women's Ministries of the West. This netted \$320, of this, \$150 went to a special American Baptist Women's project to help combat the cholera epidemic in Haiti.

In addition 77 boxes were wrapped and filled for Operation Christmas Child. We gave \$100 to help cover the postage for these boxes and an additional \$40 was given to Samaritan's Purse in memory of Elizabeth Smithson. Over 100 ditty bags were made and filled with items generously donated by the congregation for Seafarer's Ministry of the Golden Gate. Several of the women delivered the ditty bags and helped fill other bags at the Seafarer's Center in Oakland.

We have also been involved in the S.H.A.R.E.S. program sponsored by Lucky Stores. When people use the Share Cards at Lucky or other related stores, a portion of their purchase comes to us once a quarter. During 2010 we received almost \$800 which was sent to the county chaplaincy program for women, 2nd Harvest food bank, InnVision and the Bethlehem storage building. This included the 4th quarter 2009 funds which were sent in 2010. The money for the last quarter of the year has not come in; it will go to help our church's after school program.

White Cross is an ongoing ministry of AB Women's Ministries. Our Overseas Request this past year was for The Democratic Republic of the Congo and we sent \$300. Our Overland Request went to the Sacramento Christian Center. We sent them a gift card for \$110 so they could purchase the items they wanted. In addition we rolled over 100 bandages for hospitals in The Democratic Republic of the Congo and spent \$20 to ship them. We also rolled 84 bandages which were sent to Haiti to help treat the earthquake victims in that country. Also a box of quilt squares was sent to the Anadarko Christian Center in Oklahoma. We are very involved with the 2 rummage sales each year, and a portion of that money is given to us for our various ministries.

We give regularly to Love Gift to benefit various ministries. In 2010 we gave \$681.97. In addition we contributed \$100 to the region's special project, a program in Oakland to help underprivileged children. Some fun events included special outings to the Railroad Museum, the Stanford Museum, Antiques Colony and Meridian Plaza Bazaar. The third Wednesday afternoon is Games Day, where any woman who wants to can join us in the church lobby for Dominoes and other table games. We look forward to continuing our ministries in 2011 and invite any women who would like to join us to come to any of our events. For more information please call me at 739-2935.

Barbara Chicks,
President, AB Women's Ministries of SCFBC

Annual Report, Property

2010 was a year that saw many changes in and around our church property. These changes could not have been accomplished without the help of the SCFBC family and friends. I would like to personally thank everyone for their active involvement in keeping our property and facilities running.

Retaining Wall / Drainage System / Fence / Landscaping: During the year we saw the completion of a new retaining wall/underground drainage project which is located at the back of the office parking lot. This new wall and drainage system will help control the water runoff during our winter rains. Part of this project also included a new rear fence and new landscaping. This new landscaped area will also be the new location of the Slocum Garden.

Bethlehem Storage Building: The City of Santa Clara required us to remove our cargo containers which held all of our Bethlehem sets, supplies, etc. This was a big surprise to all of us at Santa Clara First Baptist! For the cargo containers to be removed meant that we would have to either a) look for off-site storage or b) install a new building to store all of the items. After many different discussions and numerous prayers it was decided that we would try to raise the needed money \$100,000 to install a new building. God came through in so many different ways in that he “touched” the hearts of not only our church family but also those who have attended Bethlehem over the past years. Donations came in from near and far and enough money was raised to complete the foundation, drainage, new driveway, walkways, and framing.

Renovation: We also saw the continued progress of our church renovation and all I can say is that “God Is Not Only Good... He is GREAT!” God has provided so many different resources to continue this very large project. During the past year we have seen the completion of the Parlor, Men’s & Women’s Restrooms, rear Sanctuary wall sound upgrades, new sound booth, new lighting & sound equipment, fire alarm system upgrade for all our offices and classrooms. The end result of all the work performed last year is an incredible appearance change to God’s house. This has improved the comfort level for all of us and our visitors. We need to continue thanking God for all that he has provided us during these difficult financial times.

Fellowship Hall: We also saw the remodeling of room 13 which created a new “Youth Room” for the After School Program. This room is now equipped with computers and Wi-Fi for internet access, under the supervision of Erik Meyers, to help students with homework. It is designed to be also a place to relax from the stress that comes from being a teenager.

There were so many different smaller projects that were completed by individuals who have a dedicated passion and commitment to Jesus Christ and the growth of His church. I am proud to be a member of a church family that is a “church” that is “Here To Serve”.

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew – Property Deacon

Annual Report, Magnification

In September, Mike Smith formally agreed to head up the ushers. Mike Depew is handing the scheduling of ushers. This has been something the department has needed for a while, and I am thankful for both of the Mikes taking the effort to help organize the ushering team.

Jenny Gregg has stepped out as the greeter organizer so that she can devote more time to her new position as Maturity Deacon. Steve McLenegan has taken her place. Jenny did an excellent job organizing greeters and getting a solid team established.

Karen Cerney had been managing the information table in the lobby, but had to step down due to time constraints. She did a great job of keeping the lobby looking nice and organized. I am still looking for someone to replace her in this position.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the various people who helped out with the various decorating projects throughout the year.

Cassidi Carroll, Sharon Cintas, Rebecca Ebel, Jenny Gregg, Susi Reaves, and Christine Robbins worked to decorate the sanctuary and lobby for Christmas. Bill and Jenny Gregg, Victor Macias, Danijela Tomic, and her grandparents worked to take down the Christmas decorations. I would also like to thank those who helped with the Easter decorations, but I neglected to keep a record of who helped out this year.

Deacon of Magnification,
Tim McLenegan