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**Our Mission:  
 What are we here  
 for?**

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.  
 Matthew 28:19, 20

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**January**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Michele DuBord
- 11<sup>th</sup> Michelle Lasher
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tina Bell
- 13<sup>th</sup> Amy Starnes
- 17<sup>TH</sup> Michael Barife
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jon Hammar
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Geneva Ash
- 27<sup>th</sup> Chris Reaves
- 28<sup>th</sup> Andrew Jackson
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jess Stephens

**January Anniversaries**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bennett & Bebe Barife
- 17<sup>th</sup> Joe & Michelle Lasher
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Richard & Susi Reaves

**31st December -David White**

**A note from the  
 Financial Secretary**

There will not be new 2008 offering envelopes as we have located previous years envelopes. It was decided to use these for those who would like to have envelopes at home. They will be available Dec. 30.

There will still be envelopes available in the pew racks, and if you have old boxes of unused envelopes at home, these can also be used. As always, make sure your name, date and amount of your gift is on the front of the envelope so proper credit can be recorded for your giving statement.

If you have questions contact Barbara McLenegan at 249-4621.

# The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

January 2008

## Youth Spaghetti Dinner - Jan. 26th - 6pm



Dinner Tickets available for \$10  
 Starting Dec. 30th in the Narthex

See story inside

## Bethlehem 2007 Recap

I want to thank everyone that participated in the Bethlehem program. It was a huge success with 16,209 visitors attending. It was awesome to see the over 270 volunteers work together and how it touched so many people's lives. We heard a lot of comments on how well done the program was and that it has become a family Christmas tradition to attend. It was also exciting to see the number of Bibles given away and the number of questions about Jesus that came in to our guest

connections tent. God was at work during the program and we pray that seeds have been planted in people's lives. Once again God has been faithful and the funds that were needed to produce this event have come in to cover the \$30,000 that was spent. Many donations came through the membership of SCFBC, fund raisers, private donations, and guest donations at the gate. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the program. We are going to have a Bethlehem volunteer appreciation dinner on

Saturday January 12th at 6:00PM in the fellowship hall. Everyone that was involved in the program is invited for dinner and sharing of your Bethlehem experiences. Next year's Bethlehem program will be December 11th - 15th 2008. Thank you again to everyone who helped make Bethlehem a huge success.

Jerry Cintas (Little Caesar)

## Renovation Update

Slow and steady wins the race, or so we are told. Certainly that must feel like the pace at which the Renovation process has progressed over the months of 2007. The good news is that all of our plans have now been turned over to the City of Santa Clara for their inspection and approval. We can expect the next stages to look something like this:

- The city gives its approval to our plans with whatever corrections/additions they have added.

- We take the plans back to the architect to include the city's corrections/additions.
- We also take the plans to possible general contractors for their bids on the project.
- We select a general contractor and are finally able to provide a definitive overall cost for the entire Renovation project.
- We assemble a fund-raising team to determine the methodology for raising this amount of financing.

• We take the overall proposal to the church for its approval. We begin the project!

Continue to pray for our overall progress.

Your Renovation Team:  
Pastors Rich and Jenny  
Jerry and Sharon Cintas  
Mike Depew  
David Wilson Jr., staff  
Donna Perimon,  
design consultant



## January Message Series

### Freedom from Financial Bondage

We live in tense financial times. We hear of home foreclosures, an erratic stock market, tightening credit, and an increasing national debt. We wonder if our financial securities are really secure, whether

we could afford a major medical crisis, and whether will we have enough money set aside for our retirement.

The Bible has a lot to say about wise financial management. We would do well to hear and follow its guiding principles.

This January we'll examine the Biblical issues of Greed, Giving, Contentment, and Generosity. Come and find true freedom in Christ.

### Related Scripture:

I Timothy 6:9-10  
Mark 12:41-44  
Philippians 4:10-13  
Mark 14:3-9

## Would You Like to Know More About Us?

Would you like to know more about our church family, our vision for ministry, what we're currently doing, how you can become more involved?

For 3 Sundays, January 20th - February 3rd from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Pastor Rich will be teaching a short-term class which "tells the story" of our church. It's called Introduction to

Membership.

The following issues are covered in the class which are fundamental to knowing who we are as a church family and how we are attempting to live out Christ's calling to us:

- How we develop a personal relationship with Christ
- Why we celebrate baptism and communion
- God's purpose and vision

for our church.

- The five key strategies we are using to achieve God's purpose.
- What it means to become a member of our church.

You will find this class to be informative and helpful in understanding the direction of our ministries and you'll probably make some new friends in the process! The class will be held in Pastor Rich's office (Room # 27).

For more information please call the church office at 241-7635.

## CityTeam Outreach

Please join us on Wednesday, January 16th, from 6:00 - 7:30pm at the CityTeam Rescue Shelter.

The address is 580 Charleston street in San Jose, off Hwy 101 and Old Oakland Road. Meet in the CityTeam lobby at 6:00pm to pray before we reach out to the men.

This is a Chapel service so come ready to serve and watch the Spirit of the Lord bring encouragement and transformation. We meet the 3rd Wednesday monthly.

If you have questions contact Jonathan Fong at 246-2979.

### January

**Tuesday, Jan. 1st, Office Closed**

**Wednesday, January 2**  
10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N – 266-1734

**Thursday, January 3**  
Hosting EHC guests – FH – Karen 246-6253

ABW Board Meeting 10:30-Narthex  
**Saturday, January 5**  
9am Bethlehem workday – Jerry 615-1690

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

**Tuesday, January 8**  
10:30am Bethell Circle – Ellen's – 730-1150

**Wednesday, January 9**  
12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Virginia G 378-7501

**Thursday, January 10**  
10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

**Saturday January 12**  
9:30am Coastal ABW Bd Mtg – Parlor – Barbara 739-2935

6pm Bethlehem Banquet – FH – Jerry 615-1690

**Sunday, January 13**  
12pm – Tool Tyme – Library – Mike 691-1441

12pm – Children's Ministry Mtg – FH – Tammy 348-3271

**Monday, January 14**  
7pm – Finance Comm. Mtg – Library – Allyson 241-2989

**Wednesday, January 16**  
6pm Men's CityTeam Rescue Shelter Outreach – Jonathan

**Thursday, January 17**  
8am-5:30pm Church Planters Cluster – FH

11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch

Bunch – Betty 244-5949

**Friday, January 18**  
5-7pm – FH – set-up of dance recital

**Saturday, January 19**  
5-10pm Dance Recital - Anu  
8:30am Diaconate Meeting – Library Steve 249-4621

**Sunday, January 20**  
9:15am Membership Class #1 – Rm 27 – Pastor Rich

**Monday, January 21**  
**Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed**

**Saturday, January 26**  
6pm - 4th Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall – Andrew 278-1996

**Sunday, January 27**  
9:15am Membership Class #2 – Rm 27 – Pastor Jenny

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry Rm 19 – Rhonda /Gladys

3<sup>rd</sup> – class – Rm 27 – Pastor Rich

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lenten series  
6<sup>th</sup> - 10am White Cross – Narthex Virginia N.

9<sup>th</sup> – 9am Tentative All Church Work Day – Mike

10<sup>th</sup> – 12pm – ToolTyme – Library – Mike

11<sup>th</sup> - 7pm – Finance Comm. Mtg Library – Allyson

12<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am Bethell Circle – Vera's home

13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor - Virginia G.

14<sup>th</sup> – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 Rhonda /Gladys

15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Reflect Winter Retreat @Sierra Pines – Andrew

16<sup>th</sup> – 8:30am Diaconate Meeting – Library Steve

17<sup>th</sup> – noon Quarterly Business Meeting annual report

17<sup>th</sup> – 4pm Membership Class #1 – Rm 27 Pastor Rich

**18<sup>th</sup> - President's Day Holiday – Office Closed**

21<sup>st</sup> - Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch – Betty

24<sup>th</sup> – 4pm - Membership Class #2– Rm 27 Pastor Rich

29<sup>th</sup> – March 2 – Element Winter Retreat- Jerry

### March

1<sup>st</sup> – ABW Spring Meeting – Ellen

1<sup>st</sup> - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda/Gladys

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4pm – Membership#3– Rm 27 Pastor Rich

5<sup>th</sup> - 10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N.

9<sup>th</sup> – 12pm – Tool TooTyime – Library – Mike

10<sup>th</sup>- 7pm – Finance – Library Allyson

11<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am Bethell Circle – Sandy's home

12<sup>th</sup> - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Bea

13<sup>th</sup> -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 Rhonda/Gladys

15<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am Diaconate – Library – Steve

15<sup>th</sup> – noon FH - ABW Scholarship – Ellen

16<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Service

20<sup>th</sup> - Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch – Betty

**21<sup>st</sup> Good Friday Holiday – office closed**

21<sup>st</sup> - "Journey To the Cross" – Sanctuary

Good Friday

23<sup>rd</sup> Easter Sunday Service

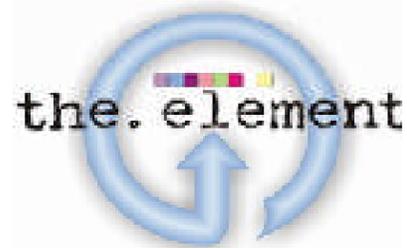
30<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday



## Prayer Requests



Unice Chang, for continued comfort/support. Prayer and comfort for Ellen Imhof, on the passing of her brother, Bob, and for the illness of her sister, Ethel. For Nancy Gregoire's upcoming surgery on January 10th. Gloria Conner's comfort and support during her recovery process. The growth of God's kingdom. Wisdom in moving toward the Church Vision. The Renovation Project progress.



***Do you love God and like teenagers?  
Be part of the Youth Ministry Team!***

**Three ways to be part of this awesome ministry:**

**Resource Team** – Support us by providing much needed supplies. We provide snacks for our students during group on Wednesday and Thursday Nights. Our youth love treats and have bottomless stomachs. We also need supplies for camps and retreats. Lastly, some of our youth need financial assistance for events like snow camp, Mexico Mission, and summer retreat.

**Prayer Team** - Support our youth by praying for them. We can send you a weekly e-mail of the prayer needs of our students as well as the ministry's.

**Minister Team** – Support us by being a minister to our youth. Youth of today urgently need God loving adults to guide and mentor them. There are many ways to get involved. You can be part of the midweek meeting (Wednesday or Thursday) – hang out with students, play games, worship and lead a small group. If teaching and Bible study is your passion, join us for Committed during the Sunday school hour. Do you like to watch TV or movie shows? Join the discussions in AB Girls and G.U.Y.S. groups on Sundays at 4pm. We are currently discussing the TV shows Gilmore Girls and Lost. If you don't like large groups, you can minister one on one. In addition, there are exciting monthly events that you can attend.

**How can you get started?**

1. Pray about it. Listen for God's calling.
2. Don't make excuses. God can use everyone.
3. Talk to a youth mentor. (Jerry Cintas, Jasmine Jackson, Christine Robbins, Danijela Tomic, Sean Grizzle, Andrew and Mary Wong)

**For more information or to sign up, please contact:**  
 Jerry Cintas at [jerry@scfbc.org](mailto:jerry@scfbc.org) or at (408) 615-1690  
 Mary Wong at [mary@scfbc.org](mailto:mary@scfbc.org) or at (408) 858-7558  
 Andrew Wong at [andrew@scfbc.org](mailto:andrew@scfbc.org) or at (408) 858-7572



***All-Church Lenten Emphasis***

The season of Lent is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your study of Scripture, and draw closer to the God who calls you by name. When we journey through these studies together, the effect is even more profound. For this reason, our Lenten Series are always designed to include the entire church body in a single, focused study. This year, in the weeks leading up to Easter, we will once again guide the entire family of God through a shared experience.

Our series for Lent 2008 is called "Outflow." The concept of "Outflow" is that as we draw closer to God and fill up spiritually with His love and grace, the result will be an outflow of that love and grace to the world around us. Our church vision is to become a church that plants churches. We will achieve this vision by becoming an outward-focused community, investing our lives in those who don't yet know Jesus. Outflow will further prepare us for our fulfillment of the Great Commission.

During the week of Lent, our focus will be on filling up our souls with the grace and love of God. We will learn how to deepen our relationship with God and how to guard against the one who wants to dry up our souls. In the months following Lent, we will continue this Outflow theme with series' on reaching our friends, our communities and our world.

Being a part of a Life Group (formerly known as Small Groups), is extremely important in order to experience the life change God has planned through this study. If you are not already in a Life Group, please plan on attending one at least for the duration of the Lenten Series. You can find a listing of our Life Groups in the bulletin or on our website. We are excited about the potential for this series in taking us from a people hoping to become spiritually filled each Sunday, to a community of Christ overflowing with the Spirit so that we easily touch those around us with God's grace.

***Youth Spaghetti Dinner - Jan. 26th - 6pm***

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year that the youth department will host the entire church congregation for an evening in our Ristorante Baptista. Last year we raised over \$2,000, allowing us to reduce our youth winter retreat fees by \$50 per youth. We encourage you to help support the youth by coming out for a night of great food, entertainment, fun, and service, all provided by the youth of SCFBC.

*Thank you for all of your support!  
 Danijela, Sean, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew*



## Children's Ministry

It is hard to believe another year has come and gone, but it makes me mindful of just how little time we truly have to make a difference in this world and be good stewards of our time, talents and gifts.

I am excited to get started in the Children's Ministry and look forward to growing together as a team. We have openings for those with a heart for children that would be willing to invest a few hours a week in the future of our children and our church. I will be having a lunch meeting for all current Children's Ministry workers, as well as anyone who has an interest in becoming a worker in the Children's Ministry, on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

*"Children's Ministry  
meeting & potluck  
January 13th, 12 pm  
Fellowship Hall*

If you are unable to attend, but are interested in getting more information regarding the Children's Ministry, you can contact me at [tacatbc@yahoo.com](mailto:tacatbc@yahoo.com) or call me at 348-3271.

We are now doing registration check in/out in the children's classrooms. For those in Grades K-5 who attend the beginning of the Worship service, the children will meet their teachers in the Narthex after dismissal and walk to their classrooms as a group. Parents will pick up and check out their children in their classes. Teachers will register new children in the classroom and get additional information from parents when they pick them up to check out after the Worship Service.

We have also implemented healthier snack and drink items for our children through the Snack Ministry volunteers. If you would be interested in being on the Snack Team, please contact me.

Please be in prayer for this ministry as we all transition and seek God's direction for this year.

In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton  
Director of Children's Ministry

## Honoring Marlies Almendarez

As Marlies steps down from her position as Director of Children's Ministry, we want to thank her for her wonderful service. Marlies is stepping down to care for her mother who is now living with her. Tammy will be taking on the Children's Director position in January. Marlies joined the staff in 2004, and faithfully served the Children's Ministry with her whole heart. During her time on staff, Marlies recruited several new teachers who have been blessing the lives of our children each week. Marlies also helped bring back Vacation Bible School, which has become a wonderful summer outreach event.



Thank you Marlies, for your love for children, your eye for new leaders, and your wonderful leadership among us all.

## Neighborhood Cares Ministry

The efforts to support our neighborhood outreach for Pomeroy Elementary School were a great success. As a congregation it is nice to see us going out of our way to help the needs of families in our community. We know that even if we don't have a personal relationship with each of these families, God will use our generosity to show His love to each person. God always touches lives in ways we will never know.

We want to thank everyone for all their support in providing gifts. Also, a special thanks to everyone that took the time to organize, wrap and deliver these blessings.

SCFBC Mission Team

# Youth News!!

## Reflect High School Group

In December, Reflect finished a series studying the book of Titus. Reflect again was also a big part of the annual all church production, Bethlehem. Various high school youth helped with hot chocolate, were townspeople, and greeters. Of course, a majority of the high school group again escorted the wise men into the town five times every night. It was impressive that the three wise men had 25-30 "slaves" escort them.



## The Element Jr. High Group

Element enjoyed a night with Pastor Rich one Thursday, learning about Pastor Rich's life, and how we should listen to what God wants in our lives.



Element was also a large part of the Bethlehem production. Jr. High students worked in almost all of the marketplace booths, and joined with the other townspeople every half hour for a traditional Jewish folk dance.



## Sunday Groups

Committed is in the middle of a series on Ecclesiastes, learning from Solomon's pursuit of meaning in his life, and how we need to stay focused on the one true meaning in our lives. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet and enjoy the *Gilmore Girls* series. The **GUYS** group continues to meet every Sunday at 4 PM, while trying to find God moments in the TV series *LOST*.



**~Youth Staff**  
Danijela, Sean, Christine,  
Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew

## Upcoming EVENTS

January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reflect Ice Skating  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Element Ice Skating  
January 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm - Bethlehem  
Appreciation Dinner  
January 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Spaghetti Dinner

More events at [www.scfbc.org/element](http://www.scfbc.org/element) &  
[www.scfbc.org/reflect](http://www.scfbc.org/reflect)