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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

# The Celebrate

*Santa Clara First Baptist Church*

*April 2008*



**Sunday, April 13th**

**12pm & 7pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**April Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Renee Esquibel
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gary Youngs
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jerri Cooper
- 5<sup>th</sup> Matthew Juarez
- 6<sup>th</sup> Cathryn Gunn
- 7<sup>th</sup> Karla Hagan
- 7<sup>th</sup> Rose Johnson
- 9<sup>th</sup> Theodore Barife
- 11<sup>th</sup> Glen Williams
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jon-Michael Stephens
- 12<sup>th</sup> Cyndi O'Sullivan
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sharon Cintas

- 18<sup>th</sup> Sandy Garcia
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Esquibel
- 26<sup>th</sup> Lynne Martin
- 26<sup>th</sup> Matthew McLenegan
- 26<sup>th</sup> Judy Sohm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Robert Webber
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bev Walz
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ola Brown

**Anniversaries**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jay Nordgaard & Joan Friesen

After both services you'll have the opportunity to browse the displays set up by our various ministries at SCFBC. Our ministry leaders will be prepared to share information about their ministries, as well as opportunities for you to get involved.

We'll also enjoy a wonderful International Food Court after each service, as the people of SCFBC bring dishes that represent their home towns, states, and countries.

For more details about this upcoming event, look inside the Celebrate.

## International Food Court

On Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup> Santa Clara First Baptist will be holding two Ministry Fairs in the Fellowship Hall; one after morning worship and one following the EDGE evening service. These fairs are being held together with an International Food Court all-church potluck to celebrate the ethnic diversity of our members.

Members will be given the opportunity to learn more about the many ministries available to them and be provided an opportunity to serve in a ministry while enjoying main dishes prepared by our membership. Manna will provide salad, drinks, and dessert.

Sign-ups for bringing a main dish to share at the International Food Court will be in the Narthex after morning worship and following EDGE through April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact me at [RADuBord@aol.com](mailto:RADuBord@aol.com) or (408) 496-6393.

Rudy DuBord  
Deacon of Ministries

## Prayers for Renovation Project

We've been hearing about a renovation project for almost 2 years now here at SCFBC. We may not know all the details of what will be renovated but something will be changed at our church. Are we getting new chairs, new carpets, new audio visual system, etc.? A draft with potential improvements is being put together. Delays for quotes are due to waiting for the county to give us permits on various parts of the project.

However, the common sentiment that I have heard from most people is something needs to be done to update the aging church property that God has provided for us. While we wait on the process of getting more information on this project please remember to pray for this major capital expenditure if you have not started praying about it.

Here are some things to pray for:

Pray for approval of construction permits  
Pray for competitive and fair quotes  
Pray for God's guidance on what improvements should be included in the renovation project  
Pray for the leaders of the Renovation project for wisdom  
Pray for guidance on what your role will be in this project  
Pray for the communication of this project  
Pray for God's sovereignty over this project

Thanks for your prayers,  
Renovation Project Prayer Chair, Karen Fong



## Prayer Requests



For Betty Lou Carlson as she recovers from illness at Amberwood Gardens Care facility. Pray for both Betty and Albert as they transition to assisted living.

For Betty Hastings' complete recovery as she underwent surgery on Friday, March 28th.

For Billie McPherson's grandson, Joel who has multiple health issues and is in Santa Theresa Hospital.

Helen Hawkins cataract surgery was postponed, remain prayerful as a new date becomes available.

The growth of God's kingdom.

Wisdom in moving toward the Church Vision.

The Renovation Project progress.

## Praise Reports

Ruth Porspakka's recent back surgery was a success, in her own words, *I'm doing stupendously well!!*

## Email & Telephone Prayer Chains

If you would like a prayer message or request prayer for someone on one these mediums: Contact Jim Lovelace for email prayer chain at [deloys@aol.com](mailto:deloys@aol.com) or 246-1477. For telephone prayer contact Gladys McFarland at 243-6828.

## April Calendar

### Wednesday, April 2

10am White Cross-Narthex-Virginia N. 266-1734

### Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5

Prayer Quilt Ministry Nat. Conference

### Thursday – Sunday, April 3-6

Mexico Mission Trip

### Saturday, April 5

9am Women's Life Grp Denise 926-9433

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19 –

Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

### Tuesday, April 8

12:30am Bethell Cir.-Sandy's home – 984-4811

### Wednesday, April 9

12:30pm Baits/Turley Cir. – Parlor

### Thursday, April 10

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19 –

Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

10:30am ABW Bd Mtg-Ellen-730-1150

### Friday, April 11

7-11pm Extreme Challenge – Jerry - 615-1690

### Saturday, April 12

9am Women's Life Group-Denise

9:30am ABW Coastal Valley Spring Rally – Carpool at 8:45am – Ellen

### Sunday, April 13

12pm International Potluck/Ministry Fair–

Rudy 496-6393

3:30pm AWANA Parents night – Cathryn 260-2401

7pm International Potluck/Ministry Fair–

Rudy 496-6393

### Monday, April 14

7pm Finance Comm-Lib-Allyson - 244-2989

### Tuesday-Thursday, April 15-17

10am Set-up rummage Sale-FH – Maxine 241-7567

### Wednesday, April 16

6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

246-2979

### Thursday, April 17

11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch-Mimi's on Campbell Ave. – Betty - 244-5949

### Friday-Saturday, April 18-19

8:30am Rummage Sale - FH - Maxine 241-7567

### Saturday, April 19

8:30am Diaconate Mtg-Lib- Steve - 249-4621

### Sunday, April 20

9:15am Membership Class#1-Rm 27 - 241-7635

### Saturday, April 26

Youth - Mountain Thrash – Jerry - 615-1690

### Sunday, April 27

9:15am Membership Class#2 –Rm27—241-7635

## Up-coming events

### MAY

3<sup>rd</sup> –9am Women's Life Group - Denise

3<sup>rd</sup> - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda

3<sup>rd</sup> – 12pm-3pm ABW Spring Tea/Fashion Show– Ellen 730-1150

4<sup>th</sup> – 9:15am-Membership Class #3-Rm 27

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

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

10<sup>th</sup> –9am Women's Life Group - Denise

11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day – Kid's Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> - 12pm

12<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Finance Comm-Lib-Allyson

13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30am Bethell Circle – Jean's

14<sup>th</sup> - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle –Parlor-Virginia N

15<sup>th</sup> -Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch– TBD

16<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Quake – Jerry

16-18<sup>th</sup> – ABW Mt.Herman Conference – Ellen

17<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg-Lib-Steve

18<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am Ministry SHAPE Class – Parlor – Rudy

18<sup>th</sup> –tentative Quarterly Business Mtg

21<sup>st</sup> – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

25<sup>th</sup> - 9:15am Ministry SHAPE Class – Parlor – Rudy

**26<sup>th</sup> -Memorial Holiday-Office Closed**

30<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>– Family Camp - Pastor Jenny

## American Baptist Women Events

Please mark these events on your calendars and enjoy each one wholeheartedly.

On Saturday, April 12th Coastal Valley Spring Rally at Antioch Baptist Church. We will car pool together which is a fun way to journey over there around 8:45 am.

### MAY 3rd SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW

The ABW Board is planning a before Mother's Day fun event. The fashion show is by Gloria's Fine Fashions and SCFBC ladies of all ages will model this new Spring line. This will be a wonderful outreach time ~~ invite friends and neighbors too and a new lady you've recently seen at our services. This will be a lovely time to help her get better acquainted. More information later.

Contact Ellen: 730-1150

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry would like to thank EVERYONE who has helped support our Ministry. Your generous contributions and hearty appetites at Armadillo Willy's has helped us reach our goal. We have funds to keep us in *stitches* and take a trip to our FIRST Prayers and Squares National Conference in Texas.

Please keep us in your prayers for SAFE travels as we fly on the big bird in the sky on April 3rd and return home on the 5th.

We'll return excited and full of creative ideas on how to spread God's love throughout our community!

Thank you so much,  
The Prayer Quilt Ministry

## Spring Rummage Sale!

Rummage Sale Date:

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The rummage sale to benefit the Costa Rica and Mexico Mission Teams and the Women's Mission Projects is coming up on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope you have already been saving clean, usable items (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay) to benefit these special ministries. Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations, also. Tax receipts are available. Because we have no storage space available, things cannot be brought to the Fellowship Hall before Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, before or after the Morning and EDGE Worship Services. Since the Fellowship Hall is being used a lot for other functions, we ask that you not bring furniture or other larger items until our setup/collection days on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help put things out on the tables, etc., and help run the sale. Please contact Maxine (241-7567) if you have questions or if you can help with this special benefit!

## Seniors' & Birthday Lunch Bunch

This fun loving group will meet April 17th at Mimi's Restaurant on Campbell Ave. Come celebrate with us, it doesn't have to be your birthday just come and enjoy the fellowship, be there at 11:45am. If you have questions contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

## Human Interest Stories

Periodically our newsletter include stories about an individual or group, our latest featured Gladys McFarland in the March Celebrate issue. I have received wonderful responses from some of you asking for more stories. To do this, we'll need your help and here's what you can do: submit an article and photo of someone you'd like featured in our upcoming newsletters. The plan is to identify someone for the May issue and ongoing from there.

If you are interested in helping and/or submitting names, contact Dave in the church office at 241-7635.

## Missions Update

*"For I was hungry...I was thirsty...I was a stranger...I needed clothes...I was sick...I was in prison...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."* Matt. 25:35 -36;40

In the month of April we will have a special offering for **America for Christ**. If 50 people gave \$50 to this special offering we will meet our goal of contributing \$2500 for this offering that supports missions in the U. S. and Puerto Rico. In addition, our Impact group will be on a **mission trip to Mexico** to do construction for a school for orphans. Please remember to pray for safety and God's hand on both these projects.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and participation in supporting both these mission projects.

Missions Deacon, Karen Fong

## SCFBC Family Camp 2008

**Date:** May 30—June 1

**Location:** Redwood Glen Camp & Conference Center

**Cost:** \$142/adult; \$127, 4-12; FREE up to age 3.

SCFBC Family Camp is a fun-filled adventure for the entire church family. Married, single, kids or no kids—come and have a blast with us! This year we're once again staying in the comfortable accommodations of Redwood Glen's Siden Center.

Our weekend will be full of fun activities for all ages, and plenty of time to rest and relax.

*If you've never been to an SCFBC All-Church Family Camp before, here's a little of what goes on:*

*Morning Worship for all ages  
Adult Worship and Study with childcare  
Hikes & Creek Stomping  
Crafts, Waterballoon Launching  
Kickball, Photo Scavenger Hunt  
Crazy Campfires  
Special activities for small children  
Beach Trip & Nap time*

I hope you and your family will come and join us for a time of relaxation, worship and lots of laughs. For more information, find a brochure in the Narthex or contact Pastor Jenny at 248-2078.

## Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry is settling into a new routine with some new regular teachers and our Children's Worship. This has been a great time of getting to know each other and to learn new songs and praise God in song. We are also in the process of memorizing the books of the Bible and will soon incorporate a weekly time for memorizing a scripture verse each month. Psalm 119:11

I hope you all enjoyed hearing the Children's Choir on Easter during our Family Service. I would love your feedback on this style of service. We would like to involve the children in the main service on a regular basis.

Vacation Bible School will be July 14 – 18 this year with a Power Lab theme. This is one of our large outreach ministries to the community and it takes many volunteers to prepare, organize and execute. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, you can contact me directly or sign up at the Ministry Fair on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

For anyone interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry on a regular basis, our next meeting will be April 6<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Children's Ministry was able to acquire some children's chairs at no cost this past month that we will currently use during Children's Worship and in the classrooms as we grow. This is truly a blessing and a significant financial savings. God is good all the time.

Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated as we seek God's direction for our children.

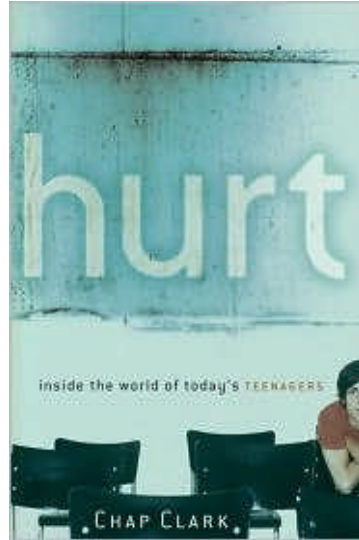
In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton  
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408-348-3271

## Sunday Morning Discussion Group

As my kids, Carmen and Camille started middle school, the worry and fear about how they will handle the next few years has begun to grow. I began to seek out books and conferences regarding these years and I have come across some books that have really opened my eyes to what our kids are feeling and going through. I was so moved by this information that I have decided to invite all of you to a “book club”/discussion group of sorts. We will meet at Santa Clara First Baptist Church in the Parlor off the Narthex on Sunday mornings at 9:15 beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>. There are classes and group activities for children and youth during this time.

Dr. Chap Clark, a professor and researcher at Fuller Theological Seminary, has written a book called “Hurt: Inside the World of Today’s Teenager” based on his research with teens. He has found that across the board, teens feel pressured, hurt and abandoned by society. We will talk about what our kids are feeling and going through, how they view the world and how we can respond as adults who care. Dr. Clark has written a follow-up book called “Disconnected: Parenting Teens in a MySpace World” which is also a great book that we can discuss if you’re interested in continuing.



I really look forward to meeting all of you. Please feel free to invite other friends, parents, grandparents or any others who care about kids to join in on the discussion.

Sharon Cintas  
408-615-1690  
scintas@pacbell.net

## Here is the latest on what’s going on in AWANA

The Truth & Training Bible Quiz was held March 15 at Los Altos First Baptist Church. Four of our clubbers and their parents attended: Ethan Miller, Donya Bishop, Amanda Du and Sabrina Chi. All four did their very best in a new situation and worked very hard to get there. The leaders had a chance to get to know the kids and their parents better than regular club meetings allow. Sabrina and Amanda placed third in their flight, which is very good indeed as they were competing with many more experienced quizzers. Next year we hope to have more clubbers participate and win high honors, now that we have a better idea what we’re up against!

At the time of writing there are only two more practices before the AWANA Games April 12. Our purpose in taking part in this regional event is to have fun with clubbers from around the area, and to become a more cohesive club. Please pray that all who attend from AWANA SCFBC will have a good time and benefit from the exercise!

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Our “Measles” night recently was a success. The kids played a Bible version of the game of Twister, which of course involves dots. They had a good time putting sticky dots all over their leaders for every section passed. As we enter the home stretch of the AWANA year, we offer fun incentives to clubbers to help them progress through their handbooks at a steady pace. Pray that their desire to learn God’s Word would stay strong, and that they would be diligent in their studies.

We look forward to the Ministry Fair April 13<sup>th</sup>, when we will have a display available to provide information about AWANA and recruit leaders for next year. Already we know that we will need at least one Truth & Training leader to replace one who is relocating to Los Angeles. We have also gone this past year without directors in two of our three clubs, which puts an awful lot of the administrative and teaching responsibility on the Commander. In addition, Cubbies Director Pat Graham intends to step down this year.

**According to the AWANA mandate, all AWANA leaders should have these qualities:**

- **Faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior — *John 6:40***
- **A growing relationship with Jesus — *Hebrews 5:14***
- **Love for children — *Mark 10:14-16***
- **A teachable spirit — *Isaiah 66:2***
- **Honesty — *Acts 5:1-10***
- **Trustworthiness — *Proverbs 11:13***
- **Responsibility — *Genesis 39:22-23***

Finally, I regret to say that my family is going to be returning to Canada this summer, this time for good. Therefore our AWANA club will need a new commander, or two co-commanders, who can be committed to this ministry and all it stands for. Add to the above characteristics a penchant for organization, good communications skills, a true heart for AWANA as distinct from other children’s ministries, and a good understanding of pacing in order to meet children’s needs. This ministry has died once before due to a lack of leadership. Those of us that have served the past two years since its revival have worked hard to make it successful and serve its children, who have also worked very hard and deserve to continue. Please pray that the position of commander and the other leadership positions of our church’s AWANA ministry will be filled by the powerful hand of Our Lord, from whom all good things come.

In Christ,

Commander Cathryn

