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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

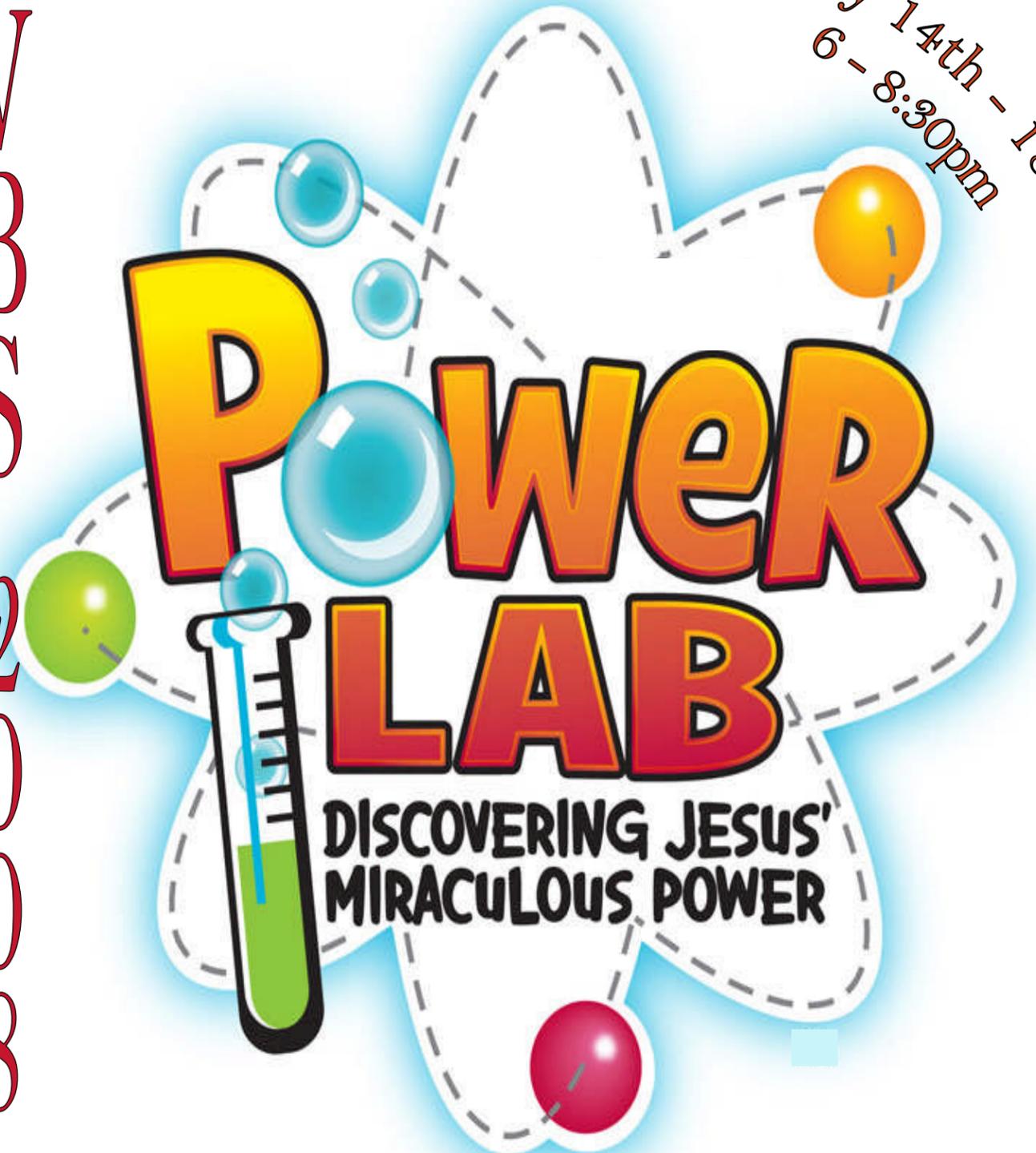
The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

June 2008

July 14th - 18th
 6 - 8:30pm

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June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1st Ellen Imhof
- 7th Laura Victorson
- 8th Nancy Beatty
- 8th Stacie Coral
- 8th Pat White
- 8th Joseph Juarez
- 9th Paul Lanier
- 11th Andrew Reaves
- 11th Jonathan Reaves
- 12th Betty Lou Carlson
- 14th Elizabeth Robichaud
- 16th Allyson Lageschulte
- 16th Cassie Harrell
- 17th Josie Hammar
- 27th Phil Gehman
- 27th Jennifer Hammar

Anniversaries

- 7th Bert & Evelyn Wendel
- 7th Troy and Andrea Murray
- 9th Paul & Meredith Lanier
- 12th Iiker & Daena Yuksel
- 12th Mike & Doris Smith
- 19th Charles & Barbara Chicks
- 20th Jerry & Sharon Cintas
- 24th Bob & Rusty Webber
- 25th Steve & Barbara McLenegan
- 25th Harold & Wilma Wright
- 29th Al & Betty Lou Carlson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING SOON !!!

Come and discover how Jesus gives us the POWER to:



BE THANKFUL !

HELP OTHERS !

TELL OTHERS ABOUT GOD !

BE BRAVE !

LIVE FOREVER !

Each night will have its own theme that will be **EXPLORED** through:

SINGING

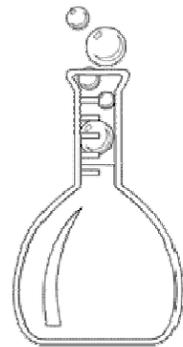
BIBLE STORIES

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

GAMES

CRAFTS

FOOD



There is something for everyone.
Whether you want to

work one of the stations,

be a crew leader,

do registration,

donate money or supplies,

be on the decorating team

we can give you the POWER to have an impact in the life of a child !!!

For more information contact Tammy A. Catterton at tamcatbc@yahoo.com or 408-348-3271.



A Letter of Thanks

Where do we begin to say "thank you"? We honor our armed forces, past and present, on given holidays such as Veterans' Day and Independence Day. But when was the last time we honored these women and men and their families with such words as, "We appreciate a job well done", or, "Thank you for our freedoms"?

Recently there was a special re-run of the TV show, "7th Heaven". In the final minutes of the show the subject of the Iraq War was discussed, reminding us to say "Thank you for your sacrifice", and saying that we could call family members to see if there is anything we can help them with, and to thank them for their sacrifices as well. Often we hear of families receiving emails from afar or watching the news for new developments in the war. We can only imagine just how difficult a family's daily life must be.

How often do we think of our God-given right of liberty for all as documented in the Constitution of the United States? Today let's take a few moments to reflect on just how special our country is because of so many who have fought, and continue to fight, for our right to wake up each and every morning free to worship God.

To the men and women of the armed forces here in the United States and across the world, and for those in training, we appreciate your dedication, courage, honor and duty to America. From all of us at Santa Clara First Baptist Church, may God bless all of you! Our prayers are with each one of you.

Dawn Hunter
The Garcia Life Group

Property Corner

Hi everyone..... A lot has been happening this past month within our church as far as the property department. Here are a few "Highlights".

I would like to thank all those who helped to complete the repairs below with their time and talent, you are appreciated so very much. Some items listed here required out services.

- Emergency exit signs, Youth room

- Wall repaired in front of Nursery
- Water fountain installation
- Plumbing repairs, church office
- Repaired lawn irrigation system
- Reinforced playground border

Scheduled Work Items:

- Fellowship Hall Carpet replacement: 5/29, 30 & 31
- Fellowship Hall window replacement: No date yet

Projects That Need Completion:

- Kitchenette sink is leaking
- Pest Invasion: Contractor has been notified

Church Work Day: Saturday, June 14th

Landscaping: The Korean Church has volunteered to help replant the flower beds in front of the cross! Let's see if some of us can help them beautify this area!

- Refasten Church Door Threshold
- Add tan bark to playground
- Door latch repairs
- Cleaning, dusting, window washing
- Relocate palm trees in church office parking lot
- Relocate portions of chain link fence in Slocum Garden area to expose Rose bushes.
- Concrete Patching

Reminder: Church work day is quickly approaching (Saturday, June 14th) so please give Dave Wilson or me a call to let us know that you will help in the repairs and maintenance of God's property! NO ONE HAS VOLUNTEERED..... YET..... HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!

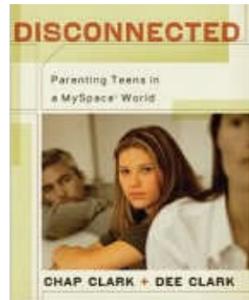
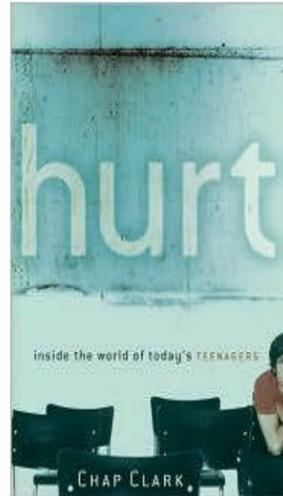
Blessings,

Mike Depew - Property Deacon - 291-1441 or
Church office - 241-7635

Sunday Morning Discussion Group

For several weeks now we've had a great group of parents, grandparents and other concerned adults meeting to discuss the book "Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenager". While the author doesn't claim to know what it's like to be an adolescent, he does try to understand the hurt beneath the actions by listening to what kids are telling him. One main theme that we have been discussing as a group is the theme of abandonment. The writer contends that the organizations, institutions and structures that have always been in place to teach, grow and nurture adolescents have changed and begun to focus on their own agendas and needs. While at times the shift can be subtle, kids are very perceptive and pick up on this change in focus which leads to hurt and mistrust.

As a church, we need to take a look at how we can break this cycle of abandonment. Are we as adults more concerned about ourselves and our commitments and interests than about the interests of adolescents? Kids don't often trust adults, but are we trustworthy? Life is crazy and busy, what can we do? Where do we need to take a stand against a culture that drives our kids into their own world just to feel safe?



Beginning June 15th, we will discuss how we can respond. We will be reading another book called "Disconnected: Parenting Teens in a My Space World". We meet in the church parlor on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. I encourage you to consider joining the discussion.

Sharon Cintas
408-615-1690
Sharon@scfbc.org

Missions Update

'Visitors to SCFBC'

In the month of May through mid June we are hosting speakers from the Seafarers, Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC), and Habitat for Humanity, CityTeams and the Correctional Institution Chaplaincy who will be coming to share about their ministries. These are some of the organizations that SCFBC supports financially. Please consider ways to participate in one or more of these ministries.

Additional upcoming mission opportunities for SCFBC

May 31: Annual Redwood Glen Workday (Contact Dave White)

June: One Great Hour of Sharing special offering

June 18: Men's outreach at CityTeam Ministries' Rescue Shelter (Jonathan Fung)

June 20-27: Youth Mexico Mission Trip (Contact Mary Wong)

July 4th – SCFBC will host a Community Outreach

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

SCFBC Missions Deacon

Children's Ministry

I hope you all enjoyed seeing our children and some of the fruits of our labor. It is a joy to see them learn and grow each week and have high hopes and expectations for who and what they will all grow up to be and accomplish. Children are such an awesome gift and responsibility from God. We should never take for granted the opportunity to be of service to them or miss the opportunity to influence them to love and serve God.

As I mentioned on Children's Sunday, the Children's Ministry is in need of dedicated, faithful workers who are willing to be positive, Godly leaders. Our children need and deserve adults who are willing to provide spiritual guidance and biblical foundations for them to build their lives on. There is a need from the Nursery up through 5th grade during both the Sunday School and Worship Hours.

In the Worship Hour, the adults have been learning about OUTFLOWING to our families, communities and the world. Our own children are part of our fountain. They need us to be overflowing what we are learning into them. I hope you will each prayerfully consider what your part should be and then be willing and obedient to answer God's call if He is leading you to work with our children, who are the future of our families, church, community and the world.

I want to say THANK YOU once again to all of you that do work in the Children's Ministry. Our church is a community and none of us can do it alone. We all need each other and each individual contribution is important.

Our next Children's Ministry meeting is June 6th in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. Anyone interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry is welcome to attend.

THANKS to all of you who have volunteered to participate in Vacation Bible School. We still have spots available for those of you who want to get in on the FUN!!! For those of you who cannot attend the actual program in July, but would like to contribute to the cause, we are accepting donations to help with the cost. I have "beakers" on the VBS display table in the narthex with \$ amounts on them. You are welcome to take any combination and slip them in an offering envelope with your financial support designated to VBS.

Please continue to pray for the future and direction of this ministry as we seek to train up our children to love and serve Him.

Tammy Altizer Catterton
Children's Ministry Director
tammy@scfbc.org



VBS Registration Form

(one per child)

Child's name: _____ Age: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ Parent/Caregivers cell ph: _____

Home e-mail address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last school grade completed: _____ In case of emergency contact: _____

Mother/Father: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Home Church: _____ Lab crew # (Church use) _____

A Salute to our Graduates

High School Graduates

Arielle Casey
 Cassie Harrell
 Erica Espericueta
 Joseph Juarez
 Karena Bertos
 Priscilla Barrera
 Sam Machado
 Kenny Chargois

Middle School Graduates

Ashley Galindo
 Brent Richofsky
 Charlotte Gunn
 Matthew Juarez
 Victoria Grizzle
 Ian Sulcer
 Josh Tomasian
 Max Irving
 Selena Solano



Christine Raines
 Mission College
 A.A. in Social Science,

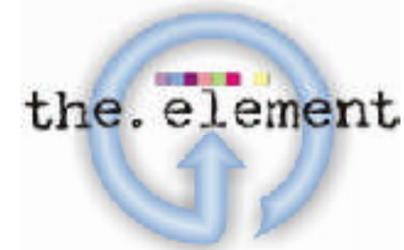
I am not very good at tooting my own horn but I am proud to say that after twenty years of one class here and one class there, I have finally completed my two-year degree.



Jonathan Hammar
 Golden Gate University
 B.A. in Management, Summa Cum Laude



Matt Stephens
 University of the Pacific
 Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences



**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 group on Sundays at 4. 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 monthly exciting 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, Daniel Howe, 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 or at (408) 390-4696

Mary Wong at mary@scfbc.org or at (408) 858-7558

Andrew Wong at andrew@scfbc.org or at (408) 858-7572



Youth News!!

The Element Jr. High Group

Element is finishing up a series on questions about our faith. Jerry taught about different world religions and how they differ from the truth that we know. Christine then taught about how it would feel to be in hell. Fion then taught about God's feelings and if he can get angry. Lastly, Jerry taught about when Jesus will return.



At the end of April, Element joined with Reflect for our annual Mountain Thrash. We hiked 12 miles throughout the day from the Big Basin Ranger Station to Waddell Beach. We didn't get lost this time, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery along the way. After getting to the beach we had an awesome BBQ and then went to Marianne's for ice cream, a tradition almost every time we are close to Santa Cruz. Element also joined Reflect for the Christian



Music Day at Great America.

Reflect High School Group

Reflect is also finishing up the series Living with Questions, where we are tackling questions of faith. Sean



taught about the proper way to date, sharing some life lessons with the high school students. Andrew then took two weeks and discussed religions and cults of the world, sharing some of the views that they have and sharing the truth found in the Bible. Good discussion was had on this difficult topic.

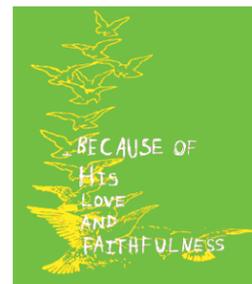


Reflect, with Element, also enjoyed our 12 mile Mountain Thrash. In May, we hosted some youth and leaders from Napa First Baptist Church the

night before the Great America Music Day. We were able to see The Ditzmas, Family Force 5, Barlow Girl, Hawk Nelson, Kutless, and Switchfoot. All the bands were awesome!! Additionally, we heard Mark Stewart from Audio Adrenaline share his message. It was a very touching message showing how one small act of kindness can reach far.

Sunday Groups

Committed is in the middle of a study on the *Nooma* Video series. We have recently talked about being



Mexico Mission Trip 2008

Plans are underway for our June Trip. **Joseph Juarez, Matt Juarez, Katrina DuBord, Cassie Harrell, Victoria McGinnis, Wendy Gregg, and Charlotte Gunn** will be going on this life changing trip where we will partner with **Rayo de Luz** in Ensenada. Please continue to lift this trip up in

Upcoming EVENTS

- June 4th– Reflect Mall Hunt
 - June 8th– Reflect Senior Jubilee
 - June 18th– Reflect Welcome Party @Cintas'
 - June 19th– Element Welcome Party @Cintas'
 - June 20th– 28th – Reflect Mexico Mission Trip
 - June 25th– Reflect Laser Quest Night
 - June 26th– Element Laser Quest Night
- More events at www.scfbc.org/element & www.scfbc.org/reflect

covered in the dust of our rabbi, Jesus, not judging people but rather loving one another, and being in tune with God. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet and discuss the *Gilmore Girls* series.

A Farewell

Dear SCFBC,

This is a farewell letter as our family prepares to make the move to Canada the end of June. I just wanted to thank you for the blessings you have provided to us over the years. We started so many years ago being involved with the moms' playgroup that met Friday mornings at Andrea's house. This church was a haven for me and my children for a long time before we became official members. I remember when the *one hour a week* that I was without children by my side was at the EDGE service, when three were in AWANA and one was in the nursery. How wonderful to spend that one hour with you and the Lord!



When I return to visit you will have given the place a facelift. However, I will always remember the asparagus green pews with affection, Gene shaking hands at the door, Youthquake, Jerry in a toupee doing Pepe, Drive-In Movie Nite during daylight savings time, Greg on a forklift advertising Bethlehem, Operation Blessing mission trips, the exercise room, Manna's great meals, preparing for the homeless breakfast at 5:00 a.m., Andrew getting his head shaved by the youth, Redwood Glen announcements, Hallelujah Nite, the drama ministry's contributions, Family Small Group, and so many other things. God has blessed this church in so many ways! Keep on keepin' on!

Thank you for your love and support after the announcement of our departure. We have truly felt as if we will be missed, and we will definitely miss all of you. We are grateful for the various ways in which this church has nurtured and befriended us in our years here in California. I'm glad to have the photo directory to take with us as a memento of our time here.

Finally, thank you to Pastors Rich and Jenny for your messages and friendship. May you continue to bless the people of this church for many years to come!

To the congregations of SCFBC,

From the Gunn Family

Father's Day at SCFBC

Come join us for a special Family AM worship experience on this day we set apart for dads. The morning service will include special presentations to dads from each of our age groupings. Pastor Rich will speak especially to men during his message. We are also working on providing a BBQ immediately following the service. All men who attend will also receive a "manly" gift just for coming!

Father's Day also marks the change to more casual wear for the morning. Men are encouraged to wear their best Hawaiian shirts from this day through the summer months. Aloha!

Renovation Fundraising Prayer Team

We have been meeting to pray for about a month now. It has been a blessing and a time for sharing and to be counted for those that have been able to participate.

Answered prayers

The plans we submitted to the city have come back and the needed modifications are being drawn up by our architect.

Passage reading

We are about half way through reading in the book of Ezra. We invite you to read Ezra with us even if you can not join our prayer time. We've read about 1 or 2 chapters a week. We read a chapter and listen to what God is teaching us in that chapter.

What have been some of our prayers?

We have been praying for unity in the church and that we would be a church that prays. We have prayed on how we can participate in the renovation project and the willingness to leave our personal comforts as well as what we can give toward the project. We pray for God to help move us in spite of our fears and that we would not be discouraged.

What's next?

We will continue to meet and pray through mid June. Prayer is *the most important element* to this whole renovation business. Without seeking God's face, without submitting ourselves to His direction and His will, we are doomed to do this all in our own strength. If that occurs, we do not fully rely on God for what we have and in turn fall for the lie that we can do this all on our own. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The prayer team for this renovation invites all who would be willing to bend the knee to God concerning this upcoming project to join in a special prayer emphasis for the next few weeks.

Prayer meetings will continue to be held on Sundays in Room 29 at both 9:55 AM and 4:55 PM.

You are invited to attend one or both of these prayer times which will continue through June 15th. We will look at a passage of scripture from the book of Ezra and pray for specific needs of the renovation project.

If you have any questions regarding your personal prayer involvement, contact me, Prayer Team's Chair, Karen Fong at kafong@aol.com or by calling 246-6253.



Prayer Requests



- For Harold Trathen's recovery from dehydration and that he begins eating properly.
- Continued prayers for MaryAnn Fairall's granddaughter, Autumn, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia.
- Continued prayers for Billie McPherson's grandson, Joel, who is now in physical therapy at Valley Medical Center
- For God to call two more people to join the Renovation Capital Fundraising Team as Public Relations Chair & Focus Group Chair.
- The growth of God's kingdom. Wisdom in moving towards the Church Vision.

Praise Reports

The plans we submitted to the city have come back and the needed modifications are being drawn up by our architect.

Jon Hammar has stepped up to become our new AWANA Commander. Praise the Lord!

Human Interest Features,

Mr. EUGENE F. ALLBERT



Gene was born in a small town in the Raton Territory of New Mexico, on October 18, 1908. He lived there until he was seven-years-old, when his family moved to nearby Gardiner, New Mexico, a coal mining town. After the seventh grade he went to a Raton school and later graduated from the high school there. Gene's mother and father were active Christians so he had good role models to follow. He attended the Baptist Church in Raton where they were members.

After Gene graduated in 1927 he moved to Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania and became a student at Westinghouse Electric Corporation, taking engineering courses. This included night school as part of his work. In 1930 he married Dorothy McGrady, his high school sweetheart. They had three daughters, including twins. Eugene was very busy!

Westinghouse, where Gene worked, moved to Buffalo, New York in 1947 and Gene and his family moved with the company. He found a friendly Baptist church and they became very active members. This gave Gene an opportunity to work with the New York Baptist State camping and men's programs.

Gene and his family moved to sunny California in 1987, where his daughter Ruth lived since he wanted to get away from the cold winters. He lived right around the corner from Santa Clara First Baptist Church and soon joined the church. Gene loved the people and enjoyed working with them. Gene was married to Dorothy for 70 years before she went home to be with the Lord.

Gene now lives in the retirement community, Villa Serena. He is also very active there. He lives there with his new wife, Marguerite. Pastor Rich officiated at their wedding in 2003.

Gene has been a faithful member at our church for twenty years. You can see him in the Narthex every Sunday morning greeting people. We thank you, Gene Allbert, for your faithful service here at Santa Clara First Baptist Church.

Seniors' & Birthday Lunch Bunch

Have you heard of the Seniors Birthday Lunch Bunch, we'd like you to join us for our monthly events. Our next event is June 19th, 11:45am at IHOP; please come and join us for wonderful fellowship and good food! Contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

CityTeam Outreach

Our monthly visits to CityTeam Men's Rescue Shelter have been life changing. Come join us Wednesday, June 18th, 6pm to 7pm at the CityTeam Rescue Shelter at 580 Charles St, San Jose, off Highway 101 and Oakland Road. Meet in the lobby at 6pm to pray before we reach out to the men. This is a chapel service, come early to serve and watch God bring healing and transformation.

Life Group Leaders Retreat

When: Saturday, June 7th, meet Saturday, at 8:30 am to carpool from SCFBC parking lot - Return around 6:00 p.m.

Where: Prayer Mountain Chapel, 996 Lockhart Gulch Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Cost: FREE

We will take a love offering for Prayer Mountain Childcare will be available.

Bring: Hunger to have an encounter with God, Bible, Notepad, pen, Bottled water, Socks (no bare feet allowed in the Chapel or cabins Light jacket or sweatshirt. Optional: any musical instrument and Money for offering. Fasting: Please begin a water fast Friday evening after dinner unless you have medical conditions that prohibit you from fasting food. Please fast something else if you are unable to fast food. RSVP to Jonathan Fung at jonathan@scfbc.org or 408.813.2505