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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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

November Birthday's

- 2nd Len Walz
- 7th Chris Christiansen
- 7th Jean Rund
- 8th Kenneth Schreiner
- 10th Chuck Chicks
- 10th Diana Dodson
- 11th Emily Ramer
- 11th Justin Slay
- 13th Peggy Shalloe
- 16th Lisa Robinson
- 16th Patti Victorson
- 20th Michelle Ramer
- 26th Mike Ramer

Anniversaries

- 4th Jim & Lois Lovelace
- 25th Gary & Pat White

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

November 2008

Bethlehem

Dec. 11-15th
 6:30-9:00pm



Bethlehem is Coming...

Prepare yourself to be transported back in time to the Biblical city of Bethlehem to experience the very first Christmas. Witness Mary and Joseph searching for a place to rest, hear the excitement of the Shepherds proclaiming the angel's good news, feel the reverence of the wise men who find the newborn king, and experience the joy of the Savior's birth. It will be a night to remember, as you become part of the Christmas story as a traveler in Bethlehem.

To produce this amazing re-enactment, many volunteers are needed to build Bethlehem and be a part of the event. You are needed on our Saturday workdays, starting November 1st to help with the assembly of the sets, and costume work. Costume work will be done in the choir room for those wanting to help in this important area. Workdays start at 9:00AM every Saturday and we will also be holding special Friday workdays as the event gets closer.

There are a lot of areas to get involved in. Be sure to check out the volunteer signup sheets in your Sunday Bulletins or on the www.BethlehemSC.com website to get the latest info on where we need help. Please don't wait till the last minute to let us know you want to be involved. The performance nights will be Thursday December 11th through Monday the 15th from 6:30PM - 9:00PM, so set those dates aside. This program is designed as an outreach to the community, not to our own congregation, so invite your neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

The funds for the Bethlehem event have been steadily coming in throughout the year. I thank all the members who have realized the importance of this event and are supporting it financially. We still have a long way to go on raising the \$15,000 that will be needed to completely fund this event. Pray that the remaining funds will come in so that we can fully fund this year's Bethlehem program.

Be sure to tell your friends and co-workers about the Bethlehem event. We will try to keep the back table at the church stocked with flyers and business cards so that you can post them at work or give them to your friends. It would be a shame for anyone to miss experiencing this event because they didn't know about it. Spread the good news that a Savior has been born in the town of David and that he is Christ the Lord.

Director, Jerry Cintas

NOVEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

Saturday Bethlehem work days – Jerry 615-1690

Saturday, Nov. 1

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

Sunday, Nov. 2

9:15am The Shack Book group–parlor-Sharon

9:15am Just Walk Across the Room–Rm 19 - Steve 249-4621

Tuesday, Nov. 4

6a–9pm Election Board – FH – (Pvt)

10am – Graveside Services for Betty Lou Carlson – Mission City Cemetery (SC) on Winchester. Reception to follow

Wednesday, Nov. 5

10am White Cross–Narthex– Virginia N.

Thursday, Nov. 6

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19

Sunday, Nov. 9

9:15am The Shack Book group—Sharon

9:15am Just Walk Across the Room Rm 19-Steve

12p Choir Practice–choir room–Sue

12pm Solfegge/Piano Class – Sue 741-8757

12p Children's Ministry Mtg - Tammy

Monday, Nov. 10

7pm – Finance Committee–Lib – Allyson

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veteran's Day Holiday – Office Closed

Wednesday, Nov. 12

12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor

Thursday, Nov. 13

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda

Saturday, Nov. 15

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

10am Leadership Trng–Lib–MaryAnn 866-7935

Sunday, Nov. 16

9:15am The Shack Book group–Sharon

9:15am Just Walk Across the Room–Rm 19

12 noon – Choir Practice – Sue 741-8757

7pm - SF homeless Outreach - Jerry

Tuesday, Nov. 18

12:30 Bethell Circle – Maxine 241-7567

Wednesday, Nov. 19

6pm–CityTeam Outreach–Jonathan–246-2979

Thursday, Nov. 20

11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch–Betty

Saturday, Nov. 22

8-10am Brothers in Christ-Adam

Sunday, Nov. 23

9:15am The Shack Book group – Sharon

9:15am Just Walk Across the Room – Rm 19

12 noon Choir Practice – choir room – Sue

12 pm Quarterly Business Mtg budget vote

7pm Quarterly Business Mtg- budget vote

Thursday – Friday, Nov. 27/28th

Thanksgiving Holidays-Office Closed

Saturday, Nov. 29

8-10am Brothers in Christ – Kitchen - Adam

Sunday, Nov. 30

9:15am The Shack Book group -Sharon

Up-coming Events

DECEMBER

3rd - 10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N.

6th - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

7th - 12 noon - Bethlehem Lunch – FH –Jerry

7th-12pm Solfegge/Piano Class – Sue 741-8757

9th - 12:30pm Bethell Circle

9th - 7pm - Bethlehem Tech Rehearsal – Jerry

10th-12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor

10th - 7pm – Bethlehem Dress Rehearsal – Jerry

11th - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

11-15th -Bethlehem – All Church event – Jerry

14th -12pm Choir Practice – choir room – Sue

17th – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

17th – 7:45pm Choir Practice –Sue 741-8757

18th – 11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch

20th - 15th - 8:30am Diaconate Meeting – Lib

21st - 12pm Solfegge/Piano Class – Sue 741-8757

24th – 6pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

25th – Christmas Holiday – Office Closed

JANUARY 2009

1st – New Year's Day – Office Closed

3rd-8:30am Jan Diaconate Meeting – Library

3rd-10am Leadership training MaryAnn–Parlor

3rd-10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19

3rd- Bethlehem Workday – Jerry 615-1690

7th-10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N

8th-10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19

10th- Bethlehem workday – Jerry 615-1690

13th-12:30pm Bethell Circle – Barbara Chick's

14th-12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor

14th- 6pm City Team Rescue Shelter Outreach

15th-11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch – Betty

19th Martin Luther King Holiday–Office Closed

24th – 8-10am Brothers In Christ – Kitchen –Adam

24th – Bethlehem banquet–FH–Jerry 615-1690

31st - 8:30am February Diaconate Meeting – Lib

31st -10am Leadership training –MaryAnn

31st – Youth Spaghetti Dinner – FH - Andrew

Children's Ministry

THANK YOU to all who volunteered and contributed to HALLELUJAH NIGHT. I appreciate your willingness to serve and the time and energy you gave in support of this outreach.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alex and Lucy Oliveira on the arrival of a bundle of baby boy, the newest addition to the Children's Ministry. We look forward to having him in the nursery.

As a result of the recent baby boom, I am looking for 2 additional paid nursery workers; one for the morning service and one for the evening service. If you would like to love a little one for a couple hours each week, please contact me.

As these little ones grow and leave the nursery, they continue to need loving adults to show them God's love and teach them what Jesus would do. There is a need from the Nursery up through 5th grade during both the Sunday School and Worship Hours for adults who are willing to be in a support position to a teacher and have an impact in the life of our kids. Please contact me if you feel God leading you to serve in this ministry.

Our next Children's Ministry meeting is November 9th in the Fellowship Hall after the Family Worship Service. Anyone interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry is welcome to attend. Food will be provided.

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.

In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton
Children's Ministry Director
tamcatbc@yahoo.com
408-348-3271

The Upper Room

You are invited to join the **The Upper Room** monthly church-wide prayer gathering at SCFBC Sanctuary on **Wednesday, November 5th** from **7:30 to 8:30 pm**. This time of reflection is to pray for our church and our congregation, community, and the nations. Come expecting the power of the Holy Spirit to pour out! Contact Jonathan Fung at 408.813.2505 for more details. (*We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month.*)

CityTeam Outreach

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 19th from 6:00-7:15pm** at the CityTeam Rescue Shelter. The address is 580 Charles St. in San Jose, off Hwy 101 and Oakland Rd. Meet in the CityTeam lobby at 6:00 pm 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 hope, encouragement and transformation. (*We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month.*)

Update On Hiring And Paying A Director Of Youth

Although the Director of Youth Search Committee is not yet ready to present a candidate to the congregation for your approval, we have definitely been busy working toward that objective. We have "paper screened" at least 20 candidates, with the desire to find the person who best matches our job requirements and our needs at Santa Clara First Baptist. In this process, we have united as a committee toward a more common view of the person we are looking for. We have communicated by e-mail, phone and in person with selected candidates.

Even as the committee feels we are getting closer to the person God wants us to bring to the Church, the committee is concerned that we, as a congregation, need to make a commitment to our new Director of Youth by making sure that we have the money in the Church budget and in the Church bank account to keep paying our Director of Youth during these difficult economic times. Please consider doing what some have already done: decide on a specific amount of money to give monthly IN ADDITION to your existing tithe and begin giving that amount, indicating "Director of Youth" on the OTHER line of the giving envelope. Our youth are, in the view of the committee, the most important "mission field" of our Church.

Please continue to pray for God's leading in the hiring of the right person and in the financing of this key position on our Church staff. Thank you for your support and patience, as we hire our Director of Youth. Denise Stephens, Deacon of Maturity, 408- 926-9433.

SCFBC Financial Report

Santa Clara First Baptist is committed to helping people find Jesus as their Savior and developing them into disciples who call Him Lord. This ministry is the most important work in the world and requires an intense investment of people's time, talent, and treasure. Below you'll see how much is required financially to meet these goals in 2008. Prayerfully consider how you can give to generously accomplish God's work.

January 1 - October 19, 2008

Total income	\$ 318,553.50
Total expense	\$ 368,624.71
Difference	\$ -50,071.21

Property Corner

Brrr....., there is a chill in the air, must mean that it is "Fall"! Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 because Daylight Savings Time ends.

Fellowship Hall: We should all be pleased because all the work has been completed! The interior of this building has never looked better! Thanks again to everyone who helped complete this "big" project.

Ed Wing: Exterior lights were replaced just this past week by Jerry Cintas.

Sanctuary: Adam Burdick converted the stairs next to the Baptistery to a storage closet for band & music equipment and it looks super! Great job! Adam. Also, Adam repaired the exterior door frame on room 23 as termites were found in the wood!

Church Work Day – October 11, 2008: General cleaning was completed in the following areas: Pastor Rich's office, Pastor Jenny's office, and Dave Wilson's office. A big "Thanks" to Jerri Cooper who helped me with the cleaning. I would like to also thank Duane Esquibel and Steve Victorson who stopped by to help as well. The next church work day is being planned for the spring of 2009! Please check back for the date and if you see something that needs to be repaired/fixed or changed, please notify Dave Wilson or myself.

Church Van: CONGRATULATIONS to Jerry Cintas and Andrew Wong who both have passed the DMV written test and driving test! The first use of the van was a couple of weeks ago providing transportation to a youth conference!

Note: Anyone who is interested in becoming a "qualified" driver should please contact me or the church office for details. A "Class B" driver's license is required with a passenger certificate.

Bethlehem: Bethlehem is just around the corner, 12/11 thru 12/15! The first work day is Nov. 1 and continues each Saturday until construction is complete! So, please bring your gifts of talent and time for our biggest outreach of the year! Lunch is provided for all the "hungry" workers!

Verizon: A meeting was held to coordinate T-Mobile, Sprint & Verizon to submit plans to the City of Santa Clara for approval. The first draft of the plans are complete and being revised before submittal. No construction dates have been set as of this report. This is all due to a required power upgrade and separate electric meters for the phone carriers and our church.

Renovation: Nothing new to report, as the City of Santa Clara has not returned our plans.

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike D. – Property Deacon



Prayer Requests



Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

Each Sunday after service the Pastor remains up front to talk with you if you have questions, concerns, or have made a decision.

Prayer Requests for

- **Al Carlson**, whose wife, **Betty Lou**, passed away this past week.
- **Betty Hastings**, who is at home recuperating. *Good Samaritans* are staying with Betty from 12 Noon to about 3:00PM each day; if you are able to help, call Maxine at 241-7567.
- **MaryAnn Fairall's** granddaughter, **Autumn**, and her family during her ongoing leukemia treatments.

Praise Report

- **The City of Santa Clara has approved and returned our architectural drawings.**

Renovation Prayer Requests, Pray That

- We will each seek to answer the question, "What does Jesus want me to do for the renovation?"
- **SCFBC will be a united and stronger church** through the renovation.
- **The Capital Fundraising Team will have productive meetings.**

November People of Interest,

In August 1976, Glenn Stowell, his wife, Rose, and their children Maureen, David, Paul and Mark moved into their new home on Tulane Drive in Santa Clara. Rose and I were born and grew up in the small coastal town of Kingston, Massachusetts which is just north of Plymouth. You probably remember the story of Pilgrims arriving at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Pilgrims stepped onto Plymouth Rock while disembarking from the Mayflower's small rowboat, according to history books.



Glenn and Rose Stowell

Rose and I attended different elementary schools and met at our junior high school. We started dating and graduated together in 1946. Rose then headed off to secretarial school in Boston and a year later I joined the U.S. Navy and became a radio and radar operator with the Navy Airalets, but never served on a ship.

Rose and I went our separate ways and after three years in the Navy I moved to Longview, Texas and attended LeTourneau Technical Institute. The Institute was founded by R.G. LeTourneau, who invented many earthmoving machines.

On a trip back to Massachusetts Rose and I found each other again, and after my graduation, we married in 1955. We moved to Holbrook, Massachusetts and lived there for almost twenty years. We moved to California where I began working as a mechanical engineer at a new job. I began looking for a Baptist Church to attend and found SCFBC. Pastor Owen Miller was the senior Pastor at that time and Pastor Rich (who was still single) was his assistant Pastor, mentoring the youth.

It was at this church that we first met Mr. Aubie Harness and his wife, Jean. Rose and I joined the Philathians, a Sunday School Class that Mrs. Harness, Mrs. Lucille Gardner and Mrs. Betty Hickman had started. The Opportunity Class brought the truths of God's love to developmentally-challenged children and adults in a Sunday School class setting. These families all had children who would benefit; the children were joined by many other classmates over the years. It wasn't long before Jean invited me to become a member of her staff, where I remained for over twenty years. The church staff and family were very supportive and furnished teachers, song leaders and pianists.

Shortly after I joined the church, Pastor Miller asked me to become the church's representative to the Boy Scout Troop the church had sponsored since the early 1970's. The rewards of this community effort is evidenced by a plaque hanging in the Narthex with over eighty Eagle Scouts names engraved, including two of Pastor Rich's and Suzi's sons.

I thank God for his many blessings and as we remember the first anniversary of Rose's passing, my family and I, along with her many friends, are comforted by God's promise of an eternal life in Heaven.

Seniors/Birthday Lunch Bunch

Attention Seniors! The Birthday Bunch meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:45am, at various restaurants in the area. We'd like to invite you to join our fellowship and celebrate the birthdays of the month. We'll be meeting at the Elephant Bar on Stevens Creek Blvd.. Please join us! If you are planning to attend, we need your reservation. Please call Betty Downing at 244-5949.