

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

February Birthdays

Birthdays

1st Mary Wong
3rd Bea Sturtevant
5th Steve Victorson
6th Billie McPherson
7th Doris Smith
9th Bernice Schauble
11th Lois Lovelace
13th Alex Oliveira
15th Ayla Fung
16th Barbara Chicks
17th Royce Agustin
22nd Michael Depew
22nd Gary White
23rd Virginia Gehman
28th Geri Frescas

Anniversaries

14th Jon & Jennifer Hammar
14th Steve & Patti Victorson
20th Richard & Pat Graham

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

February 2009

Lent 2009

February 15 - April 5



**BECAUSE
IT'S TIME**

February 15
Lent Kick-off

March 4-7
72 Hours of Prayer

April 5
Palm Sunday

April 10
“Journey to the Cross”
Prayer Walk

April 12
Easter Celebration

LENT 2009

BECAUSE IT'S TIME

The season of Lent has traditionally been that special time in the Christian calendar in which we commit ourselves to taking further steps of personal growth in Christ. All of us want to “get better” in one or more life areas, but our busy lifestyles seem to leave no opportunity for us to take the time to concentrate on personal development.

Lent offers such a time. During Lent our entire church family is presented with a common growth plan which offers a focused, clear path for growth.

This year's theme is “*Because It's Time*”. We experience time as a series of events, strung together in a linear fashion. But, within these never-ending ticks of the clock, certain moments appear which are pregnant with possibilities. The Bible writers refer to these occasions by the term “in the fullness of time”. It was in the fullness of time that God sent His Son into the world to redeem us (Galatians 4:4). Jesus announced that the time was fulfilled for the Kingdom to arrive (Mark 1:15). What “time” is it for you?

The following sections explain the upcoming opportunities you'll have to discover the answer to that question for yourself.

Prayer Preparation:

There has been much talk about the Renovation Project for quite awhile;
now is the time you can become actively involved.

Jesus said, “When two or three come together in My name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20)

When we join together in prayer, we unite our hearts to touch God's heart and, in turn, He touches ours with His vision and His desires.

SCFBC has been lead to embark on a renovation project for the church “*Because It's Time*”. As we move closer and prepare for the renovation project this year, it's vital that we are diligent in praying for the many issues that will present themselves to our church family in the upcoming months.

Because of this need, we are asking you to come during this special time to pray together as a body at SCFBC on **Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30 pm** in preparation for this specific project in our church's life.

Please join this important prayer opportunity.

Sermon Series:

During Lent our morning and evening messages will lay out the following possibilities for you:

February 15	<i>Because It's Time to Shine</i>
February 22	<i>Because It's Time to Forgive</i>
March 1	<i>Because It's Time to Let Go</i>
March 8	<i>Because It's Time to Speak Out</i>
March 15	<i>Because It's Time to Quit</i>
March 22	<i>Because It's Time to Give</i>
March 29	<i>Because It's Time to Serve</i>

February Calendar Events

Saturday Feb. 1

9:15am Back to Basics #4– Rm 19-Pastor

9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg – Parlor

Wednesday Feb 4

10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N.

7:30p–The Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary

Thursday Feb 5 to 7

EHC homeless housing–Karen 246-6253

Saturday Feb 7

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19 Rhonda

Sunday Feb 8 Scout Sunday

12p June Mexico Trip Information Mtg – Narthex – Tim 416-8471

12p Mission Team Mtg– Lib–Karen–246-6253

6:30pm June Mexico Trip Information Mtg – Narthex – Tim 416-8471

Monday Feb 9

7:30p Finance Comm Mtg–Lib–Steve E.

Tuesday Feb 10

12:30pm Bethell Circle – TBD

Wednesday Feb 11

12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor

7pm -Capital Fundraising Team – Library

Thursday Feb 12

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

Friday thru Monday Feb 13-16

Reflect Winter Retreat–Andrew 278-1996

Sunday Feb 15 - Lenten Series Starts

9:15am Freed-Up #1 – Parlor – Pastor Rich/Susi

12-3p Capital Fund Raising Team – Library

Monday Feb 16

President's Day Holiday – Office Closed

Wednesday Feb 18

6pm -CityTeam Outreach –Jonathan 813-2505

Thursday Feb 19

11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch Betty

Sunday Feb 22

9:15am Freed-Up #2 – Parlor-Pastor Rich/Susi

12pm Quarterly Family Gathering with lunch annual report presentation

6:30p Quarterly Family Gathering with dessert social annual report presentation

Wednesday Feb 25

7pm -Capital Fundraising Team– Library

Friday thru Sunday Feb 27–March 1

Element Winter Retreat-Jerry 615-1690

Saturday Feb 28

8-10a Brothers in Christ–Adam 249-4621

8:30am March Diaconate Meeting–Library

10am Leadership training –Lib-MaryAnn

Up-coming Events

MARCH

1-9:15am Freed-Up #3–Parlor Pastor Rich/Susi

1- 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg – Rm 19/20

4 - 10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N

4 - 7:30p–The Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary

6 – World Day of Prayer

7 - 9a-4p –Freed Up – TBD – Pastor Rich/Susi

7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19/20

8 -9:15am Freed-Up #4 – Parlor

8 -12p Mission Team Mtg–Lib–Karen–246-6253

9 -7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg–Lib–Steve E.

10 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Maxine's home

11-12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle–Helen H.

11 - 7pm -Capital Fundraising Team – Lib

12 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

14 – 9am ABW Coastal Valley Rally – carpool to PA – Barbara C. 739-2935

14 – 10am–Bowlathon Youth Fundraiser - Moonlite Bowl - Mary

14– 10am–Katrina DuBord's Baby Shower

15 - 9:15am Freed-Up #5 – Parlor

15 -12-2p -Capital Fundraising Team – Library

18 – 6pm - CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

19 -11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch

20 – 6-10pm June Mexico Trip Training – FH

21–12pm ABW Scholarship Benefit Lunch California Arts – Barbara C 739-2935

22 - 9:15am Freed-Up #6 – Parlor

25 – 7pm Leadership Harvest dessert events

28 - 8-10am Brothers in Christ – Kitchen

28 - 7pm –All Church Harvest Dinner – FH

APRIL

1 - 10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N.

1 - 7:30p – The Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary

4 - 8:30am April Diaconate Mtg–Lib–Steve M.

4 – 9-3pm June Mexico Trip Training – FH

4 - 10am Leadership training - MaryAnn

4 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

5 – Palm Sunday Service- “Celebration Sunday”

5 - 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19

8 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Gladys' home

9 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

10 - **Good Friday Holiday – office closed**

10 - “Journey To the Cross” – Sanctuary

11 – Manna Easter Breakfast Food Prep – Adam 249-5903

12 - 9am Easter Sunday Breakfast

12-12p Mission Team Mtg–Lib–Karen

13 - 7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib– Steve E.

14 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Gloria's home

15–6pm -CityTeam Outreach–Jonathan

16 – 11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch

Person of Interest,

I was born in Spokane, Washington and moved to San Jose when Western Electric transferred my father to California in 1964. I have been attending Santa Clara First Baptist Church ever since and was baptized at this church on May 8, 1977.



The church has been a very important part of my life, and many of the people who attended this church influenced the person I would later

become. When I was five-years-old I began singing in the children's choir and around the age of ten, I performed in my first children's choir musical, "The Boy Who Caught the Fish" by Betty Wernersbach. At age 16, I had my first opportunity to tour some of the western states with the Santa Clara First Baptist Church youth choir called, "The Salvation Sowers", led by Bruce Simpkins.

My interest in music continued to grow during this time and I began writing music. With the influence of songwriter and adult choir director, Ron Soderwall, I decided to write an anthem for our youth choir called, "Thank You Lord", that was sung on May 21, 1978 during the Family Worship Service. I continued to write music, but shifted my writing to children's music. In 1979 the David C. Cook publishing company published my first song and several years later they hired me to write songs for their 1987-88 teaching packets. A few years ago, I did some writing and recording work that turned several Bible verses into short songs that teachers can use with preschool children to promote scripture memory.

Paul and Trina Vossen were also church members who shaped my interest in music. Paul created the music group, "Shekinah", and I have had an opportunity to sing in this group ever since.

Another area of my life that was greatly shaped by the Church was my interest and passion in teaching young children. As a teenager, I had an opportunity to assist in the four- and five-year-old Sunday School Class (now known as the Sonshiners class). I also volunteered to work during VBS as an assistant. It wasn't long before I began to feel that God was leading me into the field of Early Childhood Education. In 1980, I began taking classes in ECE at De Anza College and later completed my A.A. in the field of Human Development. After my first year of classes the Lord opened the door for me to work at De Anza as a one-year full replacement for a teacher that would be out on a sabbatical that year. By the end of my contract, the center went through some changes that opened another opportunity for me to work indefinitely as a part-time teacher at the school. My job was to educate young children and work closely with the families and help train students. With the support of my family, colleagues, and faculty I was able to continue with my education and received my B.A. degree in Human Development at Pacific Oaks College. I have worked full time at the center for 28 years.

Before working full-time at De Anza I worked for a variety of other centers on a part-time basis. After working at the Christian Daycare Center located at our church, I was led to Bethel Lutheran School in Cupertino where I worked for 12 years. At this center I was able to combine my teaching with my love for God.

Currently at Santa Clara First Baptist I am still involved in Shekinah and the Choir. I am also still teaching Sunday School to the first graders, a ministry that I have been privileged enough to teach for almost 30 years! I have a faithful friend and assistant in Pat Graham, who has been with me for 12 years. With the use of the web, I have been able to expand my Sunday School ministry over the internet, and have developed the Sonshiners web page, (www.angelfire.com/ca/sonshiners), that shares our weekly activities with those who are not able to come on Sunday. At Bethlehem, if you see the angel, that's me. I've been doing it for seven years

Our congregation is very blessed to have a man like Bill Wright who loves us and the Lord!

Life Group Experiences

Several of our Life Groups will be using curriculum created specifically for this Lenten Series. We encourage everyone to participate in a Life Group for the 7 weeks of Lent. Participation in a small group will further your understanding of the series' topics, and greatly increase the impact of the teachings on your life. Take a look at the list below and begin praying about which group God is leading you to be a part of. If you have any questions about our groups, or would appreciate assistance in choosing a group to attend, please contact Pastor Jenny at (408) 241-7635. Pastor Jenny will also be in the Lobby after both services at the "Because It's Time" information table to offer assistance.

Monday Morning:

10:30am—Senior's Life Group, led by Pastor Rich 241-7635

Tuesday Evening:

6:30pm—Resonate Life Group, led by Joel Robinson 554-1728
7:00pm—IMPACT Life Group (18-30yrs), led by Jerry and Sharon Cintas 615-1690
7:00pm—GROW Group, led by Joan Friesen 650-879-9469
7:00pm—Young Marrieds Life Group, contact is Joel Ebel 624-1078
7:30pm—X-Factor, led by Jonathan Fung 246-2979

Wednesday Evening: 7:00pm—Ratcliff Life Group, led by Mike Depew 270-4832

Friday Evening: 6:30pm—Family Life Group, led by Jennifer Hammar 248-2078

Saturday: 3:00pm—Mother's Life Group, led by Daena Yuksel 774-9350

Sunday: 9:15am—Adult Sunday School Class, led by Denise Stephens 926-9433

Freed-Up Financial Living:

Sundays	February 15th - March 22nd,	9:15-10:15 AM	Parlor
Saturday	March 7th	9:00 AM-4:00 PM	Fireside Room

Beginning February 15th, Pastor Rich and Susi will host a Life Class on Sunday mornings at 9:15-10:15 AM entitled "Freed-Up Financial Living". This six-week class is designed to provide practical tools to help those who attend to better handle their finances.

Because of classroom size limitations, the Sunday morning class will be offered to the first 20 people who sign up and purchase a workbook for \$20. (Married couples can share a workbook.) A second opportunity will be offered as an all-day class on Saturday, March 7th. This class will also be limited to 20 attendees.

To sign up for the Sunday morning class, contact Susi Reaves after the Family Worship on February 1st and 8th, after EDGE Worship on February 8th, by email at angelchild2053@aol.com or by phone at 379-8494. Sign-ups can also be made through the church office by calling 241-7635 or by indicating interest on the registration cards at a worship service.

Prayerfully consider getting "Freed-Up" and accomplish more with your God-given resources. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Rich or Susi.

Take a trip back in time to the HOLY LAND FAMILY ADVENTURE:

The Children's Ministry (Ages 4 through 5th Grade) and their families are invited to join us during the Sunday school hour beginning at 9:15 AM each week from Feb. 15th through April 5th to experience and learn about Jewish customs and traditions and the events surrounding Christ's death and resurrection. The series will end with a Family Worship Service on Easter Sunday. We look forward to seeing you. SHALOM

Capital Fund - Raising Campaign

I'm happy to announce that the time has come for SCFBC to kick-off the Fund-Raising aspect of our Renovation Project. Beginning Sunday, **February 15**, we will begin distributing an important information packet to the church family which will contain vital information concerning the nature of the campaign and its key dates.

Let me share three of these dates right now:

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| March 28 | All-Church Dinner (a time to make our commitments in response to God's call) |
| March 29 | First Gifts Sunday (a time to give to God our first financial gifts and commitment cards) |
| April 5 | Celebration Sunday (a time to celebrate God's goodness through the generosity of His people) |

Put these dates on your calendar and continue to use the prayer we're using as our Campaign Prayer, "*Lord, what would you have me to do?*"

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Property Department

Sanctuary Building: The door to the Parlor was removed and replaced by Adam Burdick. Thanks, Adam! The right-hand door to the Narthex Entrance (parking lot side) needs to be refastened and should be completed soon! We are also looking at fixing up the janitors closet.

Renovation Project: Plans have been approved, returned and a building permit has been issued by the City of Santa Clara. The plans will be sent out to at least 2 general contractors for updated cost analysis. Stay tuned for more information in next months report.

Power Upgrade: This project is not part of the renovation and is being required by the City of Santa Clara because of the cell phone carrier power requirements.

This project will be paid for by Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon. More information should be available soon.

Cost Control: To help control costs, the property dept. is looking into ways that we can reduce the maintenance and repair costs associated with our facilities. Any ideas/suggestions that you may have can be passed along to the property dept.

Also, as a reminder that if anyone see's something in need of repair, please contact myself or Dave Wilson at the church office.

Mike Depew, Property Deacon

Various Tid-Bits

Information desk: Jane Bush and Kate Douglas have graciously agreed to staff the information desk after morning worship and be available for newcomer information, and handing out a gift bag, class registrations or general SCFBC information.

Church Membership or Baptism: If you have been wondering how to become a member of Santa Clara First Baptist Church, ask either Pastor Rich, or Pastor Jenny or Jerri Cooper, Membership Deacon, for more information. Membership is not a requirement for attending SCFBC but if you are a member it means that you will be able to serve as a Deacon, be a Class leader when called and vote at the Quarterly Business meetings.

Fellowship Fund: Through God's grace and your generosity, SCFBC is able to help out people when unexpected financial needs arise. If you or someone in your family or the church family having this need you can call Pastor Rich, Pastor Jenny, Dave Wilson in the office at 241-7635 or Jerri Cooper, Membership Deacon, at 984-0908.

Food Pantry: Through the food pantry we continue to supply bags of food for people who need it. If you or anyone you know needs a little assistance with food let them know they can come by the church office Monday - Thursday (8:30-5:30pm) and ask for a couple of bags of groceries. Thank you for leaving non-perishable donations for this cause such as tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit and vegetables, in addition to the paper bags with handles in the wooden box in the Narthex. We are blessed to help several families each month.

Youth News

Reflect High School Group



Reflect began the new year by getting back into the usual routine. Andrew taught one week about how to leave last year behind us, and adopt a new mentality regarding our spiritual lives. Alexandra taught another week about reading into the context of our bibles and used the story of Jesus' last night on earth. It was awesome to really dig into the word and discuss what was going on at the time. Mary went to the Old Testament and spoke about the covenant between Jonathan and David, and how we could use the example of this covenant in our lives today. Guys

from Reflect also enjoyed a guys night on Friday, where we played video games, board games, skateboarded, played dodge ball, and ate lots of pizza. The following Friday, the girls had their turn, enjoying video games, board games, and ate fondue.



The Element Jr. High Group

Element began the new year strong, despite Jerry being gone for a few weeks. Liz Poche stepped in to lead worship, with the youth rocking out as usual. Andrew led off the new year talking about starting the new year with a new mentality. Christine taught another week about waiting on God. Amy taught the next week using John's teachings from 1 John to highlight the importance of loving one another. Element guys also enjoyed the guys



night, with Mark Reiley singing his heart out to the rock hits. The girls also had their own night the next week, especially enjoying RockBand.



Sunday Groups

Committed is continuing our study of the book of Mark, reading the first teachings of Jesus and how they still apply in our lives today. The AB Girls group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet in the youth room to watch and discuss the *Gilmore Girls* series.

~Youth Staff *Danijela, Sean, Alexandra, Liz, Fion, Amy, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew*

Upcoming EVENTS

Feb 5th - Element Movie Night

Feb 13th - 16th - Reflect Winter Retreat

Feb 27th - Mar 1st - Element Winter Retreat

More events at www.scfbc.org/element & www.scfbc.org/reflect

Mexico Outreach 2009

Plans are already underway for our annual weeklong trip to Ensenada, Mexico. This year's trip will be from June 20th to June 28th. This trip, a life changing trip for many, will be led this year by Fion Cheng and Tim McLenegan. The cost of the trip will be \$400, but many fundraisers will be held leading up to the trip. An informational meeting will be held **February 8th** after each worship service for those interested. This trip is open to anyone completing 8th grade or higher, and adults are welcome as well.



Prayer Chain: Betty Hastings leads the telephone prayer chain, if you have prayer requests you can call her at 866-1551 or email Jim Lovelace at deloys@aol.com and they will forward your prayer request to others. Mention to Jim if you want to be added to the email list. This team of prayer warriors has been a blessing uplifting others in prayer.

Volunteers: Are you looking for a place to serve? The office is looking for volunteers to help with the following ministries, if you have a few hours each week, please let Dave Wilson in the office know:

Monday mornings to copy and mail sermon CD's to shut-ins, sanctuary cleaning, or other items during the week. Phone coverage on Tuesday from about 10am to 12:00pm. Computer work and data entry is available if you are interested.

Good Samaritans: Maxine Darknell leads this group of volunteers who help out for rides, odd jobs around the home - inside and outside, and/or visitations. Call her at 241-7567 if you have a need or would be available periodically to help someone else.

Jerri Cooper, Membership Deacon

Children's Ministry

It is hard to believe we are well into the New Year and ready to begin our Lent Series.

We would like to invite you to come and join us for a **Holy Land Family Adventure** in the children's ministry beginning on February 15, 2009 and continuing through Easter Sunday.

At 9:15am each Sunday morning you can join your elementary aged children in a journey back to a simpler era and learn about life in Bible times. We will be learning about Jewish traditions, going to the market, playing the kinds of games that kids played in Jerusalem, learning new songs and offering a time for families to be together and experience and talk about the differences between then and now.

At 10:30am everyone will go to the main worship service and then the children will be dismissed after the Children's Moment to continue their experience at "Synagogue School" and will learn about the times and events leading up to the Cross.

We are offering this as an outreach ministry and would like you to invite your friends and family members to share in this adventure. Our prayer is that we will reach new families and that they may come to know Christ and to bring our existing families together for a growth experience, building memories to share for a lifetime.

The nursery continues to grow and I am still looking for volunteers that would love to nurture and play with our newest arrivals. We want to have enough loving arms to make sure our little ones are safe and well cared for during their stay in the nursery. Please contact me if you feel led to serve in this ministry.

As we reach out to new families and their children, we also need to provide teachers and workers that are willing to invest in their spiritual growth and build a firm foundation for them to build their lives on. We have a place for YOU on our team. If you are hearing that still small voice, STOP and answer the call. You can contact me by phone or e-mail to learn more about this opportunity and are welcome to attend our next Children's Ministry meeting on February 15th after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

Please continue to pray for guidance and wisdom as we seek to serve Him.

In Christ,

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

Senior/Birthday Lunch Bunch

Special announcement: Our Birthday Lunch meetings have changed from 3rd to the 4th Thursdays monthly.

We will meet on Thursday, February 26th at 11:45 at the Sizzler on Bowers. We invite you to join us for our monthly events. Please come and join us for wonderful Christian fellowship.

Contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.