

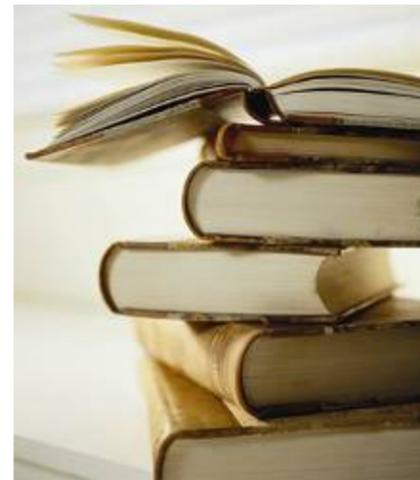
Our Mission:
What are we here for?

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

May 2009



Library Ministry

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2nd Elianna Lageschulte
4th Shari Burdick
5th Jasmine Jackson
6th Tiah Esquibel
7th Mike Smith
8th Joel Robinson
10th April Starnes
11th Rudy DuBord III
12th Doonu Barife
12th Bob Smithson
13th David Lageschulte
13th Glenn Stowell
14th Selena Marquez
20th Dave Wilson
21st Rosanna Feldman
23rd Virginia Newcomb
26th Denise Stephens

26th Timothy Coral
27th Margery Torres
31st Bill Starnes

Anniversaries

1st Ron & Cherie Willcox
14th Duane & Rosemarie Esquibel
20th Michael & Dorothy Depew

Library Week is scheduled each month following Communion Sunday. Here are the **Library Hours**:

Sunday — 12pm-1pm, and 4:15-5:15pm
Wednesday — 6:30pm-7:25pm
Thursday — 12pm-4pm

Special arrangements can be made for group visits as well.

The Library has a wide variety of books including fiction and non-fiction, children's books, devotionals, resource books, teen books, Life Group resources and more. The inventory is constantly being updated. Donations and suggestions are welcome!

Special Library Ministry Event: **Book Sale**
Saturday, June 13th from 9am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall

Renovation News



**Because
It's Time**

*God is good, all the time!
And all the time, God is good!*

God continues to be good to SCFBC through the generous giving of our people to our Renovation project. On our **First Gifts Sunday** our people gave the largest one-day offering this church has ever experienced:

\$162,923!

In the following three Sundays additional cash donations have been given amounting to \$9,642, bringing the total amount given to:

\$172,565!

From the size of these gifts it's likely that these additional donations were a continuation of the First Gifts giving and not people's monthly pledges.

It's certainly not too late to make your own pledge to our Renovation project if you haven't already done so. Additional pledge cards are available in the church office.

Building Committee

Now that we have working capital to use it's time to put it to good use. We've formed a Building Committee to plan and oversee the actual construction. Its members are Jerry Cintas, Lloyd Darknell, Mike Depew, Joe Lasher, and David Wilson Jr. These men will first work on the priority order of the renovation projects and how we will contract out the work that our church volunteers can't do.

This committee will then present their plans for congregational review at our next Quarterly Family Gathering on May 17. Please mark this important date on your calendar.

May Calendar Events

MAY

Friday May 1

6-10pm June Mexico Trip Trng – FH - Tim

Saturday May 2

8:30am Diaconate Meeting– Lib– Steve

10am Leadership training - Library

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 Rhonda

246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

Sunday May 3

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

9:15am Back to Basics #1–Rm 19–Pastor Rich

12pm Choir practice – choir room - Sue

Wednesday May 6

10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N.

7:30p – Upper Room Prayer Service –

Thursday May 7

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 –

Friday May 8

6pm June Mexico Trip Training – FH – Tim

7pm Napa 1st Baptist Church Youth - FH

Saturday May 9

1-4pm ABW Spring Tea/Fashion Show – SV Art Insti-

tute - Barbara C. 739-2935

Sunday May 10 Mother's Day/Kid's Sunday

9:15a Back to Basics#2–Rm 19–Pastor Rich

12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen

Tuesday May 12

12:30pm Bethell Circle – Jean Rund's home

Wednesday May 13

12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor

Friday – Sunday May 15-17

ABW Mt.Herman Conf. – Barbara C. 739-2935

Sunday May 17

9:15am Back to Basics 3–Rm 19–Pastor Rich

9:45am Choir practice – choir room - Sue

12pm Quarterly Business Meeting/lunch

12pm Sight singing/piano class – choir room

6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting/dessert

Monday May 18

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

Wednesday May 20

6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

Saturday May 23

8-10am Brothers in Christ –Adam 230-6848

10–3pm June Mexico Trip Trng– FH - Tim

Sunday May 24

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

12pm Choir practice – choir room – Sue

No AWANA

**Monday May 25 - Memorial Day Holiday –
Office Closed**

Thursday May 28

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

Upcoming events

JUNE

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

3 - 7:30p – The Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary

6 - 8:30am Diaconate Meeting – Lib – Steve M

6 – 9a-3p June Mexico Trip Training – FH - Tim

6 -10am Leadership training

6 -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry –Rm 19 – Rhonda

6– College Outreach Dodgeball – 6-9 pmJerry

615-1690

7 - 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg–Rm 19–Pastor

Jenny

7 – 9:15am SHAPE Class #1 – Rm 19

7 – 5:15pm AWANA Awards Ceremony

10–11am ABW Year end Picnic Potluck – Ellen

11–10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19– Rhonda

13-9-2pm SCFBC Library Book Sale-Fellowship

14 – 9:15am SHAPE Class #2– Rm 19

14-12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen

15-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Steve E

17–6pm CityTeam Outreach–Jonathan 813-2505

19-27 - Mexico Mission Outreach – Fion/Tim

21 – Father's Day

21 – 9:15am SHAPE class #3 – Rm 19

25 -11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch –Betty

27 - 8-10am Brothers in Christ –Adam

27 - 8:30am July Diaconate Mtg – Lib – Steve

27 -10am Leadership Training - Lib

28 – 9:15am – SHAPE class #4 – Rm 19

JULY

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

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

3/5 Mens Retreat–Redwood Glen-Jerry 6151690

4 – Independence Day –Office Closed

4 - 5pm Neighborhood Outreach

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

8 -12:30p Baits/Turley Crl Potluck – Altman's

9 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

11-9a-3pm Church Work Day – Mike 691-1441

12-12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen

15 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

20-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Library –

20-31Annual Costa Rica Trip – Joan 650-879-9469

23 - 11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch

25 – 8-10am - Brothers in Christ – Fireside –

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

Reflect finished up the Because it's Time series with **Mary** and **Lexi** finishing the series. **Mary** taught about service and about how we should learn from the example of Moses and not make excuses that we aren't ready.

Lexi taught about stepping out of our comfort zones and shared how this makes us grow. One night in March, we invaded La Paloma Restaurant for their \$2 enchilada night. With our own room to ourselves, we consumed



more than 40 enchiladas! Instead of our 12 mile hike, we spent a Friday during Spring Break hiking in Rancho San Antonio park. It was a beautiful day enjoying the view of the south bay at the peak. Reflect also officially welcomed **Danielle Drayer** as another mentor. Danielle has already been blessing our group for awhile with her singing and warm heart.



The Element Jr. High Group

Element has just finished up the Because it's Time series which was a great opportunity to focus on skills that we all need as Christians. We will be moving into a small group format where we will be focusing on getting more in depth on certain topics by breaking the students up to help have more discussion. **Christine** has been focusing on her new child this last month and the other mentors have been stepping up to focus on Thursday nights and the kids. We had a great time hiking at Rancho San Antonio over spring break and hiked to the top of a mountain and looked out over the Bay Area. We then enjoyed a picnic down on the ground in an old hay barn.



Sunday Groups

Committed completed 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 is on break for a little while as Mary is preparing for the new baby.

~Youth Staff *Danijela, Eric, Alexandra, Danielle, Liz, Fion, Amy, Kim, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew*

Mexico Outreach 2009

Plans are already underway for our annual weeklong trip to Ensenada, Mexico. This year's trip will be from June 19th to June 27th. 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. This trip is open to anyone completing 8th grade or higher, and adults are welcome as well.



Upcoming EVENTS
May 9th - Great America Christian Music Day
May 28th - Element Homeless Outreach

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

Property Corner

Church Work Day: The church work day was held on April 18, 2009. I would like to personally thank the following people who gave of their time and talents: Dave, Ron, Trisha, Ken H., Ken R., Karena, Amy, Adam, and Dan. Dan also donated a new squeegee, wash head, and extension pole for window cleaning, thanks Dan.

Here are the work day items that were completed:

- Ed Wing and Fellowship Hall pressure washed and upper windows of Fellowship Hall cleaned
- Grates in floor straightened, primed and painted, Roof patched at Fellowship Hall corridor
- Windows clean in Ed Wing, Sanctuary cleaned and dusted, Flowers taken down at cross
- Drain cleared in copy room, Office cleaned and dusted
- Windows cleaned around Sanctuary and Office, 2 sprinklers fixed (next to playground)

Power Upgrade:

Work should begin soon on the power upgrade for the Church, T-Mobile, Sprint and Verizon

Renovation:

Details are being finalized for the following items:

- Building Committee
- Work Phases
- Work Schedules
- Church Family Presentation

Property Maintenance Team:

The property dept. is looking into the possibility of forming a "team" to take care of the weekly and monthly duties associated with our property to help save money. These items include: Lawn mowing, fertilizing, trimming, plant trimming, sprinkler repair, etc. I would like to form 2 (3 person teams) who would alternate on a weekly basis to help take care of the lawns and property..... Anyone who is interested in volunteering on a weekly or monthly basis should contact Dave Wilson at the church office or Mike Depew at 270-4832 hm or 691-1441 cell.

Fellowship Hall & Ed Wing: Here is a reminder for all of those who work/volunteer/help/use the rooms in the Ed Wing and Fellowship Hall. When leaving the room or building please observe the following:

Room or Building Check Lists:

All lights are turned off, Heater/AC is turned off, Windows closed and locked, Doors closed and locked

Note: New reminder notices will be posted in each classroom soon! If there is anything that is broken or in need of repair please report it to the office.

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike Depew, Property Deacon

Missions, America For Christ

The America For Christ organization chose Discipleship as it's theme for 2009 and produced a journal covering specific topics for each month. For the month of May, they are:

Discipleship Focus: Vocation
Mediation Topic: On Purpose

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps.

1 Peter 2:21

Think about the expectation that the disciples might have had when they first met Jesus. They each had their own ideas about what following Jesus could accomplish for them, being less focused on what Jesus was really all about. The two brothers wanted positions, many wasted a revolt, some executive posts, others were unsure. Nevertheless, they followed Jesus. They walked with Him in the cities and through the dry treacherous desert places, to the mountains and over the valleys. They sat with Him along the beautiful and serene shores of the Galilee Lake, and boated with Him in the storms met with calm. They even slumbered with Him in uncomfortable places. Not quite the travelogue that any of us would have signed up for.

They did more than travel with Jesus, however. The disciples also learned from Him as best they could. One time they returned from a field experience having not had the smallest capacity of faith to loose a father's son from the evil spirit that held him in emotional, psychological, physical, and spiritual bondage; yet they kept going.

Time and again they watched their teacher and mentor work wonders and miracles to the glory of God. Water becomes wine, the deaf hear, the lepers cured, the blind see, the lame walk, the hungry fed, children are welcomed and women host Him, follow Him, learn from Him, and serve Him. "And so much more than this will you do," Jesus tells them.

Jesus secures our capacity to do what is ours to do. What confidence we've been given! We are supported and sustained by God. Like these disciples sometimes we doubt ourselves. We might even wonder if we are doing any good, or that our actions are too small to matter. It matters to the least of these who are in prisons and we visit them; hungry and we fed them; sick and we aid them; homeless and we give them shelter; lost and we show them to. Jesus. It matters when our efforts are on purpose, aligned with Jesus' purpose.

Above is just a brief example of what the journals are like; we ordered a supply of them and expect delivery in about a week. Once the journals arrive a notice will be placed in the bulletin and they'll be placed on the information table in the Narthex.

People of Interest



Stacey & Helen Hawkins

I was born on Chicago's West Side into a Polish American Catholic family. After my mother divorced my father we lived in a large house with my grandparents, aunts and uncles. When mom remarried we went to live with my stepfather, who was very good to me. I attended five different schools in a short time which didn't help my self confidence.

I graduated from Sarragut High School in the top half of my class. In my first job I worked for Smoller Brothers Manufacturing as a stenographer for a few years. Later Bell Telephone offered me a better salary as a phone operator which is where I worked until I was married.

I enjoyed working there and participating in volleyball and baseball games. Bell Telephone competed in games with other companies in which we

won trophies and medals. After a marriage of two decades and four children, and a very painful divorce, I decided to move to California. I began working at Kaiser Hospital, at first as a linen room supervisor and then as a housekeeping supervisor. A neighbor introduced me to Santa Clara First Baptist Church where my son, Walter, and I became members. He was baptized at our church and that was a very exciting day for me. I will never forget our church's friendliness, compassion and generosity when Walter passed away from a freak accident in 1968. We have such a wonderful church and church family. I am forever thankful. Susi Reaves led me to help in the Toddler class and I later taught with Glenn Stowell in the Opportunity Class (which was a class for the mentally handicapped up to the age of 40). I also joined the ABW circle and served as secretary and treasurer for three years. In my later years, I am still enjoying the circle, White Cross, Seamen's Mission and my Monday Morning Bible classes with Pastor Reaves.

We are so blessed to have Helen as a member of our church and she is such an asset to our Seniors' Monday Morning Life Class!

Doris Smith,

Roving Reporter

Children's Ministry

Dear Church Family,

The Children's Ministry has returned from Jerusalem and resumed regular programming. Our classrooms have returned to their present day appearance and teachers to their present day apparel!

As we approach summer, there are some changes that we need to prepare for:

Our Worship Hour Preschool teachers, Alex and Lucy Oliveira, will be returning to Brazil in June. We are all very sad to see them go, but understand their desire to be near their family as they raise their new son and continue to build their own family. We wish them the best and hope to see them occasionally. If you would be interested in working with the Children's Ministry in this capacity, please contact me.

I am also looking for someone who would be interested in working in the nursery on Sunday mornings on a regular basis as a consistent, steady face to the little ones. This offers comfort and a familiar face from week to week, which is beneficial to the parents entrusting their precious ones to us and to the babies themselves who can get to know their care provider in the absence of their parents. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please let me know.

Our teacher for the 2nd – 5th grade class will be unavailable this summer and I am looking for someone to work with this age group beginning the first week of June. If you are interested, you are welcome to join the class sooner to get to know the kids and develop a relationship prior to flying solo!

I am also ready to start recruiting volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Instead of running a traditional 5-day Monday through Friday program this summer, we are planning to try something different that we hope will encourage new families to attend with their children and be less taxing on the schedules of the volunteers. We are going to do a church-wide program that will run on 5 consecutive Sunday mornings beginning in mid-July. The theme will be ROME and we will be learning about Paul and the Underground Church. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex shortly.

Please continue to pray for this ministry and the salvation and Christian growth of our children.

In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton
tamcatbc@yahoo.com
408-348-3271

Good & Godly Humor

A little girl was talking to her teacher about Whales.

The teacher said that it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a large mammal its throat was very small.

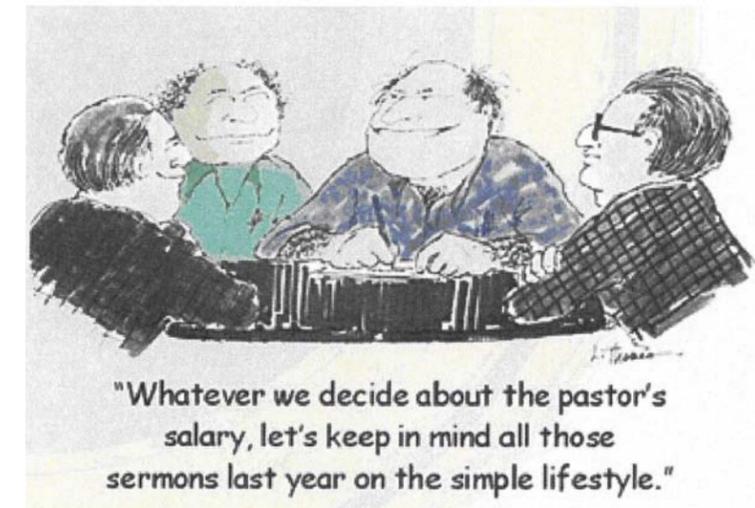
The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated, that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said when I get to heaven, I'm going to ask Jonah.

The teacher ask; What if Jonah went to hell?

The girl replied; Then you ask him.



Library Book Corner

Thank you, to everyone in the past for the work done to design and build the room, and organize the books - the Changs, the Lovelace's, the Victorsons, the Cintas', the Baynes, the Walz', the Gehmans and others I may not know about. The opening wouldn't have been possible without your dedicated work. We were encouraged by all who helped out and attended the Library Grand Opening on April 19th! If you are looking for a place to serve the Lord, you are cordially invited to join the Library Committee.

Library week is scheduled each month following communion Sunday "Library open hours" are

- 12pm – 1pm - after Sunday AM service,
- 4:15pm – 5:15pm one hour before EDGE service,
- 6:30pm-7:25pm before 'The Upper Room Prayer Service' on the first Wednesday, and
- 12pm – 4pm Thursday afternoon when the Library Committee is processing books.

June 13th book sale - book donations: We are accepting Christian book donations for the Library anytime – donated books will either be put in the library, donated to the Costa Rica School Library or if they are duplicates, we are having a **Book sale** on June 13th from 9am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are collecting all types of books to sell - the proceeds going to our now opened Library and to Centro Educativo Bautista del Caribe (the School in Costa Rica). If you have books to donate you can place them in the red tub in the narthex or contact Peg Shalloe at 410-8933 and she'll make arrangements to pick them up. Thank you Maxine for donating all the extra books left over from the rummage sale.

If you have any questions about book donations call Peggy Shalloe at 410-8933 or email at apey2many@att.net if you have additional ideas or want to volunteer contact Beth Kroll at unklebeth@sbcglobal.net or at 248-6610.

What type of books are YOU looking for? Commentaries... Christian novels... biographies...??? If you can't find the Christian book you are looking for, let us know on the back of the registration card and we will look for it for the library.

Book Review: If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for YOU as well. That's where you'll meet him: out where the sea is high and the footing impossible. As a follower of Jesus, you want to go where he calls you. But walk on water? What does that mean... facing your fears – choosing not to fear – discovering and embracing your unique calling from God – and experiencing the power of God in your life. In an engaging and humorous style, John Ortberg reflects on the biblical story in Matthew 14 and applies it to our lives today. Ortberg helps us to recognize what boat we're in and reminds us that we are not alone and Jesus will be there to pick us up. Ortberg prods the reader to enjoy the adventure – the journey – of getting out of the boat (i.e. our comfort zone) and refreshingly tells us that we are never quite the same after we say "Yes".



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- BART and transportations tickets
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- Lotto
- Charity icon sales, i.e. Shamrocks
- Fuel
- Check Cashing fee
- Senior & Liquor discounts
- Sales Tax

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