

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 2009

ROME FAMILY ADVENTURE SUMMER VBS - ALL AGES

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

1st Ellen Imhof
7th Laura Victorson
8th Nancy Beatty
8th Stacie Coral
8th Pat White
8th Joseph Juarez
11th Andrew Reaves
13th Cherron Rangel
14th Elizabeth Robichaud
16th Allyson Lageschulte
16th Cassie Harrell
17th Josie Hammar
27th Phil Gehman
27th Jennifer Hammar
27th Paul Lanier

Anniversaries

7th Bert & Evelyn Wendel
7th Troy and Andrea Murray
9th Paul & Meredith Lanier
12th Iker & Daena Yuksel
12th Mike & Doris Smith
14th Bill & Jenny Gregg
19th Charles & Barbara Chicks
20th Jerry & Sharon Cintas
24th Bob & Rusty Webber
25th Steve & Barbara McLenegan
25th Harold & Wilma Wright



VBS DATES

JULY 12TH

JULY 19TH

JULY 26TH

AUGUST 2ND

AUGUST 9TH

VBS TIMES

9AM - NOON

VBS News

VBS is just around the corner. We are taking a new approach to VBS this year in an effort to reach more unchurched people and to make VBS an experience for the entire church family to enjoy.

The program will run on Sunday mornings from 9 AM to 12 NOON on five consecutive Sundays from July 12th through August 9th. During the first hour (9-10:30am), children and their parents will experience the VBS games and crafts together. At 10:30 the VBS experience continues in the Sanctuary with worship, dramas, and an interactive message. Rather than simply being a summer program for kids, this family VBS is for all ages.

If you are interested in getting involved in the fun, please sign up at the display in the lobby or you can contact me directly via e-mail or phone. There are opportunities to be involved in crafts, games, group leading, drama and behind the scene opportunities in planning and decorating. Even if you are unable to volunteer for all 5 Sundays, (due to vacations etc..) but want to be involved, please sign up and we will work around your availability.

Our theme is ROME: Paul and The Underground Church. We will be learning what it was like to be part of the Christian community during that time. Please invite your friends and family to join us and experience this journey with you. I think we will all come out of this with a new appreciation and thankfulness for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. There will be inserts in the bulletin that you can turn in to sign up as well. I look forward to taking this journey together. **ARE YOU READY TO ROME?**

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

Renovation Update

We kicked off the renovation on May 18th by working on the first project in the renovation which is the parlor and kitchenette. We have a great crew working on the project and great progress is being made. God is amazing by providing just the right people at just the right time. We have already had huge savings on almost everything we have had to purchase because of people in the church with connections to the industry. This is allowing us to use high quality materials and equipment in the kitchenette and parlor.



In the next couple of months we will begin to focus on the lobby and restrooms so keep your eyes open for some great improvements in those areas. We sometimes need help cleaning up and moving materials around; if you have time during the week and want to lend a hand call Jerry at 615-1690.

Your Building Committee
Jerry Cintas, Joe Lasher, Mike Depew, Lloyd Darknell

June Calendar Events

One Great Hour of Sharing emphasis Wednesday June 3

10a White Cross-Rm 19-Virginia N. 266-1734
7:30p Upper Room Prayer Service-Jonathan 813-2505

Saturday June 6

8:30am Diaconate Mtg -Lib -Steve 249-4621
9a-3p June Mexico Trip Training - FH - Tim
10am Leadership training Chap. 7 - library
10am Prayer Quilt Ministry -Rm 19 -Rhonda 246-2242
11am Freed Up, 90 day follow up - Susi 375-7294
6pm College Outreach dodge ball - Jerry 615-1690

Sunday June 7

9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg. - Rm 19 - Pastor Jenny
12-1pm Library Open
4:15 - 5:15pm Library Open
5:15pm AWANA Awards Ceremony

Wednesday June 10

11am ABW End of year picnic potluck - Ellen's home

Thursday June 11

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda
12-4pm Library Open

Friday June 12

10-2 Set up Book Sale - FH - Peggy 410-8933

Saturday June 13

9-2pm SCFBC Library Book Sale-Fellowship

Sunday June 14

12p Mission Team Mtg -Library -Karen -246-6253

Monday June 15

7:30pm Finance Com Mtg - Library - Steve E. 243-7255

Wednesday June 17

6pm CityTeam outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
Friday June 19 -27 - Mexico Mission trip Outreach - Fion and Tim leading

Sunday June 21

Happy Father's Day

Thursday June 25

11:45a Sr/BD Lunch Bunch-Betty 244-5949

Saturday June 27

8-10am Brothers in Christ - Kitchen - Adam 230-6848
8:30am July Diaconate Meeting - Lib - Steve
10am Leadership Training - Lib

Upcoming events

JULY

1 - 10am White Cross - Rm 19 - Virginia N.
1 - 7:30pm Upper Room Prayer Service -
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

6 - Office Closed

8 -12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck- Altman's

9 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19

11-9am-3pm Church Work Day - Mike 691-1441

12-12pm Mission Team Mtg - Library - Karen

15 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan

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

22-30 Costa Rica Trip - Joan 650-879-9469

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

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

AUGUST

1 - 8:30am August Diaconate Mtg - Lib - Steve

1 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19- Rhonda

2 -9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg- Rm 19- Pastor Jenny

5 - 10am White Cross-Rm 19-Virginia N.

5 - 7:30p - The Upper Room Prayer Service

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

6-7 -9-5pm **Leadership Summit** - Church on the Hill - Susi 379-8494

9-12p Mission Team Mtg-Lib-Karen- 246-6253

12 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck - Rusty Webber's home

14 -16-Element Summer Retreat- Jerry 615-1690

17 - 7:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg -Lib- Steve E.

19 -6p CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505

20 -23 HS Summer Retreat -Mammoth Lake -Andrew 278-1996

22- 8-10am Brothers in Christ - Adam 230-6848

27 -11:45a Sr/BD Lunch Bunch-Betty 244-5949

29 - 8:30am Sept Diaconate Mtg-Lib-Steve

30 - **Worship in the Park** - Central Park - Sharon 615-1690

A Salute to our 2009 Graduates

Pastor's Corner



Daniel M. Rogers, son of Judy Eshelman,
BA Degree California State University at
Stanislaus

Christopher McLenegan
BA Degree in Electronic Media and Film
Eastern Washington University

High School

Andrew Jackson
Angela Savedra
Jon Michael Stephens
Justin Pohlman
Katrina DuBord
Laura Arasmith
Marshall Varner
Matt Taylor
Michael Reiley
Robert Gregoire
Wendy Gregg

8th Grade

Alaina Hawkins
Ashley Harrell
Athena Raymond
Deion Willcox
Jon Tomasian
Paul Seo
Emma Beall
Rachel Richofsky
Theresa Spears
Sarah Simmons

5th Grade

Timothy Coral
Dillon Degala
Kelsey Hagan
Hannah Lageschulte
John Yee
Elizabeth Robichaud

Back in the summer of 2005 Susi and I drove across the United States and back. We took one route going east and another on the return drive. We were able to see a lot of this wonderful country of ours, watch our son Andrew graduate from the US Naval Academy, and visit with both friends and family along the way. But, I must say...It was good to get back home as well.

To complete any significant journey is a satisfying accomplishment. This has certainly been true as it relates to our Renovation Project. For years we have been dreaming, planning, and working on a renovation plan to bring our facilities up to date and make them more effective in ministry, more welcoming to newcomers and ADA compliant.

At our May 17 Quarterly Business Meeting our congregation approved the Renovation plans by a unanimous vote. This vote came on the heels of an amazing outpouring of generosity by our church congregation on First Gifts Sunday when we received \$162,923 towards the project.

And so, as we have finished the preparation phase of the Renovation, we have now begun a new journey - the Renovation itself. This journey will also be a long one. We currently estimate it will take two years to complete.

In actuality we will be able to proceed as fast as the pledges come in. Over half of the pledged amount has already been given. This has given us a great boost at the beginning and the work has already begun. (See Jerry Cintas' article for the actual Renovation progress report)

This Renovation will bring changes to our facilities. It will dislocate our ministries at times. It will make the place look and feel different. At times we may feel anxious, frustrated, or just plain out of sorts.

To help deal with these feelings, I'd like to suggest the following thought to remember while we travel down this new road, "*There is joy in the journey*". I can say that because the Savior of the world joins us in this journey. And when He is present, His love, joy, and peace are not far away. Make sure to stop along the way often and receive His abundant gifts. He can make this new journey a lot more pleasant for us all.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Finance Committee Report

Since the February Family Gathering the financial condition of the church has improved! As we compare giving year-to-date, General Fund Giving is nearly identical to last year at the same time (4/30/2009); in fact, within \$100.00 (this excludes contributions toward the Renovation Project). Considering the current economic times this is good, however compared to the actual budget we are still down from our hopeful projections by \$20,000.00 year-to-date.

The budget projections are based upon growth of the church which includes missions and various outreach programs. Just like many of our personal finances though, our expenses seem to be rising and a stagnant growth in revenue is gradually pulling us into the red. It is positive to note that we are definitely in an improved condition compared to February. However, as of April 30th we have still experienced a year-to-date loss of approximately \$8,000.00, despite the loss, the financial condition of the Church is sound.

The Finance Committee has requested that all expenses be reviewed to minimize excess spending and will be implementing guidelines to help manage expenses. There are two basic components to any budget: Income and Expenses. It is the church leadership's and staff's responsibility to manage and minimize expenses. But it is the membership that has the primary control of giving.

As has been witnessed with the Capital Fund Raising Program, the membership's generosity to this church is strong and committed. But please remember that it is our tithes and offerings that help this Church to spread God's Word.

Steve Erling,
Deacon of Stewardship

Women's Ministries

All women are cordially invited to a picnic on Wednesday, June 10th at 11 a.m. at the home of Gloria Conner, 2271 Bohannon Dr., Santa Clara. Please bring a salad or desert to share. Meat, drinks, plates and silverware will be provided. Come and enjoy a time of fun, good food and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. For more information or directions to Gloria's, please call Barbara Chicks at 739-2935.

Property Update

The Property Department 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 two 3- person teams to alternate weekly 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 home or 691-1441 cell.

Prayer Room:

Adam Burdick completed both the ceiling and roof repair above the "old" prayer room. Thanks Adam!

Power Upgrade:

No news yet as to when this work may start.

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike Depew,
Deacon of Property

Membership Department Ministries

Are you looking for a ministry where you can serve the Lord and His church? Please consider the following:

Prayer Chain - This ministry provides prayer support for our church family. Betty Hastings 866-1551 is the coordinator of a group who pass on prayer requests over the phone. Call Betty if you are interested in being a "link" in the chain or whenever you have a prayer request. There is also an email prayer chain that travels to approximately 90 households. You may email Jim Lovelace at deloys@aol.com if you would like to participate or have a prayer request.

Hospital Visitation – This involves visiting people and their families in the hospital when necessary. If you would like to help in the area where you live, give Jeri Cooper (984-0908) a call.

Shut-in Visitation and Communion – Maxine Darknell (252-7567) leads this ministry of visitation. More people are needed who would be willing to visit once or twice a month. Communion is served to our shut-ins by alternating pastors about three times a year.

Shut-in CD Ministry – Currently we are looking for someone to coordinate this ministry. Our Sunday Services are on the website at www.scfbc.org but not everyone has access to them. We would like to have the sermons once again duplicated on CDs and sent out to shut-ins and people who request them. If you can help on Monday or Tuesday, please call Dave in the office 241-7635 to volunteer.

Bereavement Meals and Memorial Receptions – When there is a need, we try to help by offering meals, etc, coordinated by Doris Smith (241-5299) and Maxine Darknell (241-7567). If anyone hears of a death in our church family and would like to help with food, please contact the church office, Doris or Maxine.

Illness meals – This ministry is coordinated by individual Life Group Leaders as needed for illness in the family or for hospital stays of their groups participants. Call your Life Group leader when you have a need or notify the church office with your request.

Church Meal Functions – Adam Burdick 230-6828 coordinates this ministry referred to as "Manna". They can always use more help cooking and cleaning at Quarterly Family Gatherings, Worship in the Park and other functions. Manna is "here to serve".

Church Membership and/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 for more information. Membership is not a requirement for attending SCFBC but if you are a member it means that you are able to serve in more ways and participate in the voting at the Quarterly Business meetings.

Fellowship Fund - This fund is available to those needing financial assistance. You may donate to this special ministry by designating "Fellowship Fund" and the amount you wish to give on your offering envelope.

Food Pantry - Through the food pantry we supply bags of food to help meet the needs of people who stop by the church office. You can give money for this ministry by designating "Food Pantry" and amount on your offering envelope. We also accept canned and packaged food, such as tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit and vegetables, in addition to the paper bags with handles. These items can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby.

Good Samaritans - This is a ministry of "helps" for those who need assistance with some of their basic needs in their homes but do not have anyone to help them. This could be small home repairs or cleaning, yard work, mending, driving people to appointments, picking up prescriptions or relieving a caregiver. Please call Maxine Darknell (241-7567) if you have some time to give once or twice a year or if you have a need.

Sunday Fellowship – Our after Worship refreshments time is coordinated by Maxine Darknell and Doris Smith for Morning Worship and Michelle Lasher for EDGE Worship. Various groups and individuals serve once every three months. If you would like to bring a package or plate of cookies, please contact Maxine (241-7567) for morning service and Michelle (249-4115) for EDGE service.

Youth News

Reflect High School Group



In May, Reflect went with Element to the Great America Christian Music Festival. In addition to experiencing the rides, we got to hear Fireflight, Mercy Me, Lincoln Brewster, and Switchfoot. It was an awesome time in fellowship, as we hosted two other youth groups on Friday night before the concert, Napa First Baptist, and Emmanuel First Baptist from Sparks, Nevada.

Reflect is finishing up the school year with miscellaneous teachings. Eric Hughes took two weeks to teach about how we should be sharing our good news with others. Another week, the Impact mentors came and kidnapped the high school seniors for a night of fun. The rest of the high school group went out for dinner.

Element Jr. High Group



On Thursday nights Element is going through a small group series where we are dividing the kids into groups and talking about different topics. Jerry led on the Fruit of the Spirit, Christine led on how we are all unique, and Fion led on how to deal with anger. The small group time is giving the kids a chance to share more. We also went to the Christian Music day at Great America and had a great time on the rides and listening to the bands. We even got to take photos with the band Fireflight.

The Element group will also be making dinners for the homeless in San Jose and taking the bags to Saint James park to hand them out and pray with people.



Sunday Groups

Committed began a four week series taught by Jasmine on 1st Peter. The AB Girls group on Sundays is on break for a little while as Mary is taking care of her new baby.

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

Mexico Outreach 2009

Please pray for our team members, **Kim Barnett, Wendy Gregg, Charlotte Gunn, Matt Juarez, Victor Macias, Liz Poche, Josh Tomasian, Ron Willcox, Andrew Wong,** and our team leaders **Fion Cheng,** and **Tim McLenegan** as we travel down to Ensenada in late June. We will be running a VBS for the local children with our partner church Rayo de Luz. Please pray for traveling mercies, team unity, and hearts that are changed forever.



Upcoming EVENTS

June 7th - Reflect Senior Jubilee
June 17th - Reflect Pool Party at Jerry's
June 18th - Element Pool Party at Jerry's
June 19th - 27th - Reflect Mexico Outreach

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



Costa Rica Mission Trip Update

Due to work uncertainties and other current realities, this year's Costa Rica planning team along with Mission Deacon Karen Fong made the decision not to send a work group to our sister church in Limon.

However, with this being the 10th anniversary year of the school and their desire to dedicate the library built in partnership with our church, Lisa Robinson and Joan Friesen have made plans to represent our congregation at the dedication. They will spend a few days with our missionaries Gary and Mylinda Baits and a few days in Limon with hopes of also visiting the very southern Caribbean town of Sixaola and our missionary there

They will also be taking books down for the school library, as Pastor Miguel is looking for help in certain academic subjects. If you have items to donate or are willing to purchase them, your contributions would be appreciated.

- Reading books in English and Spanish for first to third grade students
- English or Spanish books for fourth to sixth graders that focus on science experiments and discoveries, and short stories
- English dictionaries (2)
- World atlas

For more information or how to make your donations, contact Joan Friesen at 650-879-9469 or email joan@redwoodglen.com.

Lisa and Joan will be gone from July 22nd to 30th. Your prayers would be welcomed!

Prayer Requests

- Dorothy Depew's brother, **Sony Miers** of Longview, TX who will have surgery June 1st for colon cancer.
- **Our men and women in the Armed Forces** who are serving at home and abroad.
- **Linda Hassell** as she relocates to her new home in Arizona.
- **MaryAnn Fairall's** granddaughter, **Autumn**, who is in the maintenance stage of her chemo treatments; pray for her family.
- **Job openings for many people** who are looking for employment.

Praise Reports

- SCFBC is truly blessed by the presence of many **new babies** in our congregation this year! Praise the Lord!
- **Jerilyn Lightfoot** returned to Worship after recuperating from surgery.

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.
- Praise that the Renovation work has begun! Pray for wisdom for the Building Committee and safety for workers and volunteers.

Library Book Corner

Announcing the SCFBC Summer Reading Club for children and youth: June 7 to August 16:

Participants can get the pleasure of reading Christian books, receive recognition and even give a little review of a book to be published in the Celebrate. Every child who reads books from SCFBC's library during the

Summer Reading Club will receive a gift book to keep for their own personal library. Parents, on June 7th or 14th please bring your children to register them for the summer program and to let them choose a few books read. For children too young to read, parents may read to them to qualify for the gift book. If you have any questions call Jerri Cooper the **Summer Book Club** coordinator at 984-0908. Participants will be announced in the September Celebrate!

Registration begins: Sunday, June 7th and 14th in the library.

Library week: June 7 – 14 - “Library open hours”:
- 12pm – 1pm - after AM service,
- 4:15pm – 5:15pm before EDGE service,
- 12pm – 4pm Thursday afternoon

June 13th BOOK SALE - book donations: We are looking for Donations – sellers – and buyers... 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 with proceeds going to our SCFBC Library and to Centro Educativo Bautista del (the School in Costa Rica). If you have books to donate you can place them in the red tub in the Lobby or contact Peggy Shalloe at 410-8933 who is coordinating the Book Sale. If you can help to set-up on June 12th or help with the sale on June 13th from 8:30am – 2pm please let Peggy know.

What type of books are YOU looking for in the SCFBC library? Commentaries... Christian novels... biographies...??? Please let us know on your registration card.

Book Reviews:

You Can Change the World by Sondra Clark. (Section #19) This book was written by a 13 year old girl – one of seven books that she has written. It is about cool volunteering ideas you and your family can bless the world with to make it a better place – in your own unique way in YOUR home, school and community. Your sincere smile, your acts of kindness to neighbors and relatives and your life can improve the world. The author helps us understand how simple it is in this delightful book.

Chicken Soup for the Soul --- by Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen. (Section #3) Several of these books are on the shelves or on the lobby table, they are delightful, refreshing and a light summer read for all ages. Look for the one for Teenagers, the one for Women and the Cookbook – plus others; each one a compilation of 101 encouraging short stories by well known authors.

Giving by Bill Clinton. (Section #9) Yes, this book by the former President, he challenges Americans to get involved in volunteering and helping others in the world starting with people at home. It is much like the book above, You Can Change the World but on an adult level. There are many ideas and websites to get you and your family motivated.

Pastor's Pick: **Shame Off You** by Alan D. Wright. (Section #13) As Gary Chapman author of The Five Love Languages said, “The world is filled with people who walk with their heads down. Shame has enslaved them. The author has now given us a book on shame that is readable and believable. Shame Off You will help many people find relief from guilt and the gnawing sense or lie called “shame” that whispers, they’re “not good enough.”

Your Library Committee,

Peggy Shalloe, Marlene Goldman, Bev Walz, Beth Kroll and Jerri Cooper

If you would like to send our military family members a note now and then or send birthday cards. Here is the current updated list. They would love hearing from us.

Addresses of the SCFBC Family serving in the military

Megan Caswell **birthday: 1/8**
915 DeSota Lane
Oak Grove, KY 42262

L/Cpl Rudolph DuBord **birthday: 10/20**
WPNS Trng BN "Armory"
Box 555181
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

Marty Fairall **birthday: 10/13**
25808 14th Lane S.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Raymond Frescas **birthday: 1/18**
2381 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Spec Matt McLenegan **birthday: 4/26**
3229 Benton Street
Santa Clara, CA 95051

SSgt. Amatangelo Pasciuti **birthday: 9/28**
3RD RECON BN
EDMARDIV UNIT 36180
FPO/APO 96602-6180

1st Lt. Andrew Reaves **birthday: 6/11**
3/11 HQ Btry/S-4
Unit 41630
FPO AP 96427-1630