

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

July Birthdays

Birthdays

2 nd	John Harrell	15 th	Maryanne Savedra
4 th	Jay Nordgaard	16 th	Maxine Darknell
4 th	Adam Burdick	18 th	Darlene Slay
6 th	Karen Fong	20 th	Chris McLenegan
6 th	Diane Aguirre	21 st	Evelyn Wendel
7 th	Rob Brown	21 st	Elizabeth Smithson
8 th	Autumn Slay	21 st	Harold Wright
9 th	Carrie Patterakis	22 nd	Carolyn Elbert
11 th	Doris Altman	24 th	Dorothy Depew
11 th	Tim McLenegan	31 st	Carmen Cintas
		31 st	Camille Cintas

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

July 2009



Adopt-A-School

*SCFBC Mission Outreach to
Scott Lane Elementary School*

During the month of July we will collect desperately needed school supplies for Scott Lane Elementary. Donation bins will be located in the church lobby. Look inside *The Celebrate* for a list of needed items.

As a result of state budget cuts our schools need our support now more than ever. Thank you!



Adopt-A-School: SCFBC Mission Outreach to Scott Lane Elementary School

This year the Missions Team has decided to take a twist on City Team Ministries' Adopt-A-Student program by adopting a school right in our own community. Scott Lane Elementary, where SCFBC's own Jenny Gregg & Kimberly Barnett are on staff and Raychelle Frescas is a student, is the school that will benefit directly from all donations this year.

Throughout the month of July we will be collecting school supplies in the Lobby along with monetary donations to help Scott Lane Elementary get ready for the 2009-2010 school year. The plan is to deliver these items to Principal Melissa Alatorre on August 5th. Below is a list of items she says will be needed for the upcoming school year:

- *Backpacks for students from financially needy families
- *White or Colored 8 ½" x 11" Copy Paper
- *Wide-Ruled or College-Ruled Binder Paper
- *8 ½" x 11" Graph Paper
- *Composition Books (hard cover, usually with 'marbled' coloring on cover)
- *Wide-Ruled Spiral Bound Notebooks
- *College-Ruled Spiral Bound Notebooks
- *12" x 18" Colored Construction Paper
- *#2 Pencils
- *Glue Sticks
- *Elmer's Glue Bottles
- *Water Color Paints
- *Paint Brushes
- *White Board Erasers
- *White Board Cleaner
- *White Board Markers
- *3" x 3" Post-It Notes
- *Crayons
- *Markers
- *Facial Tissue
- *Paper Towels
- *Other Classroom or Office Supplies
- *Monetary Donations

With the state budget cuts, schools are worse off than ever. Please help us support our community by donating needed school supplies to Scott Lane Elementary. There are usually great deals to be found at Target or Big Lots. Every little bit helps!

July Calendar Events VBS Sunday Emphasis thru August 9

Wednesday July 1
10am White Cross – Rm 19– Virginia N. 266-1734
7:30pm– The Upper Room Prayer Service–Sanctuary

Friday July 3 thru July 6
Men's Camping Retreat – Jerry 615-1690

Saturday July 4 – Independence Day
5pm Neighborhood Outreach Karen –246-6253

Sunday July 5
9:15am Life Grp Leaders Mtg.–Rm 19–Pastor Jenny

Sunday July 5 thru July 9
Library Week - Open Sunday & Thursday

Wednesday July 8
12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck–Doris Altman

Thursday July 9
10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-2242/
Gladys 243-6828

Saturday July 11
9am-3pm **All Church Work Day** – Mike 691-1441

Sundays July 12 thru August 9
9am-12noon **ROME** Family Adventure SummerVBS

Sunday July 12
12pm Mission Team Mtg–Library–Karen– 246-6253

Monday July 13 thru July 17
Youth Summer Camps – Jerry – 615-1690

Wednesday July 15
6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505

Friday July 17 and 18
Salvation Army Donation Truck available-FH lot

Monday July 20
7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg–Library–Steve E.

Wednesday July 22 - Friday July 31
Joan Friesen/Lisa Robinson traveling to Costa Rica

Thursday July 23
11:45am Sr/Birthday Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949

Saturday July 25
8-10am-Brothers in Christ–Fireside–Adam 230-6848

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

1- 8:30am August Diaconate Meeting–Lib–Steve M.
1 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19-Rhonda 246-2242/
Gladys 243-6828
2 – 12 noon Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19
2 - IMPACT visits shut-ins
2-6 - Library Week Open Sunday & Thursday
5 - 10am White Cross–Rm 19–Virginia N. 266-1734
5 - 7:30pm –The Upper Room Prayer–Sanctuary
6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda
6-7 –9-5pm **Leadership Summit** – Church on the Hill –
Susi 379-8494
6-9 – HS Summer Retreat – Andrew 278-1996
9 -12pm Mission Team Mtg – Lib– Karen–246-6253
11 – 12:30pm Bethell Circle - TBD

12 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck–R.Webber
14-16 - Element Summer Retreat–Jerry 615-1690
17 -7:30p Finance Committee Meeting–Lib–Steve E
19 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
22 - 8-10am Brothers in Christ – Adam 230-6848
22 – Big Buddy Day IMPACT & Element
27 – 11:45am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
29 - 8:30am September Diaconate Mtg–Library
29 – 9am Manna Prep for *Worship in the Park* – Kitchen –
Adam – 230-6848
30 –2pm– 7pm **Worship in the Park** – Central Park

SEPTEMBER - World Missions Emphasis

2 – 10am White Cross – Rm 19– Virginia N.
2 - 7:30pm – The Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary
5 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-
2242/Gladys 243-6828
6 - 9:15a Life Group Leaders Mtg–Rm 19
6-10 – Library Week - Open Sunday & Thursday
7 - Labor Day – Office Closed
8 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Rm 19/20
9 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Rm 19/20
10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda 246-2242/
Gladys 243-6828
11-13 -Annual Women's Retreat – Cristina 390-4155
13 –9:00am Beginning *Back to Basics* Class #1
13 –9:00am Beginning *Who Is God?* #1
13 - 12pm Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen
13 – 4pm Beginning *Just Walk Across the Room*#1
13 –5:15pm Beginning AWANA – Jon – 248-2078
16 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
20 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* Class #2
20 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* Class #2
20 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* Class #2
20 – 12pm Quarterly Business Meeting/lunch
20 - 6:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting/dessert
21 -7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg–Lib– Steve E.
24 – 11:45am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch–Betty 244-5949
24-28–Youth Specialties Conference–Jerry 615-1690
26 – 8-10am Brothers in Christ–Fireside Adam
27 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* Class #3
27 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* Class #3
27 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* Class #3

Good & Godly Humor

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. So he took out a business card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the following offering was collected the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10". Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Sunday School Class

Miss Dixie asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Larry's picture of four people on an airplane, so she asked which story he was illustrating.

"Oh, it's Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus on their flight to Egypt."

"But who's the fourth person, Larry?"

"Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."

Mail Call

The postman had just delivered Reverend Smith's mail. As the cleric opened envelopes and pulled out letters, he was surprised to unfold a sheet of paper that bore but one word, "Fool." The next Sunday he Reverend Smith announced, "I have known many people who have written letters and forgotten to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name, but forgot to write a letter."

Oh stop it, this stuff is just too funny!!!



Property Corner

Church Work Day: The next church work day is scheduled for July 11, 2009. The day will begin with breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall between 8 – 9 am. Everyone is welcome for this opportunity to help improve the church campus. We are planning to work on the following projects: lawn care (aerating, thatching, fertilizing), cleaning and miscellaneous small repairs. We will also need helping hands to prepare lunch for all the hungry volunteers.

Please contact Mike Depew or Dave Wilson to sign up!

Renovation:

The Parlor renovation is nearing completion! Check the details in the article entitled "Parlor Renovation Update". Many willing hands are needed to complete these large renovation jobs. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to the various projects that will be coming up, contact Jerry Cintas at 615-1690, Mike Depew at 270-4832 or Dave Wilson at the church office!

Coming Up Next: Fire Alarm Wiring

Property Maintenance Team:

The Property Department is looking into the possibility of forming a team to care for the weekly and monthly duties associated with our grounds to help save money. These duties include lawn mowing, fertilizing, trimming, plant trimming, sprinkler repair, etc. It would be ideal to form two 3-person teams who would alternate on a weekly basis to take care of the lawns and property. Anyone interested in volunteering on a weekly or monthly basis should contact Dave Wilson at the church office or Mike Depew at 270-4832 or 691-1441.

Church Van:

Mike Smith installed the suspension upgrade for the church van! Thanks, Mike!

Power Upgrade:

Final contract details have been worked out and we expect to hear shortly regarding when the project will start.

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew – Property Deacon

Pastor's Corner



**Because
It's Time**

Two Questions for God's Church

A number of years ago Peter Drucker, the most respected business analyst of the 20th century and a committed Christian, posed two questions that every organization needs to ask itself. While they sound simple enough, they will provoke profound thought and can cause a serious reconsideration of an organization's direction. They are:

**What business are we in?
How's business?**

For the local church the first question finds its answer in the Great Commission Jesus gave to His disciples following the resurrection.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

The business of God's church is twofold: to recruit people into God's Kingdom as they accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to enable these new "Kingdom citizens" to grow into maturity as committed followers of Jesus.

At SCFBC we state this mission as follows: *To evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.*

So much for the business we're engaged in. Now we must ask, "How's business?" If we were in the widget making business, we'd ask: "How are we doing in producing widgets?" "What quality widgets are we making?" "What can we do to improve our work?"

In the church we must ask similar questions: "How are we doing in winning people to Jesus?" "How many baptisms are occurring?" "How many new members are joining our church?" "What kind of spiritual growth do we see in the current members of our church family?" "What can we do to improve our efforts toward these ends?"

These are tough questions because they force us to seriously evaluate our current efforts and deal uncompromisingly with the results.

Since we have begun our church's physical renovation we can see the progress occurring. What we must turn our attention to now is our church's spiritual renovation. It's time to begin renovating our hearts and our ministries so we can see progress in accomplishing the spiritual business of the Kingdom.

To this end, immediately following our Family VBS series, I'll be preaching a series on SCFBC's Spiritual Renovation. I look forward to pursuing God's vision for our church family together with you.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Children's Ministry

VBS News

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and this year it is not just for kids:

VBS IS FOR THE KID IN ALL OF US !

I am very excited to include the entire church family in our program this year because there's no place like ROME !

The program will be for **5 Sunday Mornings: July 12th, 19th, 26th, August 2nd, 9th.**

There will be **GAMES AND CRAFTS** during the Sunday School hour from 9:00 to 10:30 AM. ALL are welcome to participate. For families this is a time to play together and for others this is a time to connect with a child that comes without a family and needs some extra tender loving care (TLC).

During the Worship Hour from 10:30 to 12:00 PM, we will be experiencing what it was like to be a part of the **UNDERGROUND CHURCH**. There will be **MUSIC, DRAMA** and an **INTERACTIVE MESSAGE** that includes all ages. Everyone will be included in a "Roman Family" during their time in ROME.

We encourage you to be a part of this outreach ministry yourself and to invite your friends and family to join you and get in on the fun! If you know someone that doesn't "do church"; you can tell them this will not be the typical "church" experience. Enclosed are some flyers that you can use to invite others.

**Mark your calendars, invite your friends and family &
GET READY TO ROME !**

We look forward to seeing you there.



Tammy Altizer Catterton
Director of Children's Ministries
Santa Clara First Baptist Church

Library Corner

BOOK SALE RESULTS – Thank you SCFBC for your generous book donations! Special thanks to **Dan Harrell, Ken Harrell, John Harrell, Cyndi O'Sullivan, Michelle Lasher, Sharon Cintas, Denise Stephens, Marlene Goldman, and Ellen Imhof** for moving, setting up, and selling books. The SCFBC library was truly blessed with an abundance of book donations for the June Book Sale. Not only did our library shelves benefit with new books, but SCFBC donated about 50 pounds of books and \$250 to Centro Educativo Bautista del Carbe, the school ministry of New Hope Church in Limon, Costa Rica. Even after the Book Sale, God's blessings did not stop as other organizations also benefitted:

- About 200 Christian books were bought by or donated to Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Modesto, CA for their library startup.
- Approximately 100 audio book tapes were donated to the Santa Clara Center for the Blind on Bascom Avenue in San Jose
- Two local trade book stores purchased books, paying SCFBC \$244 in store credit for future book purchases.
- Books Go Round, Salvation Army, and Goodwill received books and VHS tapes to sell in their stores.
- Donating books to Savers returned 20%-off coupons for future book purchases.
- RAFT, a low cost teacher supply center, received a box of usable National Geographic magazines.

SCFBC SUMMER READING CLUB CONTINUES UNTIL AUGUST 9

Children and youth get the pleasure of reading Christian books, receive recognition, and can even write a book review to be published in the Celebrate! Every participant who reads books from the SCFBC library during the Summer Reading Club will receive a gift book to keep for their own personal library. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to register for the summer reading club and let them choose a few books to take home. 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 Reading Club coordinator, at 984-0908. Participants will be announced in the September Celebrate! Registration continues in the library during July's library week (see days and times listed at the end of this article).

BOOK REVIEWS

The Power of a Promise Kept by Gregg Lewis (Section 3). This compilation tells true stories of men who put their promise-keeping into action every day, finding hope, encouragement, and healing. It is the sequel to Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper, also located in Section 3. You might find the struggles of these men similar to your own and be encouraged to know that their victories can be yours as well. Amazing things happened in the families, churches, communities, and individual hearts of these men who were committed to keep their promises to God.

Mitford Series by Jan Karon (Section 1). Seven of the eight fictional books written about Father Tim and a town named Mitford are now located in the SCFBC library. If you haven't read these delightful books, give them a try. Start with number one and read them in sequential order. They are easy-to-read; "laughing out loud" stories of an Episcopalian priest and his truly life-changing experiences. (Note: We hope to find the eighth book soon.)

LIBRARY WEEK

Library hours	JULY 5 – 9 Sunday, 7/5	12 Noon - 1:00pm (after Family Worship) 4:15pm - 5:15pm (before EDGE Worship)
	Thursday, 7/9	12 Noon - 4:00pm

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

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In June, Reflect bid farewell to several seniors, and welcomed some new freshmen. It is always sad to see our seniors go, but we have enjoyed having them for the past few years and have seen them grow so much. We honored **Andrew Jackson** and **Marshall Varner** at our senior jubilee and took them out for breakfast at Stacks in Campbell. Also in June, we went on our annual mission trip with Mexico Outreach. **Matt Juarez** and **Josh Tomasian** boldly went and declared God's glory to the children we met in Ensenada.

Reflect has begun a series on Hebrews that will carry us through the summer. We hope that through this study of Hebrews that we will break free of some of the rules, regulations, and traditions that we tend to fall

into and more closely follow Jesus.

The Element Jr. High Group

On Thursday nights, Element is going through a series called "The Loser's Club" where we are studying different characters in the Bible and how their actions caused some to call them Losers while God's purpose for them was still being fulfilled. Jerry led off with a talk about Samson, complete with Jerry wearing long hair during the lesson.



While we are still sad to see our graduating eighth graders leave, we have a lot of new 6th graders that have come into the group and it is great to see new faces. The new 6th graders came into the group during our annual summer kick-off pool party. They all had to do the traditional belly flop into Jerry's pool in order to become official members of the Element group. During that same night we set a new record of 18 kids in the hot tub, breaking the previous record of 16.



Upcoming EVENTS

- July 13th - 17th - Redwood Glen Summer Camp
- July 22nd - Reflect @ Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
- July 23rd - Element @ Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

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

Sunday Groups

Committed is moving to 4PM for the summer to try out a time change to see if it works better for all of us. Please come and join us as we explore more deeply the meaning of what it means to be a follower of Christ. There is no morning Sunday School class during the summer.

Mexico Outreach 2009

Many thanks for your prayers and financial blessings for our team. Our team members **Kim Barnett, Wendy Gregg, Charlotte Gunn, Matt Juarez, Victor Macias, Liz Poche, Josh Tomasian, Andrew Wong** and our team leaders **Fion Cheng** and **Tim McLenegan** traveled down to Ensenada in late June. We ran a VBS for the local children with our partner, church Rayo de Luz, and were able to minister to over 60 children as a result of your generosity. We will be sharing more with the congregation on Sunday, July 12th.



The Youth Mentors

Costa Rica Bound!

Please support Joan Friesen and Lisa Robinson in prayers July 22nd—30th as they represent SCFBC to our friends, sister church and American Baptist missionaries in Costa Rica. Joan and Lisa will be staying with missionaries Gary and Mylinda Baits in San Jose, Costa Rica for part of their trip. While in San Jose, they will visit a number of the missionaries with which the Baits are currently partnering.

For those unfamiliar with our past mission involvement in Costa Rica, Centro Educativo Bautista del Caribe is a ministry of the New Hope Baptist Church. It is a PreK- 6th grade school where our Costa Rica mission teams have spent most of their time providing construction assistance, helping in the class rooms and playing with children. The Library dedication is a special celebration of what can be accomplished when God's people work together for His purposes.

Please pray for safety, good health and great times of fellowship and mutual encouragement as Joan and Lisa visit with our brothers and sisters in Costa Rica.

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

Seniors/Birthday & Lunch Bunch

Come and join the fellowship even if it's not your Birthday, and you don't have to be a senior to share in this time. Our next gathering will be at Mimi's, Thursday, July 23rd at 11:30am, Located in San Jose near Campbell Ave and El Paseo de Saratoga Road.

For more information contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

Prayer Requests

- **Our men and women in the Armed Forces** who are serving at home and abroad.
- **Joan Friesen and Lisa Robinson** as they travel to Costa Rica visiting missionaries and our sister church, New Hope.
- **Continued prayer for 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

- A Huge Praise – Autumn , the granddaughter of MaryAnn Fairall appears to have turned a corner. She has maintained her weight for 3 weeks; her blood pressure has remained stable and she is tolerating the Chemo better.
- Joan Friesen had successful skin cancer surgery.
- **Sony Miers**, the brother of Dorothy Depew underwent colon cancer surgery last month. The doctors found the tumor *had not* spread. Let's remain prayerful for a positive long-term prognosis.

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.

Person of Interest, Margery Torres

Margery was born on May 27, 1916, in El Paso, Texas. When she moved to California as a child with her parents and three sisters, they worked in various farming fields along the way and finally settled in Oakland where Marge was raised. She graduated from Oakland High School and was married at the age of 17.



During World War II, Marge worked in the Richmond and Oakland shipyards as one of the original “Rosie the Riveters”. When her husband left her, she took on a second job at a creamery near the shipyards to support her daughter. She soon met John Torres, a single father with a son, and they were married in 1942. John and Marge added two more daughters and three more sons to their blended family.

Marge always wanted to be a hairdresser, so in her 40’s she finally seized the opportunity and went to beauty college to obtain her license.. She did so well in school that the owners of the college asked her to teach there. For the next ten years she taught and loved it, but in 1969 decided to open her own shop, Lady Princess on Lincoln Avenue in Willow Glen.

Marge and John were very involved in their community, helping people prepare for US citizenship and helping the poor get the benefits they needed. She hosted voting booths in her house every year in the late 50’s and most of the 60’s. She also became known for her great tamales!

In 1975 Marge and John were invited to Santa Clara First Baptist Church by Betty Downing and both were baptized here. Later when John became very ill, Marge stayed home and took care of him until he passed away in 1996. Then she returned to SCFBC once again.

Marge turned 93 this year and now lives with one of her daughters, Linda. She still comes to worship on Sunday mornings and participates in the Seniors Monday Morning Life Group unless her health problems keep her from doing so.

Thank you, Marge, for the years of your faithful service to God, SCFBC and your community.

Parlor Renovation Update

The parlor renovation is nearing completion. The drywall is up and mudding is taking place. The City inspectors approved the electrical, plumbing, framing, and sheetrock work. The following people have been working on the parlor this month: Lloyd Darknell, Ken Rangel, Ken Harrell, Duane Esquibel, Eric Hughes, Tim McLenegan, Jerry Cintas, Tom Caldwell, Ron Nieckarz, and Adam Burdick. The parlor should be completed by mid July with new lighting, carpet, paint, counters, refrigerator, microwave, cabinets, tile, and coffee maker.



The ABW work room is being converted into a general purpose storage room with entry doors from the sanctuary and parlor. As part of that renovation, new storage cabinets were purchased for the ABW ministry and are now located in rooms 19 and 20.

Plans are being made to install the fire alarm system in the next month. Since the wiring for the system covers the entire sanctuary building, it might require creating some new holes in walls and ceilings. This should be done before the painting of those areas is completed.

Most of the work has been done by faithful volunteers from our church. If you have time during the week and want to lend a hand, call Jerry at 615-1690.

