



**Santa Clara
First Baptist**

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**Our Mission:
What are we here for?**

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.
Matthew 28:19, 20

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2nd Amber Harrell
- 2nd Ashley Harrell
- 5th Mark Reiley
- 8th Greg Robbins
- 11th Jason Hammar
- 11th Jim Powell
- 11th Dottie Haas
- 12th Joe Lasher
- 13th Bill Wright
- 13th Ken Rangel
- 15th Jenny Gregg
- 16th Larry Van Groningen
- 18th Betty Hastings
- 19th Gail Bock
- 20th Susi Reaves
- 21st Chrysta Rangel

- 23rd Ruth Porspakka
- 24th Summer Slay
- 25th Wilma Wright
- 26th Rusty Webber
- 27th Angela Esquibel
- 27th Sally Youngs
- 28th Helen Rodolari
- 28th Angelina Bravo
- 29th Robert Ramer
- 31st Ashlee Ramer

Anniversaries

- 3rd Paul & Colleen Watson
- 10th Gordon & Nancy Beatty
- 10th Andrew & Mary Wong
- 11th Dave & Kim Wilson
- 12th Len & Bev Walz

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

August 2009

Come join us for some fun in the SUN at...

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**LOCATED AT THE
CENTRAL PARK PAVILION**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH, 2009

2:00PM - GAMES FOR ALL AGES

4:00PM - BBQ

5:30PM - EDGE WORSHIP

Pastor's Corner

Last month I proposed we look at two questions concerning the health and direction of SCFBC. They are:

What business are we in?

How's business?

Our business is to fulfill the **Great Commission**: to go and make disciples of the entire world.

The second question has prompted a critical examination of how well our church is fulfilling our redemptive potential. I see good things happening in our church. We offer effective, caring ministries to children, youth and young adults. Our worship services provide two different congregations a weekly opportunity to bless God led by quality worship teams. We have discovered our church can present solid experiences where drama, sound and lighting are used to lead people into a greater appreciation of God's work in their lives (Bethlehem, Journey to the Cross, this year's Rome Family Adventure).

But we can do much more. While we have led some to accept Christ personally, we could lead many more. While we have enabled some to grow in their personal maturity and exercise their ministry giftedness, we could enable many more. While we have incorporated some of our friends, neighbors and relatives into the family of SCFBC this year, we could incorporate many more.

Our church is like a sleeping giant, full of power and purpose but not yet fully awake. What will wake us up? What will awaken within us the Holy Spirit's power, excitement and purpose?

At its core it's a matter of the heart. Are our hearts on fire for God? Are we so filled with His love for us that we can't help but extend that love to others? Is our relationship to Jesus the most important aspect of our existence?

As our church proceeds with its physical renovation, it's time to call for a renovation of our hearts. We need to rediscover the most important reason for our lives. We need to recommit to the most important purpose of our lives. We need to reignite the most important relationship of our lives.

My next message series will begin to address these issues of renovation:

A Renovation of the Heart



Renovation in our Worship
Renovation in our Relationships
Renovation in our Service
Renovation in our Growth
Renovation in our Outreach

I feel the need for such a renovation in my own life. Maybe you do too. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us all as we seek to draw closer to Him and His purposes.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Christmas At Sea Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate

Ship ahoy! It's time to help our friends who work as crew members on the cargo that dock at pier 40 in Oakland. They spend many months away from their families, and we try to help by giving them bags of useful and fun items at Christmas time. Will you help? It's a way of showing them that they are not forgotten, that Jesus loves them, and we do this in His name. Our goal this year is 110 bags.

We already have the empty bags, but they need to be filled! Item needed are:

Toothpaste	Shaving cream or gel
Toothbrushes	Razors
Deodorant	Nail clippers
Aftershave	Hand lotion
	Small first aid kit

Also appreciated are: small travel games or cards, small flashlights with batteries, hard wrapped candies, AA size batteries for flash cameras and CD players, warm socks and knitted caps.

- All items should be for men.
- Please keep toiletry items medium size.
- No Hotel toiletry items.
- No used items, please

Please put the items in the Seafarers' boxes in the Lobby or Sanctuary. If you cannot shop for the items listed, you can give money. Contact Virginia Newcomb at 266-1734 for additional information.

Many thanks,

Virginia Newcomb

You can support the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate in many ways. Learn about the Volunteer Program at www.seafarersministry.com. Also review the variety of other ways that you can help support them through your Financial and Other Gifts. SMGG depends entirely on your generosity!



Seafarer receiving gifts for his ship.



4th Annual Reflect Mexico Outreach Mission Trip

On June 19, a team from SCFBC traveled to Ensenada, Mexico to spend a week partnering with a local church and provide a Vacation Bible School for local kids. As in previous years, the trip was organized through Azusa Pacific University's Mexico Outreach program, which brings hundreds of youth and adults from all over the United States and Canada to perform various short-term mission projects. The teams camp in tents on a ranch located about 10 minutes outside of town.

Our team this year had 11 members: Kimberly Barnett, Fion Cheng, Dennys Espinoza, Wendy Gregg, Charlotte Gunn, Matt Juarez, Victor Macias, Tim McLenegan, Liz Poche, Josh Tomasian, Andrew Wong. Dennys and Victor served as the team translators.

This was Josh's first mission trip. He was an excellent addition to the team and took a bold step to play the role of Jesus in all our skits. It was also Kim's first time joining the week-long Mexico trip; she had previously attended the weekend work trips. The remaining team members were all returning from previous years. The church we partnered with was once again Rayo de Luz, led by Pastor Víctor. We had over 50 kids attend the program throughout the week.

Fion and Liz led the opening, worship, and closing times of the VBS and did an excellent job getting the kids excited for each day's events. The dramas were performed by the whole team and each drama illustrated Bible stories, such as Jesus healing the lepers and Jesus walking on water.

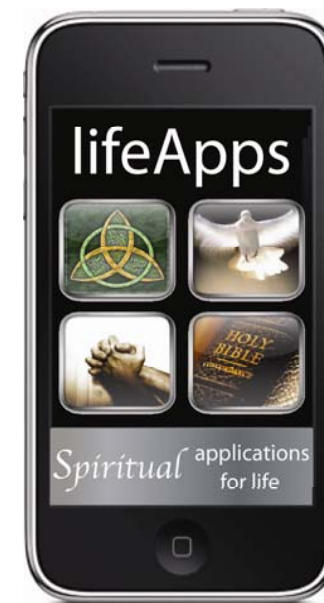
Victor and Denny led discussion time after each drama to make sure the kids understood the lesson. Craft time was led by Kim, who also did the pre-trip organizing of crafts and supplies. Andrew led the games time. Matt, Josh, Charlotte, and Wendy were crew leaders and spent the week building relationships with the kids.

In addition to the VBS, we also took Pastor Victor and his family, along with the pastor's friend Saúl and his family to the coastal part of town to visit the shops there. We also treated them to a meal in one of the local restaurants there. Where we were entertained by a local mariachi band every day. Back at the ranch, there were chapel services in the morning and the evening. The worship time was led by Peter Neumann, and the speaker was Eric Simpson, who spoke in the mornings from the Psalms and on various topics in the evenings. One of the highlights of the week was when they did a bilingual service with a local pastor replacing Eric's speaking time, and worship led by a local worship band. Local pastors were in attendance, invited by various teams, and there was a definite energy in the room as everyone could feel the Holy Spirit at work in the community there.

A prayer concern shared by the whole team is for the long-term ministry happening in Mexico. In addition to the week we spent there, Azusa has 3 other weeks through out the year when they bring teams to Ensenada. Those weeks also include work in Mexicali. Attendance for their trips this year was down to 40% of what it has been in the past. There were only 200 in attendance the week that we were there, whereas there are usually 600-700 in attendance. Fear of swine flu, fear of gangs, and fear of drug cartels has all led various churches to stop sending teams.

We pray that fear will not be a barrier to missions work and that churches will see the importance of ministry in Mexico, we pray that more will answer the call to serve next year. However, the people who made the choice to still go were blessed with double opportunities and God used us for greater things for His kingdom. When we are weak, He is strong. With that said, we learned to seek the treasure in Him.

The team would like to thank everyone for their prayers leading up to and during our time there, and we hope to see more new faces for next year's trip in June 2010.



lifeApps: *Spiritual* applications for life

Beginning Sunday, September 13, we as a church will experience a new learning structure with the goal of growing in our relationship with Jesus. **lifeApps** are a series of classes designed to help each one of us take the next step in our faith journey, offering practical encouragement for the life-long Christian walk.

Because spiritual growth can happen in a variety of ways, we are offering an array of **lifeApps** to help everyone continue on that larger pilgrimage towards God. Each **lifeApps** class will be 5 Sundays in length and offered at 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.

September is the traditional "back to school" time for students. This September, we are encouraging everyone to go "back to school" by participating in learning opportunities to equip each one of us to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus.

The first session of **lifeApps** will be Sundays, September 13 to October 11. We encourage every person to commit to attend a **lifeApp** class. Below is a list of the classes being offered in our Fall Quarter.

Fall 2009—Session 1

Back to Basics with Pastor Rich meeting at 9:00am in Room 19/20

This class is for those who wish to explore:

- How to develop a personal relationship with Christ
- Celebrating baptism and communion at SCFBC
- The mission, vision, and values of Santa Clara First Baptist
- The 5 key strategies our church uses to achieve God's purpose
- Why every Christian should be a member of a local church

Who is God? with Pastor Jenny meeting at 9:00am in the Parlor

This class will explore the nature of the Christian God. Topics include:

- God's desire for a personal relationship with us
- God's love for humanity
- The Holy Trinity
- All-powerful (Omnipotent), all-knowing (Omniscient), all-present (Omnipresence) nature of God
- The mercy of God

Just Walk Across the Room with Karen Fong and Steve McLenegan meeting at 4:00pm in the Parlor

This course brings personal evangelism into the twenty-first century with a natural and empowering approach modeled after Jesus himself. This experience is designed to equip and inspire you to leave your circles of comfort and extend hands of care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people who might need a touch of God's love today.

The second session of the Fall Quarter will be October 25 to November 22.

The 9 a.m. classes will include: "Discovering Your SHAPE" and "How to Study the Bible."

The 4 p.m. class will be: "Prayer."

If you would like more information about **lifeApps**, you can contact Deacon Denise Stephens at 926-9433. You can also pick up a **lifeApps** class brochure at the info table. We are also looking for individuals or teams who would like to be supported in the role of a teacher/leader for one of the **lifeApps** classes.

Financial Report

God continues to be good to SCFBC through the generous giving of its people. In spite of our on-going nation-wide recession which has idled a number of our own parishioners, giving to our General Fund, Missions, and Church Renovation ministries continues to come in at a brisk pace.

In comparing giving to the General Fund this year versus last year we have even **exceeded** last year's totals year-to-date by \$2,557! And this giving is separate from our people's liberal giving to our Renovation.

Unfortunately our expenses have also risen this year. To date our expenses have exceeded our income by \$11,980. Again, we are in a much better financial situation this year as compared to 2008 when by this time our yearly deficit had risen to \$31,610.

The good news, our giving is up. The bad is that times are still financially rough for many in our congregation. Our leadership will continue to be frugal in incurring expenses but will not curtail ministry where it's needed.

We continue to believe God will provide the financial underpinning to His Kingdom work at SCFBC as He continues to meet our personal financial needs as well.

Department of Finance and Stewardship

Prayer Requests for

- **Our men and women in the Armed Forces** who are serving at home and abroad.
- **MaryAnn Fairall's** granddaughter, **Autumn**, As she progresses in the maintenance stage of her chemotherapy treatments.
- **MaryAnn Fairall's** complete healing following ankle surgery. Additionally, MaryAnn now has pneumonia. Please pray for complete healing.
- **Gladys McFarland** who is recovering from bronchitis.
- **Allyson Lageschulte's** complete healing after nasal surgery.
- **Chelsea Trigg's** quick healing from parathyroid surgery on Tuesday, July 28th.
- **ROME Family Adventure** Vacation Bible School as it completes the final two weeks of outreach.

Prayer Requests (continued)

- 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.
 - **Job openings for many people** who are looking for employment.

Praise Reports

- Praise that the Renovation work has begun! Pray for wisdom for the Building Committee and safety for workers and volunteers.
- **Chelsea Trigg's** parathyroid surgery went extremely well as Chelsea was able to return home shortly thereafter and her calcium level was reduced almost immediately, which was the positive sign the doctors were desiring!!!

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In July, several Reflect members attended camps at Redwood Glen and Sierra Pines. While they gone the remaining members still had fun. One week, we went to **Red Robin** and had a great meal and fellowship time. The next week, we ventured down to the **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**, for fun rides and food. We found **Danijela** on a



newspaper article on the wall at the Giant Dipper, once again proving that she is the female version of **Jerry**. After spending the evening riding the rides, playing the games, and eating the food, we stopped at Marianne's for some delicious ice cream.

Reflect is continuing a series on Hebrews that will carry us through the summer. We are looking forward to going on our summer retreat, spending time in the High Sierras at Mammoth Lakes.



The Element Jr. High Group



In July we were able to send a lot of our Jr High students to a week long summer camp at Redwood Glen. A lady in the church donated a large amount of money to allow these kids to go and we are very grateful for her generous gift that will change these student's lives forever.

The group also went to the Boardwalk and enjoyed bringing their friends to ride the roller coasters with us.



On Thursday nights, Element is going through a series called "The Losers' Club" where we are studying different characters in the Bible and how their actions considered some to call them Losers while they still fulfilled God's purpose for them. **Amy** taught about Mary Magdalene, **Jasmine** taught about David, and **Jerry** taught about Stephen.

Sunday Groups

Committed is now meeting at 4PM instead of 9AM on Sundays. Since our attendance has been sporadic, we have taken on special projects and had fellowship time in lieu of a series. One week we spent our time



cleaning the Youth Room, which badly needed it. Another week, we wrote letters to our church members who are in the armed forces. Last Sunday, we spent the afternoon mini-golfing at Golfland. **Elizabeth Robichaud, Macy Goss, Tim Coral, and Janelle Santos** joined **Andrew** and **Mary** for a fun round of golf.

Upcoming EVENTS

- August 6th - 9th - Reflect Summer Retreat
- August 14th - 16th - Element Summer Retreat
- August 19th - Reflect Beach Bonfire
- August 22nd - Element Big Buddy Day
- August 27th - Element Parent Night
- August 30th - Worship in the Park

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

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

Children's Ministry

Where has the summer gone?! It is hard to believe it is already August and we are coming to the end of our ROME adventure.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered as a part of this Ministry and to those who have been brave enough to venture into the Underground Church. I hope the ROME Adventure has given you a new understanding and perspective on the freedoms and comforts we enjoy today that the early Christians risked their lives to exercise. May we all have a conscious gratitude for the many blessing we often take for granted and have the same boldness we have seen in Paul to share God's love with others. It's not too late to invite someone to join you in ROME.

Just as this summer has flown by, our opportunities to be a blessing and and serve others slip by so quickly as we often put things off until "later". Sometimes "later" never comes and the needs of today are left unmet. As we approach fall, the Children's Ministry is in need of volunteers. Can you hold a baby, sing a song, tell a story, play a game, share your heart, put a smile on the face of a child? Please contact me at 408-348-3271 or tamcatbc@yahoo.com to find out how you could make an investment in the future through our children.

Together in service for Him,

Tammy Altizer Catterton
Children's Ministries



Renovation Update

We are really excited to see the church parlor remodel completed. Much care and detail went into the design and building, and it really looks great! This well-used room with the old small kitchenette crammed into a closet is now a beautiful open room with plenty of counter space and modern amenities.

Adam Burdick has done a great job of leading the volunteer crews that have been working on this project for the last few months. A lot of volunteer effort went into this parlor with demo work by Steve McLenegan, Steve Victorson and Ken Harrell; framing by Ron Niekarz and Adam; drywall by Ken Harrell and Adam; plumbing by Duane Esquibel and George Garcia; tile by Ken Rangel; cabinets by Adam and Duane; electrical by Lloyd Darknell, Tim McLenegan, Eric Hughes and Jerry Cintas; painting by Tom Caldwell and Adam; and constant cleanup by Ken Harrell. Steve Erling got us an amazing deal on the tile, trim, and carpet, Barbara Blanks donated the commercial coffee maker and Andrew and Mary Wong donated the refrigerator.

The delivery of the final lighting fixtures for the room was delayed, but they will be installed before the end of August. Also the city of Santa Clara required that a motion detector be placed in the room to turn on and off the lights automatically. When you use the room there is no need to turn off the lights in the parlor when leaving.

New amenities include a larger ADA sink with disposal, ample amounts of cabinet and drawer space, a full size refrigerator with water and ice maker, built-in coffee maker with hot water dispenser, a utility closet with new vacuum cleaner, storage room access for extra chairs and TV cart, brighter energy efficient lighting, ceiling speakers with volume control, tile floor, long granite counter tops, new carpet, fresh paint and décor, additional electrical circuits, and tinted windows.

The next renovation projects include fire alarm wiring, the janitor's closet rebuild and the start of the women's restroom remodel. During the women's restroom renovation, the women will use the relabeled men's restroom and the men will use the fellowship hall restrooms. We thank everyone who gave of their time and financial resources for the sanctuary building remodel. The renovated parlor will serve as a great example of things to come.

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



An Obvious view of the Parlor Before



An astounding view of the Parlor now!

Property Corner

Church Work Day: I would like to thank everyone who helped out and gave of their time and talents during our last church work day: Jim Powell, Adam Burdick, Ron Wilcox, Ken Harrell, Ken Rangel, Pastor Rich and Jerry Cintas. Our day started with a very good breakfast! The following items were completed: lights changed, new plumbing faucet in the kitchen area, weed abatement, sprinklers replaced and adjusted, lawn aerated, cabinet doors adjusted. The next church work day is scheduled for October 17, 2009, so please mark your calendars!

Power Upgrade:

Pre-job walk has been completed and the markings in paint have been laid out. We expect work to begin very soon.

Door Locks: This is just a reminder! Because of the age of our doors and locks, sometimes when we are exiting a building or room, the lock latch does not catch. So, please double check the door you are exiting to make sure that the door is "locked".

General: Please contact Dave Wilson or me should you see something that needs to be repaired!

Mike Depew – Property Deacon

Fun Experience, Sunnyvale Murphy House Tour

You are invited to join a group for a time of fun and a free educational experience on Tuesday, August 18th at 11:30am. We will meet for lunch then tour the historical Murphy House in Sunnyvale. Invite your friends and neighbors to this midweek fellowship outreach. For more information, and to confirm your participation, contact Barbara Chicks, ABW President, at 739-2935.

Senior/Birthday Lunch Bunch

Please plan to join us for the August celebration. It doesn't have to be your birthday to come out and Fellowship; all are encouraged to attend. August 27th we will meet at Marie Callendar's located on El Camino Real near Wolfe Road in Sunnyvale. For questions contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

Life Group Highlight



Each month we will highlight one of our Life Groups in the Celebrate. As we have experienced Life Group participation to be a vital part of spiritual growth, we hope these stories will encourage you to join a group. This month we are pleased to highlight "The Moms' Life Group" led by Daena Yuksel. Enjoy!

The Moms' Life Group is for mothers and grandmothers of children at all ages. Our goal is to be more Christ-like so that we can be positive role models, and influential examples of Christ's love to our children and our husbands. We use the Bible as our study guide and Jesus Christ as our leader.

At the Moms' Life Group, we support each other in prayer and friendship. We also like to involve the children in praise and worship. This year, we are planning several community service projects and fundraisers. We aim to teach our children to be servants of Christ and compassionate individuals in this society.

The Moms' Life Group meets on Saturdays from 3:00pm until 4:20pm. Location is determined the previous week. For more information, please contact Daena at (408) 774-9350.

Monthly in Focus Spotlight

Steve was born in Butte, Montana, but his family moved to California when he was a toddler and he grew up in Palo Alto. Although Steve was brought up attending St. Athanasius Catholic Church in Mountain View with his mother, he eventually drifted away from the Church.



Steve & Barbara McLenegan

Steve was drafted during the time of the Vietnam War but spent most of his time in the Army stationed in England. After returning, he attended school at Foothill College where he met a young lady who told him she would only go out with him if he attended church with her. That's when he started attending the college/career group at Sunnyvale First Baptist Church and discovered what it meant to be a follower of Christ. He was eventually baptized at the Sunnyvale church. It was there where he also met Barbara.

Born in Palo Alto, Barbara has lived her entire life in the Bay Area. Her family bought a house in a new subdivision in Sunnyvale not far from the Sunnyvale First Baptist Church and they began attending there before her first birthday. Throughout her life, she was active at Sunnyvale FBC participating in children's choirs, youth ministries and touring with the youth choir. Barbara was baptized at the age of ten years, but it wasn't until she joined the college/career group that she became aware of the meaning of salvation.

Steve and Barbara were married at Sunnyvale First Baptist Church and became active in various ministries there. Their first two sons, Tim and Chris, were both dedicated at that church. With a growing family and needing a larger home, they purchased a townhouse next to Santa Clara First Baptist Church. As they were moving in, Steve's dad said, "You'll soon be going to this church." They told him they were happy where they were at Sunnyvale FBC. But when their third son, Matt was born, they began to wonder why they were driving across town with three young children, two of whom were still in diapers, when there was a church right next door. That summer they sent Tim to Vacation Bible School to "check it out" and he had a good experience especially when one of the youth, Janet Wernersbach, took him under her wing during the after-VBS party at a local roller rink.

Several families from the Sunnyvale church had already started attending Santa Clara First Baptist Church, so they felt at home right away. In the past two decades at SCFBC they have participated in Children's Ministries, the Daycare Committee, the Diaconate Board, Bethlehem and many other ministries. They are most proud of being part of the AWANA ministry which they began with the encouragement of Joe and Arlis Howard. They have worked with AWANA for ten years and are happy to see it continuing under the leadership of Jon Hammar.

Steve and Barbara have been blessed to see their sons grow up at SCFBC and now see them participating in various ministries of their own! They are also grateful for their church family's prayers for their family during Matt's deployment to Iraq.

Our SCFBC family is privileged to have this family's passion for Christ and His church shown in their everyday lives. Their example is one for all of us to follow.