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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

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

7th Andrew Wong
 10th Andrea Robichaud Murray
 13th Allison Fung
 13th Richard Reaves
 14th Gordon Beatty
 15th Helen Hawkins
 17th Gladys McFarland
 17th Rhonda Starnes
 18th Lauran Bethell - *Missionary*
 20th Bill Ash
 21st Al Carlson
 21st Kelli Hawkins
 21st Nikki Hawkins
 27th Lorraine Brown
 28th Mylinda Baits - *Missionary*

Anniversaries

8th Jess & Denise Stephens
 10th Alex & Lucy Oliveira
 26th Adam & Shari Burdick

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

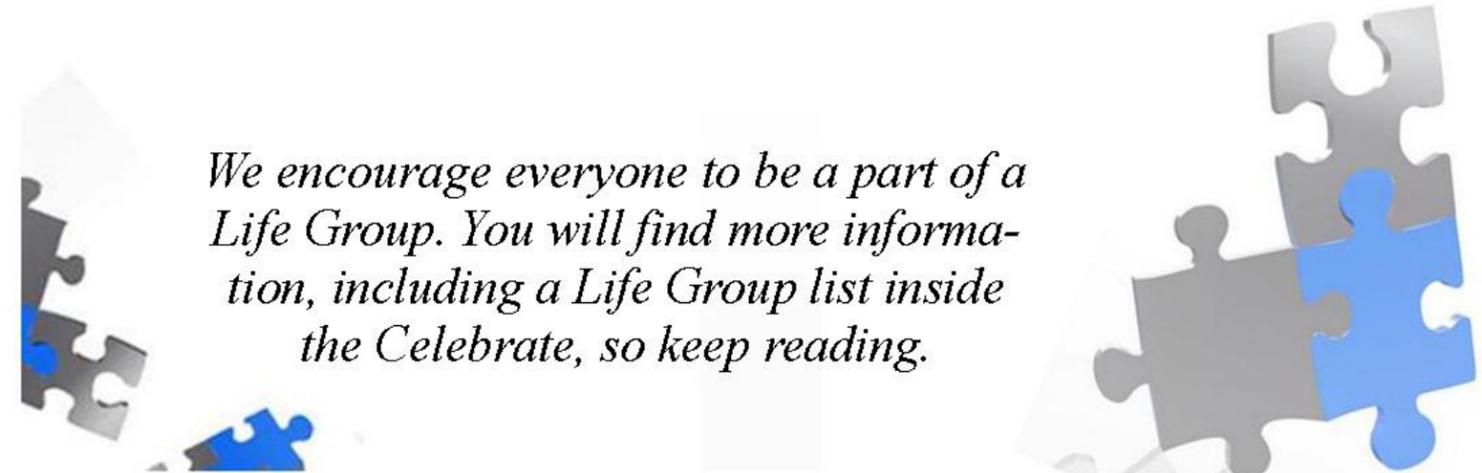
September 2009

GET CONNECTED

Life Groups at SCFBC

- **Rediscover community**
- **Get connected and stay connected**
- **Experience spiritual and relational growth**
- **Have some fun with great people**

We encourage everyone to be a part of a Life Group. You will find more information, including a Life Group list inside the Celebrate, so keep reading.



Life Group Highlights

The Lindsey Life Group is planning a retreat for October 16-18. Those interested in this group are encouraged to attend the retreat. For more information about the weekend trip and/or the Lindsey Life Group, contact Tracey Lindsey at 396-0069.

The Chicks' Life Group You are invited to join us for a study of the Gospel of John when we resume the Life Group/Home Bible Study at the Chicks' home on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

After an opening time of fellowship and refreshments, we engage in a lively, in-depth study of what the Gospel meant to the people of Jesus day and; how it applies to us in the 21st century, with plenty of time for questions and comments. The session concludes with a time of prayer.

Call Chuck or Barbara Chicks at 739-2935 for more information or directions to their home located at 925 Kamsack Court in Sunnyvale.

Monthly Group Highlight

Each month one of our Life Groups will be highlighted in the *Celebrate*. As we have experienced Life Group participation to be a vital part of personal spiritual growth, we hope these stories will encourage you to join a group. This month we are pleased to share about the Chicks Life Group led by Chuck Chicks. Enjoy!

"The Senior's Bible study is really open to anyone who's available on Monday mornings to come study with us. Our time together includes singing some of the great hymns of our faith, sharing and prayer, and a study based on the previous Sunday's morning message. Pastor Rich leads the study which includes both lecture and discussion.

Our study provides a valuable opportunity for adults to gather during a weekday to find a caring Christian fellowship and meaningful study of God's word."

Senior's Bible Study meets on Monday morning at 10:30am in the Church Parlor. For more information contact Pastor Rich at 241-7635.

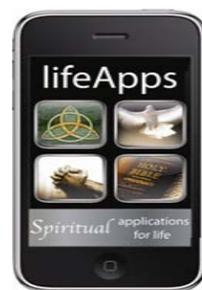
Prayer Requests for

- **Our men and women in the Armed Forces** who are serving at home and abroad.
- Family and friends who need Jesus' presence in their lives.

- **Autumn Fairall and her family** as she undergoes another year of monthly chemotherapy treatments.
- **Job openings for many people** who are looking for employment.
- **Military personnel** serving around the world.
- **Teachers, students and families** as they prepare for school.
- Healing for **MaryAnn Fairall's** pneumonia and broken ankle.
- God's leading to bring people to **Worship in the Park**.
- **Beth Kroll** health issues.
- **Ellen Imhof** Complete recovery and improved vision after having had surgery on last Tuesday.

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** is healing quickly and volunteering in the office.



lifeApps: Spiritual applications for life

lifeApps are coming September 13th! This first session will run through October 11th.

9:00am— **Back to Basics** with Pastor Rich in Room 19/20

9:00am—**Who is God?** with Pastor Jenny in the Parlor.

4:00pm—**Just Walk Across the Room** with Karen Fong and Steve McLenegan in the Parlor.

You can pick up a **lifeApps** class brochure and sign up for classes at the info table. If you would like more information about **lifeApps**, you can contact Deacon Denise Stephens at 926-9433.

September Calendar Events

World Missions Emphasis

2 – 10am White Cross – Rm 19– Virginia N.
2 - 7:00pm – Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary/Walk
 5 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
 6 - 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg – Rm 19
 6 – 12 noon – 1pm and 4:15pm - 5:15pm Library Open
7 - Labor Day – Office Closed
 9 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Rm 19/20
 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda
11-13 - Annual Women's Retreat – Cristina 390-4155
 13 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* #1 - Rm 19 – Pastor Rich
 13 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* #1 - Parlor - Pastor Jenny
 13 - 12pm Team Mtg – Library – Karen
 13 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* #1 – Parlor
 13 –5:15pm Beginning AWANA – Jon – 248-2078
 16 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
 20 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* #2 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 20 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* #2 - Parlor - Pastor Jenny
 20 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* #2 - Parlor
 20 – 12 noon 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 – 8:30am -10am Men's Breakfast–Fireside-Adam
 26 - 10am-2pm ABW Season "Kick-off" - Rm 19
 27 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* #3 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 27 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* #3 - Parlor - Pastor Jenny
 27 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* #3 - Parlor

Up-coming Events

OCTOBER

3 – 8:30am Oct Diaconate Mtg–Lib–Steve 249-4621
 3 -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rhonda 246-2242
 4 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* #4 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 4 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* #4 - Parlor - Pastor Jenny
 4 – 12pm – 1pm and 4:15pm – 5:15pm Library Open
 4 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* #4 - Parlor
 7 – 10am White Cross– Rm 19 – Virginia N. 266-1734
7 - 7:00p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary
 8 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
 8 - 12pm - 4pm Library Open
 10– All Church Work Day–Mike 691-1441
 11 – 9:00am *Back to Basics* #5 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 11 – 9:00am *Who Is God?* #5 - Parlor - Pastor Jenny
 11 - 12pm Mission Team Mtg– Lib– Karen– 246-6253
 11 – 4pm *Just Walk Across the Room* #5 - Parlor

13 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle
 14 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
14-15 - 10-6pm Rummage Sale Set-up - FH - Maxine
16-17 – 8:30am –5pm Rummage Sale – FH – Maxine
17-18 - Salvation Army Donation Truck – FH Lot
19 - 7:30pm Finance Comm. Mtg– Lib– Steve E
21 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
22 -11:45am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
24 – 8:30-10am Men's Breakfast – Adam 230-6848
25 –9a *How to Study the Bible* #1 -Parlor –Pastor Jenny
25 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #1 - Rm 19—Pastor Rich
25 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #1– Parlor - Joel R.
27 - 9am Work day at Seafarers Oakland - Barbara C.
31 -8:30am Nov Diaconate Mtg– Lib– Steve 249-4621
31– Hallelujah Night – FH – Tammy 348-3271

NOVEMBER – Saturday Bethlehem work days

1 – 9a *How to Study the Bible* #2 –Parlor –Pastor Jenny
 1 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #2 – Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 1 – 12pm – 1pm and 4:15pm – 5:15pm Library Open
 1 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #2 – Parlor - Joel R.
 3 – Election Day – Please vote
 4 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
4 – 7:00p – Upper Room Prayer Service– Sanctuary
 7 – Bethlehem construction Saturdays – Jerry 615-1690
 7 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
 8 –9a *How to Study the Bible* #3 – Parlor—Pastor Jenny
 8 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #3 – Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 8-12p Mission Team Mtg – Lib – Karen – 246-6253
 8 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #3 – Parlor - Joel R.
 10 – 12:30pm Bethell Circle
11 – Veteran's Day Holiday – Office Closed
 11 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
 12 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 - Rhonda
15 –9a *How to Study the Bible* #4 –Parlor –Pastor Jenny
 15 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #4 – Rm 19 – Pastor Rich
 15 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #4 - Parlor - Joel R.
 16- 7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg – Lib– Steve E.
 18 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
19 – 11:45am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
22 –9a *How to Study the Bible* #5 –Parlor –Pastor Jenny
 22 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #5– Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
 22 – 12pm- Quarterly Business Mtg– budget vote/lunch
 22 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #5– Parlor - Joel R.
 22– 7pm- Quarterly Business Mtg – budget vote/dessert
 22 – 7pm SF Homeless Outreach – Jerry 615-1690
26/27 - Thanksgiving Holidays – Office Closed
 28 – 8:30am-10am Men's Breakfast – Adam 230-6848

Library Corner

SCFBC SUMMER READING CLUB

Congratulations to Sara Lasher, Stella, Andrea and Jason Tejayadi, Grace and Nathaniel Robbins and John Harrell who participated in the SCFBC **Summer Reading Club**. Each of them will receive a gift book to keep for their own personal library. Parents, thank you for encouraging your children to read and use the SCFBC Library!

We would also like to thank our student library volunteers this summer for their extraordinary work - John Harrell, Ashley Harrell, Matt Juarez and Sara Lasher. Not only did they shelve books but they started inventorying the books so we can eventually have a complete list of all books and authors in the library. Thank you! If there are other teens that would like to help call Peggy at 410-8933 or Jerri C. at 984-0908.

BOOK NOOK

Be sure and check out the books in the BOOK NOOK in the sanctuary each Sunday. Peggy changes these books every two weeks so there are fresh books to browse and check-out. During Pastors current sermon series we are picking books that correspond with his message.

FEATURED BOOKS

C.L. Lewis books: There are several books written by C. L. Lewis on the library shelves. There are the Narnia series books (Section 19); Mere Christianity (section 5) and we also have this book and The Screwtape Letters on tape; The Problem of Pain (section 12); The Joyful Christian and The Pilgrim's Regress (Section 8). We just added Jack's Life, The Life Story of C.S. Lewis (Section 3) by Douglas Gresham - his stepson.

The Lily Series (Section 19) Welcome to the wonderful world of an inquisitive sixth-grader Lily Robbins as she has fun and is growing up. We have books 1-3, 6, 9 and 11 of the fiction series in the SCFBC library by Nancy Rue. She has a series of 14 fiction and non-fiction books about Lily. We highly recommend this series for the young and the young at heart. If you have any of them you want to donate to the library please put them in the BOOK RETURN box or drop them off at the office.

September LIBRARY WEEK

Library open hours

Sunday, 9/6 - 12pm – 1pm
- 4:15pm – 5:15pm

Thursday, 9/9 - 12pm – 4pm

The Library Committee

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

Pastor's Corner

We are currently in a Sunday morning message series entitled *A Renovation of the Heart*. Just as our church is proceeding with a physical renovation of our parlor, bathrooms, lobby, and sanctuary, so each of us needs to experience a renovation of our inner hearts.

But renovations have frustrations and joys built right into them. Let me share a few.

Renovations take time

I haven't seen too many physical renovations in my life, but the ones I have observed have all taken longer than was originally expected or planned for.

When our next door neighbors added a second floor to their home, it seemed to take forever. At one point only spot they had left that wasn't affected/trashed was a three foot radius around their kitchen table in their dining area. Susi and I brought over dessert one night and we all sat around that table. The couple, along with their kids, was wondering at that point whether it would ever end. (It did)

For us the road to wholeness of heart will take a long time. But, as we progress, we'll see that the journey was worth it. Jesus calls us to persevere. He will give us the strength.

Renovations are messy

Things have to be torn up in order to be fixed up.

Here's a picture of the women's rest room off the lobby as of last Tuesday. There are cuts in the walls. The wall paper is being torn off. The floor is a mess.

Life transitions are also messy. We have to let go of the old in order to move ahead into an uncertain future. We have conflicting emotions. Nothing feels settled, because it isn't! Instead it feels like we're on the high seas constantly being buffeted about.

Jesus calls us to continue the journey through the messy times. It's time to be led by His vision of what we can become.

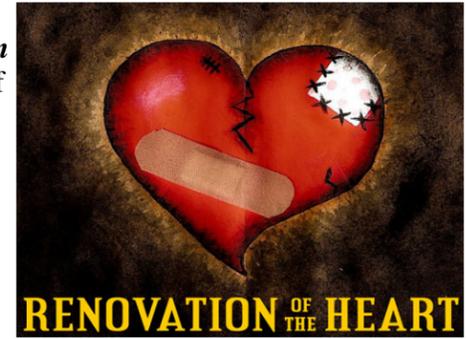
Renovations finally usher in something better

Renovations refresh and renew! People are getting excited when they see the newness.

We too will find fresh joy when we see the results of God's rejuvenating work within us. A restored heart will bring new levels of maturity in our lives- more love, more joy, more kindness, more peace.

Jesus promises these results when we allow Him to do His work within us.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich



Children's Ministry

Summer is over, school is back in session and Children's Ministries is kicking off this fall with a new look!

You may have already noticed that the children are no longer in the sanctuary at the beginning of the Family Worship Service on Sunday mornings. This change requires all children ages 3 years through 5th grade to be checked in by their parent/guardian in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall before the worship service.

Nursery-aged children (those under age 3) continue to be registered and checked in at the Nursery located in Room 2.

A **new Kids' Worship** allows our teachers additional time with your children on Sunday mornings and expands our SPEEDway program that is geared especially for them. Use of a **new curriculum** called "Living Inside Out" allows all children ages 3 years of age and older to be together for their own worship hour. Included each Sunday is a large group lesson time after which the children participate in small groups to talk about the lesson at their own age level. The Scripture lesson's topic continues to be taught through snack time, recreation and singing. "Living Inside Out" focuses on applying Biblical principles to everyday life and various situations that today's children face.

Children arriving for the **Sunday School hour** will still be greeted by their teachers at their classrooms: Pre-K - Grade 1 meet in Rooms 5/6 and Grades 2-5 meet in Rooms 11/12. After their class time, their teachers will escort them to the Fellowship Hall for Kids' Worship. With the lifeApps classes for adults beginning in September, it's a great opportunity to attend one of those classes and bring your children to Sunday school each week!

It is time for **Fall Registration**, and current information for all children is needed. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall as well as in the Sunday School classrooms. Please fill one out for each child and return them to one of the SPEEDway staff. It is important that we have accurate contact and medical information to ensure the safety and welfare of your children.

We are also planning to start a brand new ministry for families this fall. Plans are underway to have a **family lunch together one Sunday a month** after the Family Worship Service and then enjoy a family activity where parents can interact with their children, get to know

other families better and spend time with the children's teachers. These will be simple, fun activities for the whole family. If you have ideas of an activity or service that we could participate in as a group, please let me know. As Children's Ministry staff we hope to get to know our kids and their families through these activities and build stronger relationships with each other. Parents will be provided with more information as details are finalized. Sign up sheets and information will be available in the Fellowship Hall registration area each month so that we all can plan appropriately.

Rebecca Ebel has volunteered to schedule activities aimed primarily for children under school age, ages 1-5. Please see her article included in this edition of *Celebrate*. The **Preschool Family Adventures** schedule will also be posted in the Nursery and made available at the Fellowship Hall registration table.

AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) begins on September 13th during the EDGE service on Sunday evenings. Sign up sheets and information are available in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall. For more information about this unique ministry, see AWANA article in this edition of *Celebrate*. Contact Jon Hammar at 248-2078 for more details .

Welcome to Daniel Moffit, Karena Bertos and Michelle Ramer who have recently joined the Children's Ministry Team. We are always in need of adults who have a heart for kids! Our next Children's Ministry Meeting will be September 13th in the Fellowship Hall after the Family Worship Service. Please join us if you are interested in learning more about being a part of our ministry team. If you cannot attend that meeting, you can contact me directly by e-mail or phone.

Please continue to keep this vitally important ministry in your prayers as we seek to serve Christ and your children.

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

Financial Report

As we enter the final third of a financially difficult 2009, it is important that we reflect what has been fiscally accomplished both within Santa Clara First Baptist Church and personally.

Coming into 2009, the leadership of our church recognized the impact that our "New Economy" would have on our church as an organization. Throughout this year, the leadership has carefully monitored and controlled church expenses.

As of July 31st, the majority of our expenses are below our projected budget. Comparing 2009 to 2008 (as of July 31st), the giving by our Congregation (exclusive of Building Fund giving) is actually up by \$6,500.00! Despite this improvement in giving and careful control of spending, our expenses through July have left our church with a \$6,000.00 deficit.

What can we do?

First, we must be empathetic to many within our Congregation. As of July, unemployment in our County has reached nearly 12%. This means approximately 1 in 8 people are out of work. But this also means that 7 in 8 are employed! Now is a time that some of us need to "Step It Up". For those who are able, I ask that you consider what you can do to both help those who might be financially hurting within our Congregation as well as how you might be able to expand giving to your church to fill the void created by the unfortunate circumstances of many.

Second, it is not the giving of a single individual that makes or breaks our budget. However, a combination of small and large efforts can make an incredible improvement which will further enable Santa Clara First Baptist Church to do the Work of God. When one stands at the mouth of a river as it empties into an ocean, it is easy to become awe-inspired without realizing what it took to create the mighty flow. All rivers are created from hundreds of small streams, creeks and smaller rivers. Each one of these tributaries is equally important when considering the final size of that river. I would like you to really consider how you, as a tributary, can help to make the river of Santa Clara First Baptist Church flow stronger.

Lastly, we should be consistent in our giving. Just as the leadership must budget for our church, we as members

must also do our part to budget for our church. The best way is consistency. When considering your giving, remember that tithes and offerings are not meant to be the "cost of admission" when you attend a service. Our tithes and offerings are our pledges to our church and to God which allow us to do His works. As such, our giving should be constant, even on those Sunday's when you may miss a service. Despite your absence, your church's work continues.

Santa Clara First Baptist Church will continue doing the Great Works of God due to the generous giving of its people.

Steve Erling,
Deacon of Finance and Stewardship

Rummage Sale

Friday, October 16 th ,	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 17 th	8:30 am - 3:00 pm

The fall Rummage Sale that benefits our church's annual Bethlehem community outreach and various missions projects of the SCFBC American Baptist Women is scheduled for October 16th and 17th in the Fellowship Hall. Please start saving clean, usable items to benefit these special ministries. (No clothing donations please, although good, clean shoes are welcome.)

Because we have no storage space available, please wait until the week of October 11th to bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall. They can be left there before or after the Family and EDGE Worship Services, or you may bring the items between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on the set-up days of Wednesday and Thursday before the sale.

Many volunteers will be needed. Please contact Maxine at 241-7567 if you have any questions and/or if you would like to help with this special fund-raising event.

Youth News

Reflect High School Group



In August, Reflect went on their annual summer retreat. This time we “roughed it” at Andrew’s parent’s condo in Mammoth Lakes. In addition to hiking, fishing, and enjoying the sights of Mammoth Mountain, we were blessed to hear God’s word through Eric’s teachings. We were encouraged to experience God in our walk through music, bible study, prayer/meditation, and nature.

Reflect continues studying Hebrews, and the wealth of information it contains. One week in August we went to the beach and enjoyed some hot dogs and smores over the bonfire, heard God speak to us about how our actions can be interpreted, and finished up the night with some Marianne’s ice cream.



The Element Jr. High Group

The Jr High group had a great time in Yosemite for their Summer Retreat. Jasmine shared the Good Samaritan story with us and how our lives would be changed if we lived for others instead of ourselves. We had an awesome time of hiking and exploring the area and it was rewarding when we made it to the top of Vernal falls. At the top we were able to rest and swim in Emerald Pool.



Mark Reiley and **Tim Coral** tried the “Good Samaritan Test” on the trail to see if anyone would stop and help them.

It didn’t work very well as no one took them seriously with 12 other kids sitting off to the side watching and giggling.

On Thursday nights we are finishing up our Loser’s Club series and **Pastor Rich** came and shared one evening about his life and how he had to trust God with decisions about marriage, and that we should trust God also in our lives.



Sunday Groups

Committed continues meeting at 4PM instead of 9AM in the morning. We will switch back over to 9AM in the Youth Room coinciding with the beginning of the lifeApps classes on September 13th.

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

Upcoming EVENTS

September 23rd - See You at the Pole

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



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





The time has come for another amazing, exciting and all-around extraordinary AWANA season. Under the leadership of Commander Jon Hammar, the AWANA staff is prepared to take your children on a fun-filled, Scripture-led journey towards Jesus.

AWANA BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

AWANA evenings are divided into three parts – Games, Handbook Time, and Council Time. The games are high-energy and lots of fun. This is an opportunity for children to play hard, laugh out loud and simply have fun together. During Handbook Time the children work on memorizing Bible verses. With the help of trained leaders, the children work through their books, committing Scripture to memory and planting God’s word in their hearts. Council time is when the Bible comes to life through child-targeted lessons, teaching the children how to apply all the wonderful words of God they have been learning.

The AWANA team would love to have your child be a part of this year’s adventure. Here’s what you need to know to get your AWANA journey started:

Time and Place

When: Sundays, 5:15-6:45pm
(During EDGE Worship)
Where: Fellowship Hall and Education Wing

Age Groups

Cubbies: Ages 3-5 (not yet in Kindergarten)
Sparks: Grades K-2
Truth ‘N Training: Grades 3-5

Registration

AWANA registration forms can be found at the information table in the Lobby, at the AWANA table in the Fellowship Hall, or you can come to AWANA and register there.

Volunteers

AWANA is run completely through volunteers. We have a wonderful team of trained volunteers, but we can always use more. If you feel God’s tug on your heart to be a part of this ministry, contact Commander Jon.

AWANA begins on Sunday, September 13th. If you have any questions, call Commander Jon Hammar at 248-2078 or contact him through email at jhammar@jbear.org.

Packing Seafarers' Ditty Bags

Women of SCFBC, you've seen the box for the gifts for the seafarers in the church lobby. Now it's time to pack the bags!

Join the fun on Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 AM in the lobby and pack “ditty bags” for the Seafarers of the Golden Gate. These bags of personal items will be taken to Oakland in October to be put on ships so the men and women who travel months at a time on the seas will have some Christmas presents and learn the message of Christ's gift love for them. Following our work project, we will share a potluck lunch at Noon, so bring some food to share. Plates, cups and silverware will be furnished.

All women are invited to participate in this fun mission project. For more information or to volunteer call Barbara Chicks at 739-2935.



Seafarer receiving gifts for his ship.



Preschool Family Adventures Fall 09

These adventures are aimed at children ages 1-5 and their families, but all ages are welcome! For more information about any of these activities, please contact Rebecca Ebel (408) 624-1078. Most of these activities do not need an RSVP, but it is always good to let us know you are coming so we know to wait for you.

Weekend Adventures:

Saturday, September 19: Apple picking

Join us for a fun filled morning picking apples and playing at Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville. We will leave from the church parking lot at 9:30 am. Bring a picnic lunch and some money to buy dessert at Gizdich Ranch's Bake Shop. Cost: Free to come, bring money for apples and dessert.

Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 11: Camping with the kids!

Take your little ones on a camping trip at Manresa State Beach. We'll have a weekend filled with fun games, good food, and of course plenty of time playing on the beach. Don't have the camping equipment? We'll try to find what you need! Spaces are limited, so RSVPs are required. Departure time and cost will be determined closer to the event.

Saturday November 7: California Academy of Science

Meet at the church parking lot at 9:30 am to carpool to San Francisco and explore the 4-story rain forest dome, aquariums, and the many other exhibits at the new Academy of Science. Cost: \$24.95 for adults, free for children under 6.

Weekday Adventures:

Thursday, September 10: Deer Hollow Farm

Deer Hollow Farm is a working homestead complete with cows, sheep, goats, and many other farm animals to meet! The farm is located in Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve. Meet at the restrooms at Rancho San Antonio at 9:30 am. It's an easy 1 mile walk to the farm, so strollers are recommended for little ones. Cost: Free!

Tuesday October 13: The Jungle

Meet us at the Jungle in San Jose at 10:30 am to let your kids burn off some energy in the ball pits and climbing structures! After we play, we'll eat lunch in the cafe inside the Jungle and send you home with kids ready for nap time! Cost: \$7.95 for 3 years and up, \$3.48 for

toddlers (1-2 years), free for adults and babies.

Thursday November 12: Children's Discovery Museum
Meet us at the front of the museum at 10:30 am. We'll spend the morning exploring the exhibits then eat a picnic lunch in the park. Cost: \$10 per person.

Sports News

Our church softball season has ended with our Intermediate Team taking First Place by winning the Championship game against Valley Church of Cupertino.

The Recreational team ended in second place by losing to Mission Springs of Fremont in a 14-15 game. Thank you to everyone who came out and played.



SCFBC Intermediate Team



SCFBC recreational Team