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**Our Mission:
 Why are we here?**

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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2nd Len Walz
- 2nd Leslie Turley -
(Japan Missionary)
- 7th Jean Rund
- 10th Chuck Chicks
- 10th Diana Dodson Lee
- 11th Emily Ramer
- 11th Justin Slay
- 13th Peggy Shalloe
- 16th Lisa Robinson
- 16th Patti Victorson
- 20th Michelle Ramer
- 26th Mike Ramer
- 26th Laura Gregg

Anniversaries

- 4th Jim & Lois Lovelace
- 7th Yongbom & Diana Dotson Lee
- 25th Gary & Pat White

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

November 2009



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." (see inside Missions department report for details)

San Francisco Homeless Outreach



The Impact College/Career group sponsors the 5th annual San Francisco Homeless Outreach on November 22nd after EDGE Worship. Anyone over 18 is invited to participate in this special ministry to those living on the streets. Youth are also welcome to come with a parent. Donations of blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, new socks (especially for men) and other cold weather items to give to the homeless are needed. For more information, contact Jerry Cintas at 615-1690.

Renovation Update

The women's restroom is finished and came out looking fantastic. Our blue and white restroom with broken sinks has been transformed into a beautiful warm restroom. We have a new baby changing table, handicap accessible stall, wood grain partitions, energy efficient lighting, tile floor and walls, large granite counter, a supply drawer with baby wipes and feminine products, new carpet, new furniture, motion activated lighting, speakers to hear the service, emergency lighting, and insulated walls.

Many volunteer man hours went into the restroom project to help our construction foreman, Adam Burdick. Ken Harrell (cleanup), Duane Esquibel (plumbing), Lloyd Darknell (electrical/plumbing), Tom Caldwell (painting), Tim McLenegan (electrical), Jenny Gregg (sewing/decorating), Steve McLenegan (cleaning), Joe Lasher (tile), Matt Juarez (tile), Sharon Cintas (design/decorating), and Jerry Cintas (management/design/electrical) are part of the that made it happen. Steve Erling got us an excellent price on tile and carpet and HD Supply provided 20% off of materials.

With the completion of the women's restroom we have moved into the Men's Restroom and have already started jack hammering the floor to adjust the stalls for accessibility requirements. The men's restroom will have similar tile, partitions, and granite counter tops when completed.



The men's room under reconstruction.



Jenny Gregg & Sharon Cintas enjoying the new furniture!

November Calendar Events

NOVEMBER

All Saturdays – Bethlehem work days –
Jerry 615-1690

1 – 9am – *How to Study the Bible* #2 – Parlor – Pastor Jenny

1 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #2 – Room 19 - Pastor Rich

1 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #2 – Parlor - Joel R.

3 – Election Day – Please Vote

4 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734

4 – 7:00pm – Upper Room Prayer– Sanctuary

7 – 9:30am Preschool Family Adventures - California Academy of Science - Rebecca - 624-1078

8 – 9am *How to Study the Bible* #3 – Parlor – Pastor Jenny

8 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #3 – Room 19 - Pastor Rich

8 – 12noon Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen

8 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #3 – Parlor - Joel R.

10 – 12:30pm Bethell Circle - Maxine Darknell's home

11 – Veteran's Day Holiday – Office Closed

11 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor

12 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Room 19 - Rhonda –

12 – 10:30am - Preschool Family Adventure - Children's Discovery Museum - Rebecca - 624-1078

15 – 9am *How to Study the Bible* #4 -- Parlor – Pastor Jenny

15 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #4 – Room 19 – Pastor Rich

15 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #4 - Parlor - Joel R.

16 – 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting – Library

18 – 6pm City Team Outreach – Jonathan – 813-2505

19 – 11:45am – Sr/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949

22 – 9am *How to Study the Bible* #5 – Parlor – Pastor Jenny

22 – 9am *SHAPE* Class #5– Room 19 – Pastor Rich

22 – 12noon- Quarterly Business Meeting– budget vote/lunch

22 – 4pm *Prayer* Class #5 – Parlor - Joel R.

22 – 7pm- Quarterly Business Meeting – budget vote/dessert

22 – 7pm SF Homeless Outreach – Jerry 615-1690

26 – Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed

28 - Tentative Men's Ministry Outreach

DECEMBER

Retired Missionaries/Ministers Special Offering

2 – 10am White Cross – Lobby

2 – 7:00p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary

5 – 8:30am December Diaconate Meeting – Library

5 – Bethlehem Work Day

6 – 12 noon - Bethlehem Lunch/walk through – FH

8 – 12:30pm Bethell Circle

8-9 – 7pm - Bethlehem Rehearsals

9 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle

10-14 – Bethlehem

13 – 12noon Mission Team Meeting – Library

15 – Start Bethlehem cleanup this week and every Saturday until completed

16 – 6pm City Team Outreach

17 – 1:45am Seniors/Birthday Lunch Bunch

21 – 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting – Library

24 – 6pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

25 – Christmas Holiday – Office Closed

JANUARY

1 – New Year's Day – Office Closed

2 – 8:30am January Diaconate Meeting – Library

2 – 9am Bethlehem Workday

3 – 9:15am Life Group Leaders Meeting– Room 19

6 – 10am White Cross – Lobby

6 – 7:30p –Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary

7 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Room 19

9 – Bethlehem workday

9 – 6pm - Bethlehem Banquet – FH

10 – 12noon Mission Team Meeting –Library

11 – 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting – Library

12 – 12:30pm Bethell Circle

13 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle

18 – Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed

20 – 6pm City Team Outreach

21 – 11:45am Sr./Birthday Lunch Bunch

23 – 8:30-10am Men's Ministry

30 – 6pm - 5th Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner –FH

Life Groups of SCFBC

Monday:

10:30am-Seniors Life Group, led by Pastor Rich 241-7635

7:00pm-Lindsey Life Group, led by Coy & Tracey Lindsey 396-0069

Tuesday Evening:

6:30pm-Resonate Life Group, led by Joel Robinson 554-1728

7:00pm-IMPACT Life Group(18-30 yrs) led by Sharon & Jerry Cintas 615-1692

7:00pm-Home Builders (Young Families), led by Rebecca Ebel 624-1078

7:00pm-Gregoire Life Group 744-1217

7:30pm-XFactor, led by Jonathan Fung 813-2505

Wednesday Evening:

7:00pm-Depew Life Group, led by Michael Depew 691-1441

7:30pm-Chicks Life Group, led by Chuck Chicks 739-2935

Friday Evening:

6:30pm-Family Life Group, led by Pastor Jenny 248-2078

Saturday:

8:30am (4th Saturdays)-Men's Ministry, led by Adam Burdick 248-5903

3:00pm-Moms Life Group, led by Daena Yuksel 774-9412

For more information about SCFBC Life Groups or for assistance in finding a group, please contact Pastor Jennifer Hammar at 241-7635 or go to our website at www.scfbc.org/life_groups.



Our Pews getting ready for a road trip to their new home in Sacramento!

We are ordering the new sanctuary chairs this week in order to have them available around Christmas time. We have found a new home for our pews at a church in Sacramento. The church currently has uncomfortable wood chairs and will be taking the rest of our pews when our new chairs come in. They have already come and picked up four pews and loved the wood work. It is great to see that they will be used once again for the worship of God.

The Building Committee

*SCFBC, because of your generosity
you are a blessing to someone else!*



On behalf of the Slavic church we all thank you for the pews. They have been praying for these and the cost has been beyond their resources. This is considered a gift from God and the church is praying for you all. All I will need is a couple days notice to pick up the rest of the pews. Everybody is excitedly waiting. Thank you and God bless you all. Rtm

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry is enjoying a new format and curriculum that incorporates a large group lesson time before the children break into small groups for age appropriate application and connection with a small group leader.

This month's theme was IN THE DOGHOUSE and the curriculum focused on how they can stay **out** of the doghouse by **controlling anger, being honest, encouraging one another and forgiving others** unlike the examples of the Bible characters we studied.

We just completed our first month of BE A STAR - SHINE FOR JESUS. The children are taking some personal responsibility for their spiritual growth by making choices that give them the opportunity to earn stars for Jesus. How? By being in attendance, exhibiting good behavior, being kind and helpful to each other, bringing their Bibles to church, giving offerings to God and memorizing Scriptures. Our winners for the month of October are **Abigail Bohac** in the Preschool/Kindergarten group; **Julia Hagan** in the 1st - 3rd grade group and **Jason Hammar** in the 4th/5th grade group. Thank you to the parents who are helping support their kids by encouraging them to make good choices.

We had a great turnout for our FAMILY FUN DAY to Grandpa's Pumpkin Patch. It was a great time to connect with families and have fun with the kids. If you have children of elementary age, our next FAMILY FUN DAY is November 15th with a trip to Prusch Farm and Park. Please sign up in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall if you would like to join us, and be sure to invite a friend.



The NURSERY got a deep cleaning in October that was facilitated by Susi Reaves. The nursery workers recently met to discuss and incorporate some new procedures for keeping the nursery as clean and healthy as possible. Thank you to all those who participated and for your support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for our littlest ones.

As always, the Children's Ministry is in need of adults that have a heart for kids and would like to have a positive impact in their lives. If you would like to share your heart with a child in some way through this ministry, please contact me.



Together in service for Him,

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



Membership Department

Are you looking for a ministry where you can serve the Lord and His church – especially during the end of the year holidays? Please consider the following:

Fellowship Fund - This is a fund available to those who need financial assistance. You may donate to this special ministry by designating "Fellowship Fund" and the amount you wish to give on your offering envelope. During the holidays, SCFBC likes to extend a helping hand to church families to make their holiday celebrations festive.

Food Pantry - Through the food pantry we supply bags of food to help meet the needs of people who stop by the church. You can give money for this ministry by designating "Food Pantry" and the 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, all of which can be placed in the wooden box in the lobby. Last year, the food pantry was able to supply several families Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals as needed. Contact Membership Deacon, Jerri Cooper at 984-0908, if you have questions or suggestions on how to help.

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.

Good Samaritans - This is a ministry of "helps" for those who need help 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, perhaps once or twice a year, or if you have a need.

Thank you for providing your help!

Jerri Cooper
Membership Deacon

Additional photos of volunteers supporting the renovation



Steve really gets into his work, with both hands!



Joe Lasher in deep concentration

Now for a little humor!



I'll be watching you, every step you take, every move you make-I'll be watching you!

Right and Wrong

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

All right, children, let's take another example, she said. If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?

Little Harold, the pastor's son, raised his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurted out, You'd be his wife!

Library Corner and Book Nook

LIBRARY HOURS

We will no longer have Library Week as we have since April. Instead you can access the library any time during regular church office hours. Just check with Dave in the office and he will unlock it for you. You will be able to browse as long as you like and use the self-check to obtain books, just remember to tell him when you are done. If your Life Group or your family would like to meet in the Library in the evenings please contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 to schedule the time. Thank you for using the library and checking out books. The materials are there to assist you in your understanding of Bible and read about examples of how others have led their Christian life.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

If your passion is books, reading or serving and visiting with people, we may have a spot for you. We are in the process of cataloging all the books in anticipation of a new home delivery for shut-ins project. This past summer student help started inventorying the books but now we need to complete it, so we can eventually have a complete list of all books and authors in the library. Thank you! Thank you! If YOU are getting an inkling to help, please contact Peggy at 410-8933 or Jerri C. at 984-0908.

BOOK NOOK

You are more than welcome to look at and check out the books in the BOOK NOOK in the sanctuary each Sunday. Peggy changes these books approximately every two weeks so there are fresh titles to browse and check-out. During the current sermon series or lifeApps classes we are picking books that correspond with the subjects.

FEATURED BOOKS

Living your Strengths by Albert L. Winseman, D.Min, Donald O Clifton, Ph.D., and Curt Liesveld, M.Div. (Section) *Living Your Strengths* shows people how to use their innate gifts to enrich their church and their community - right now. It teaches you to identify and affirm your talents and how to use them for growth and service. Use this book as a tool to discover your God-Given talents and inspire your community. This is a companion book for the current S.H.A.P.E Class. There are three of these books out on the Book Nook Wheel and table.

What Happens When We Pray For Our Families by Evelyn Christenson (Section 5) “Nothing we do has more power than prayer” is an inscription inside the book. The author looks back over 50 years of marriage to reveal prayer secrets that have worked in her family and that will help you pray for your own family. This book teaches how to hang on in faith when other family members hurt and when God doesn’t seem to hear; how to pray when Satan attacks children and how to pray for your baby even before birth. God cares—all we have to do is have a heart of a parent who knows the power of prayer.

The Library Committee

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

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In October, Reflect completed our study on Hebrews, and the wealth of information it contains. One week, **Eric** taught about Faith and the many Old Testament examples of Faith. **Danielle** taught about Godly discipline,

and about how it is ultimately for our benefit. **Andrew** completed Hebrews with a review of the previous 12 weeks, and an exhortation to continue to love one another.



Reflect joined with Element and braved our annual trip to G&M Farms and their huge corn maze. We got lost in the maze, met

many “corn buddies” and enjoyed some fresh cooked corn after making our way through the dark maze.

The Element Jr. High Group

The Element group has been going through a study called “The Core” where we are studying eight fundamental beliefs in Christianity. The Deity of Christ, The Virgin Birth, Salvation by Grace, The Resurrection of Jesus, The Trinity, Atonement for Sin, The Return of Jesus, and The Inspiration of Scripture. As youth mentors, we want the Jr Highers to know that these beliefs are core to their faith.

Also the youth leaders along with some college leaders attended the annual Youth Leaders Conference in Los Angeles. We listened to many great speakers, saw **David Crowder** in concert, and attended seminars about Youth Ministry.

Committed

Committed began a new series entitled “How to Walk on Water”. Various questions raised by the youth are being answered. Some questions being tackled are “How to Pray”, “Video Games and the Bible”, and “How to Serve”.

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

Upcoming EVENTS

November 13th - Mall Hunt Friday 6pm
November 18th - Reflect @ 2nd Harvest FB
November 25th - No Reflect
November 26th - No Element
December 10th-14th - Bethlehem

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



Is there some-one behind me?



David Crowder is dreamy!!



Bill & Geneva Ash

Bill Ash was born in El Paso, Texas in 1922. When his parents married, they each had children from their previous marriages so they started their union with eight children. Bill was the firstborn from their second marriage and he was followed by seven more children. Bill says their family of 18(!) ate together at a long table with benches along the sides.

When he was six years old, Bill's family left Texas during the height of the Great Depression and finally resettled in Bakersfield. Eventually they moved to Santa Rosa when Bill was in high school. During his time there he worked at a local pharmacy, but upon graduation from Santa Rosa High School he moved to San Francisco to study furniture finishing and cabinet making at Samuel Gompers Trade School. Soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he left his apprenticeship in San Francisco to join the Navy. His previous experience in the pharmacy in Santa Rosa led him to train in San Diego as a Navy Medical Corpsman.

Although his family was very large they stayed close through the years. Once while in dock in Nu Mea, New Caladonia during the Christmas holidays, Bill noticed another ship in the same port. Recognizing that as the ship on which one of his brothers was serving as chief electrician, he made arrangements (even threatening to go AWOL if necessary) to share Christmas dinner with his brother whom he had not seen in a long time.

Geneva Ash was born in 1924 in Oklahoma and moved to Tucson, Arizona at the age of seven. Her parents also had children from previous marriages so Geneva grew up with five half-siblings. Upon graduation from high school, with a heart to serve God and the needy, Geneva moved to San Francisco to attend school for training to work for the Lord in the church of the Salvation Army. That was a big move for a single young woman at that time, one that required great faith. Once she completed her training in San Francisco, she moved to Santa Rosa.

Bill finished his service in the Navy, returned to Santa Rosa and started attending the Salvation Army Church there with his mother. There he met Geneva.

When Geneva left Santa Rosa to return to Tucson, Bill was not far behind. They married in 1944 and moved to Stockton. Evidently, they decided that a large family was not necessary and had only two daughters, Barbara and Carol. They are also proud to have one granddaughter and three grandsons and four great-grandsons.

While living in Stockton, Geneva's heart to help the needy was once again stirred and she went to Stockton Junior College for her LVN degree. She worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton and at both Stanford Hospital and the Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto once they relocated to the Bay Area.

Desiring to make SCFBC their church home, both Bill and Geneva were baptized at SCFBC by Pastor Rich in 1980. During the past almost three decades, Bill and Geneva have faithfully served in various ministries here. Bill was head usher for about 20 years greeting Sunday morning worshipers each Sunday, resigning only because his hearing was deteriorating. He has used his furniture experience to help build the current AV booth and the sign for the Slocum Garden near the west parking lot. Geneva has served for years on the Prayer Chain, in ABW Ministries and fixing meals for others as needed.

Bill and Geneva may have had to "slow down" in their ministries at SCFBC, but they continue to be faithful in worship each Sunday morning. They both are grateful for the hearing devices provided so they don't miss out on any spoken word. Their years of faithful service as Disciples of Christ are a great example for us all.

Property Corner

Church Work Day: I would like to thank the following volunteers who gave of their time and talents on the church work day held on October 17th: Chuck Juarez, Matt Juarez, Joe Lasher, Steve Victorson, Richard and Susi Reaves, Lisa Robinson, Dave Wilson, Sharon and Jerry Cintas, Christian Reyes, Jeff Wood, Jim Powell, Rudy DuBord, Adam Burdick, Austin Duniphin, and Dorothy Depew.

The following projects were started/completed: church lawns fertilized, nursery deep cleaned, women's bathroom floor tile installed, lights and fixtures removed and/or replaced, and pew removal and general cleaning accomplished.

A barbeque was held after the work day and Dave Wilson was "The Man" as he prepared the meat and did an excellent job in cooking everything to perfection! Austin Duniphin assisted Dave as his BBQ Apprentice. Thanks, Dave and Austin for all of your help!

Please look in future Celebrate articles for the next church work day!

Thanks again to everyone for helping maintain our church property!

Renovation Report: Please read the article from Jerry Cintas.

Power Upgrade:

Work continues on the power upgrade. Most of the work is now complete and we are awaiting a final permit from Silicon Valley Power that is being done by TMobile.

Bethlehem: Work will be starting soon for this annual community outreach. Please contact the church office for upcoming work days.

General: Please contact Dave Wilson at the church office (241-7635) or me (270-4832) should you become aware of issues around the church property that need to be fixed or replaced.

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew
Property Deacon

Missions Report

Operation Christmas Child. This month SCFBC will be supporting Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The first year of this ministry 28,000 shoe boxes of gifts for children were collected. In 2008 almost 8 million shoe boxes were received and delivered to children in over 100 countries! This year SCFBC will once again be participating in this ministry to reach children around the world with the love and good news of Jesus Christ. On November 4th at 10am in parlor a we will be wrapping shoe boxes. All women are invited to help on this workday.

Those of you filling shoe boxes otherwise must bring them to the church by November 15th. More information can be found in the Sunday bulletin and on the missions information table in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Thank you for joining in this exciting ministry that extends around the world.

Karen Fong, Missions Deacon

S.H.A.R.E.S. Program Update

ABW wants to thank all of you for using your S.H.A.R.E. cards. Because of you, we were able to give \$174.00 to Love Gift this quarter and presently have another \$174.00 in our S.H.A.R.E. account with another month to go in this quarter. Next quarter another recipient will benefit from the money earned by you using your S.H.A.R.E. cards. If you want to learn more about the program or if you would like a card you can phone Jean at 296-5805.

ABW Crafts Fair

Join the Women's Ministry on a Holiday Boutique Adventure on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 10:30 AM. We will be the guests of Cottage Crafts where they will have a fun filled event planned for us with Card Making, Tea Tasting, and a Treasure Hunt with Prizes. Then we will be off to Eleanor's Fashions where she has a Special Event planned for our group. Finally, we will end up at the Heartbeat Cafe for lunch. Should you purchase anything there is no sales tax at this event. We will meet at Cottage Crafts Boutique at 10:30 AM Cottage Crafts is a Year Round Craft Fair and is located at 14458 Union Avenue (Cambrian Park Plaza), San Jose. Cottage Crafts is making name badges with the ABW logo for each of us. If you want a name badge you must make a reservation by November 9th.

For more information or to make a reservation call Jean Rund at 296-5805.