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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

December Birthdays

Birthdays

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| 1 st | Hayden Gregorie | 14 th | Pat Graham |
| 3 rd | Bebe Barife | 18 th | Irmgard Ciarlo |
| 5 th | Michael Reiley | 19 th | David Turley - Missionary |
| 8 th | Unice Chang | 21 st | Vera Masters |
| 9 th | Paul Watson | 22 nd | Steve McLenegan |
| 10 th | Jim Lovelace | 23 rd | Marlene Goldman |
| 2 nd | Wendy Gregg | 31 st | Tammy Catterton |

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

December 2009

Bethlehem

Dec. 10-14th
6:30-9:00pm



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

CANDLELIGHT FAMILY SERVICE

6:00PM

Nursery Care Provided

We hope to see you and your family and friends at our Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 6:00pm. This worship gathering will be a time of reflection and gratitude with familiar carols, Scripture readings, and candlelight.

December Calendar Events

DECEMBER

Retired Missionaries & Ministers Offering

- 2 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 2 - 7:00p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary
- 5 - 8:30am Dec Diaconate Mtg – Lib– Steve 249-4621
- 5 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry– Rm 19– Rhonda
- 6 – 12 noon - Bethlehem Lunch/walk through – FH
- 8 – 12:30pm Bethell Circle - Barbara Chick's home
- 8-9 – 7pm - Bethlehem Tech Rehearsal–Jerry 615-1690
- 9 -11:45am Baits/Turley Circle – SV Marie Callendars
- 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 10-14 -5:30-9:30pm Bethlehem–Church event
- 13 - 12 noon Choir rehearsal - choir room - Sue
- 13-12p Mission Team Mtg – Lib – Karen – 246-6253
- 15-17– Start Bethlehem cleanup and every Sat
- 16 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 17–11:45am Sr/Birthday Lunch Bunch–SC Hometown Buffet- Betty 244-5949
- 19 - 9:00am Bethlehem clean-up workday
- 20 - 9:45am Choir rehearsal - choir room - Sue
- 21-7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg – Lib– Steve E.
- 24 – 6pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 25 – **Christmas Holiday – Office Closed**

Up-coming events

JANUARY 2010

- 1 – **New Year's Day – Office Closed**
- 2–8:30am Jan Diaconate Meeting– Lib–Steve 249-4621
- 2–9am Bethlehem Workday – Jerry 615-1690
- 2–10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19 Rhonda
- 3- 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg– Rm 19
- 6– 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N 266-1734
- 6- 7:30p –Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary
- 9- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19 - Rhonda
- 9- Bethlehem workday – Jerry 615-1690
- 9- 6pm - Bethlehem Banquet – FH – Jerry 615-1690
- 10 -9-10:15 Study of Book of Mark #1–Rm 29– Denise
- 10 - 9-10:15am Freed Up Financial Living #1– Parlor
- 10 - 12p Mission Team Mtg –Library–Karen–246-6253
- 11-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg–Lib– Steve E.
- 12–12:30pm Bethell Circle
- 13–12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle
- 17- 9-10:15 Study of Book of Mark #2 – Rm 29
- 17 – 9 -10:15am Freed Up Financial Living #2– Parlor
- 18–**Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed**
- 20- 6pm City Team Rescue Shelter Outreach
- 21–11:45am Sr./Birthday Lunch Bunch–Betty D.

- 23– 8:30-10am Men's Ministry – Adam 230-6848
- 24 - 9-10:15 Study of Book of Mark #3 – Rm 29
- 24 - 9 -10:15am Freed Up Financial Living #3– Parlor
- 30 – 6pm - 5th Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner –FH – Andrew 278-1996
- 31 - 9-10:15 Study of Book of Mark #4 – Rm 29
- 31 - 9-10:15am Freed Up Financial Living #4– Parlor

FEBRUARY

- 3 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 3 - 7:30p – Upper Room Prayer – Sanctuary – Jonathan
- 6 - 8:30am Feb Diaconate Mti – Lib – Steve 249-4621
- 6 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 7 - 9-10:15 Study of Book of Mark #5–Rm 29– Denise
- 7 - 9 -10:15am Freed Up Financial Living #5– Parlor – Pastor Rich/Susi
- 7 – 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg–Rm 19– Pastor Jenny
- 7 - 2p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen– 246-6253
- 7 – 4-5:15pm Holy Spirit Class #5 -Parlor–Pastor Jenny
- 8 –7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting – Lib– Steve E.
- 9 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – TBD
- 10- 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 11– 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 12-15– Reflect Winter Retreat – Andrew 278-1996
- 14 – Lenten Series Starts
- 14 – 9:00am Freed-Up #6 – Parlor – Pastor Rich/Susi
- 15 - **President's Day Holiday – Office Closed**
- 17 – 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 21 – AWANA Parents night – Jon
- 21 –12pm Quarterly Family Gathering with lunch – annual report
- 21 – 6:30p Quarterly Family Gathering with dessert social – annual report
- 25– 11:45am Sr./BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 27– 8:30-10a Men's Ministry – Kitchen – Adam

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 Grow 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 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 find a group, please contact Pastor Jennifer Hammar at 241-7635 or go to our website at www.scfbc.org/life_groups.

Life Group Highlights

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 "Senior's Life Group" led by Pastor Rich. 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.

Lenten Emphasis for 2010

In 2010 our Lenten emphasis will take us on a journey through the amazing story of God. From the creation of the world, to the ministry of the early church. From the covenant between God and Abraham to the coming of the Holy Spirit. From the exile of Judah to the fulfillment of prophecy in the Lord Jesus Christ. We will travel together through the entire Bible, immersing ourselves God's word.

Reading the entire Bible is a huge undertaking – one that many of us have started several times but few have actually completed. By working together, providing encouragement, insight and a structured reading plan we hope to turn this trend around. The plan for Lent is a 90-day reading plan that will take us through Scripture by reading 12 pages a day. It's called "**Bible in 90 Days.**" Several of our Life Groups will be following the plan, teaching lessons on select themes covered in the readings of the week. The sermons will also correlate with the weekly readings. You can find out more about this plan by visiting the website: www.biblein90days.com.

Because the traditional Lenten Season is 40 days, we will be extending our Lenten emphasis to adjust for the 90 day reading plan. We will begin our reading on January 18th, with the first Lent sermon on January 24th. The reading and the series will end on April 18th. Different reading plan options will be available including audio CDs and shorter reading versions. Reading plans are also available for children and youth so the

entire church family can take the journey together.

I hope you will commit to joining us as we immerse ourselves in the story of our Lord.

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

Missions Department

Africa 2010 Mission Trip

The Missions Department is excited to announce a mission trip to Ghana, Africa planned for 2010. While in Ghana we will work in cooperation with the Ghana Baptist Convention. Our main task will be to assist with the construction of First Baptist Church, Akosombo. This church has been instrumental in assisting and resourcing churches in other villages as well as ministering to their own community. While in Ghana we can also visit the Baptist Vocational Training Center, which ministers to the victims of trokosi.

Trokosi is the practice of children (mostly virgin girls) being given to shrines to appease the spirits after alleged misdeeds by the family or in payment for services. Essentially, these children become slaves of the priests, elders or owners of the shrines. The Baptist Vocational Training Center has been able to buy the freedom of many former slaves, educating them and giving them useful skills.

Approximate Dates: July 1- Thursday, July 15 from SFO to Accra, Ghana

Projected Cost: Total for 14 days = \$3500/per person
Airfare to Ghana, Africa – approximately \$2000
Living Expenses in Africa including hotel, food, transportation and other items - \$120/day

Sign-Up Deadline: January 15th, 2010

Informational Meetings: Two informational meetings are being offered. All those interested in this trip should plan to attend one of the meetings. They are: Sunday, December 6th at 6:30pm & Sunday, December 13th at 12pm.

Contact for more information:
Karen Fong, Deacon of Missions
kafong@aol.com
(408) 246-6253

Youth News



Reflect High School Group

In November, Reflect began a new series where the mentors teach about a worship song that has special meaning to them. Mary chose **Blessed be Your Name**, and talked about the story of Job and how through all his suffering, he still praised God. Liz chose **Marvelous Light** and shared how God brings us

out of shame and darkness and into the light. Jasmine picked a song by *Above the Golden State* titled **Loud and Clear**. She shared that worship shouldn't be about singing, but rather a state of living, and shared how she tries to be continually praising God.

Reflect also spent a Wednesday serving at Second Harvest Food Bank. One group helped prepare carrots for needy families, and another group help pack "Stimulus" boxes for those in need. All told, we helped prepare over 21,000 pounds of food for the needy. **No group on December 23rd and 30th.**

The Element Jr. High Group

The Element group had a great time at the Mall Hunt event at Valley Fair. They had to find the disguised leaders who were wondering around, and it was very difficult. We found Danijela and Danielle, but couldn't find Amy. Look at the picture to see why.

We also had our Halloween Party which was a lot of fun, with a night full of fun games.

We are finishing up our study called "The Core" where we are studying some of the fundamental beliefs in Christianity. In January we will be starting a new series that will involve the use of small groups. **No group on December 24th and 31st.**

Committed

Committed is continuing the series "How to Walk on Water". Various questions raised by the youth are being answered. The theme of the month was service where

one Sunday, the youth performed a service project at Scott Lane Elementary School. One Sunday the youth went shopping for Operation Christmas Child gifts, and the following Sunday they helped wrap any gifts that had not been yet wrapped. It was awesome to see the youth serve in this way! **No group on December 27th.**

Youth Staff

Danijela, Eric, Danielle, Liz, Fion, Amy, Kim, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew W, Andrew J



Upcoming EVENTS

December 10th-14th - Bethlehem
December 16th - Reflect Christmas Party
December 17th - Element Christmas Party
December 23rd - 31st - No Weeknight or Sunday Groups

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

Renovation Update

Things are coming along on the church sanctuary renovation project. The men's restroom is 95% done and looks great. The restroom includes: new tile, granite counter top, larger mirrors, emergency lighting, a speaker, ADA accessibility, insulated walls, and new lighting. Thank you again to all the volunteers who put hours in to bring this restroom project to completion; Lloyd Darknell (plumbing/electrical), Joe Lasher (plumbing), Ken Harrell (sheet rock), Mike Depew (concrete), Jerry Cintas (electrical), and Tom Caldwell (Painting). Adam Burdick is doing an outstanding job on workmanship and you can tell when you check out the restroom.

We are currently working on the front lobby and are trying to complete it before the end of the year. The lobby will have the paneling removed and new paint, new carpet, seating areas, tile, lighting, and new décor. It's a big project and we have had some volunteers come and help us clean up for Sunday; Ken Harrell, Andrew Wong, Victoria McGuiness, Matt Juarez, and Sara Lasher. Thank you again.

The sanctuary chairs are ordered and should be in the third week of December in time for Christmas. A church in Sacramento will be coming to pickup our pews and put them in their new church home at the "Way to Salvation" church.

We will be working on the new sound booth in January and February as we start moving the crews into the sanctuary for the large final phase of the renovation.

Thank you again for keeping your pledged money coming in as this project could not happen without those funds.

Building Committee

Jerry Cintas, Lloyd Darknell, Joe Lasher, Mike Depew



Men's Room torn apart



Michael Depew patching things up