



**Santa Clara
First Baptist**

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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

January Birthdays

Birthdays

- 1st Bill Gregg
- 8th Michele DuBord
- 11th Michelle Lasher
- 12th Tina Bell
- 13th Amy Starnes Stotzer
- 14th Jerilyn Wozniak
- 17th Michael Barife
- 18th Jon Hammar
- 20th Les Hawkins
- 23rd Geneva Ash
- 27th Daena Yuksel
- 28th Andrew Jackson
- 29th Jess Stephens

Anniversaries

- 17th Joe & Michelle Lasher
- 22nd Richard & Susi Reaves
- 23rd Larry & Fran Van Groningen

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

January 2010

The Bible In 90 Days Whole-Church Challenge.

Accomplish something millions have said is a life goal—read the entire Bible. This new, innovative Bible in 90 Days Whole-Church Challenge takes you from Genesis to Revelation in just 12 pages a day. Join us as we experience the Bible together and turn your aspiration into inspiration.

START DATE: January 18th, 2010

PLACE: Santa Clara First Baptist

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THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS™
WHOLE-CHURCH CHALLENGE

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 “Family Life Group” led by Pastor Jenny. Enjoy!

“The Family Life Group includes both parents and their children. Set in a child-safe environment, the parents have an opportunity to pray, fellowship and study while the children have a great time playing together. The older children play air hockey and board games in the garage, while the younger kids have two rooms filled with toys to play in. Interruptions are expected and the easy-going nature of the group allows parents to participate while also caring for their child.

Most parents with young children are unable to attend a Bible study because they don’t have childcare, or they simply don’t want to be away from their children after working all day. Also, most homes are not set up for young children to play safely. The Family Life Group is designed to meet these needs.

Our time together begins with a prayer with the children and then moves onto the Bible study. We end with sharing, prayer and then snacks. Because the children are playing the entire time, the end of the night also includes a clean-up time! When the weather is nice we meet in the front yard while the kids jump on the trampoline and play with water toys. It’s no surprise that the children eagerly look forward to Friday nights.”
Family Life Group meets on Friday evenings at 6:30pm in the home of Jon and Jenny Hammar. For more information contact Pastor Jenny at 248-2078.

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 in 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. You will find many of these resources available for purchase in the Lobby.

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

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

January Calendar Events

1 – New Year’s Day – Office Closed

- 2–9am Bethlehem Workday – Jerry 615-1690
- 2–6pm Bethlehem Banquet – FH – Jerry 615-1690
- 2–10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19 Rhonda 246-2242
- 3- 9:00am Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19 – Pastor Jenny
- 6– 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N 266-1734
- 6- 7p –Upper Room Prayer Service – Jonathan 813-2505
- 8-10 – Leaders Retreat – Redwood Glenn
- 7- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19 - Rhonda 246-2242
- 9 - Bethlehem Workday – Jerry 615-1690
- 10 - 9-10:15am Prayer #1 – Rm 19/20 – Joel Robinson
- 10- 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Jenny
- 10 – 4-5:15pm Holy Spirit Class #1- Parlor – Pastor Jenny
- 12–12:30pm Bethell Circle – Ellen Imhof’s home – 730-1150
- 13–12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
- 17 – 9-10:15am Prayer #2 – Rm 19/20 – Joel Robinson
- 17 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue
- 17 - 12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen – 242-2984
- 17 – 4-5:15pm Holy Spirit Class #2 - Parlor – Pastor Jenny
- 18–**Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed**
- 20- 6pm City Team Rescue Shelter Outreach –Jonathan 813-2505
- 21–11:45am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 22-24 – Element Snow Camp @Sierra Pines – Jerry 615-1690
- 23– 8:30-10am Men’s Ministry – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 24 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir room – Denise/Sue
- 24 - 9-10:15am Prayer #3 – Rm 19/20 – Joel Robinson
- 24 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue
- 24 – 4-5:15pm Holy Spirit Class #3 - Parlor – Pastor Jenny
- 25– 18-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Library – Steve E. 243-7255
- 30 -6pm -Annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner –FH –Andrew 278-1996
- 31 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 31 - 9-10:15am Prayer #4 – Rm 19/20 – Joel Robinson
- 31 – 9:45am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary - Sue
- 31 – 4-5:15pm Holy Spirit Class #4 - Parlor – Pastor Jenny

Up-coming Events

FEBRUARY

- 3 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 3 - 7p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Jonathan 813-2505
- 6 - 8:30am February Diaconate Mtg – Library – Steve 249-4621
- 6 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda/Gladys
- 7 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 7 - 9-10:15am Prayer #5 – Rm 19/20 – Joel Robinson
- 7 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue
- 7 – 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Jenny
- 7 - 12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen – 242-2984
- 7 – 4-5:15pm Holy Spirit Class #5 - Parlor – Pastor Jenny
- 9 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Ellen Imhof’s home
- 10- 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Gladys McFarland’s home
- 11– 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda/Gladys
- 12-15– Reflect Winter Retreat – Andrew 278-1996
- 14 – Lenten Series Starts
- 14 – 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir room – Denise/Sue
- 14 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue
- 15 - **President’s Day Holiday – Office Closed**

- 17 – 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 18– 11:45am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 19-20 – Housing EHC Guests – FH – Karen 242-2984
- 21 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 21 – 9-10:15am Making a Difference #1 – Rm 19 – Karen/Jenny
- 21 - 9:45am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Sue
- 21 - 12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen – 242-2984
- 21 - 4pm – SHAPE #1 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich/Rudy
- 21 – AWANA Parents night – Jon –
- 21 –12pm Quarterly Family Gathering w/lunch – annual report
- 21 – 6:30p Quarterly Family Gathering w/desserts – annual report
- 22 -7:30pm Finance Com Mtg – Library – Steve E. 243-7255
- 26-27 6pm 30 hour Famine Project - FH - Kimberly
- 27– 8:30-10am Men’s Ministry – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 28 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 28 - 9-10:15am Making a Difference #2– Rm 19/20 – Karen/Jenny
- 28 - 4pm – SHAPE #2 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich/Rudy

MARCH

- 3 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 3 - 7p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Jonathan 813-2505
- 5 – World Day of Prayer
- 6 – ABW Spring Mtg - TBA
- 6- 8:30am March Diaconate Mtg – Library – Steve 249-4621
- 6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda/Gladys
- 7 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 7 - 9-10:15am Making a Difference #3 – Rm 19/20 – Karen/Jenny
- 7- 12p Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19 – Pastor Jenny
- 7 - 4pm – SHAPE #3 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich/Rudy
- 9 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Maxine Darknell’s home
- 10 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle –Parlor
- 11 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda/Gladys
- 13 – 12 noon ABW Scholarship Lunch – California Arts – Barbara Chicks 739-2935
- 14 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 14 - 9-10:15am Making Difference #4– Rm 19/20 – Karen/Jenny
- 14- 12pm - Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen – 246-6253
- 14–12pm - Choir Practice – choir room – Sue
- 14 - 4pm – SHAPE #4 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich/Rudy
- 15 -7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Library – Steve E. 243-7255
- 17 – 6pm - CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 18 -11:45am SR/BD Lunch Bunch –Betty 244-5949
- 20 – All Church Work Day – Mike Depew – 691-1441
- 21 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir room – Denise/Sue
- 21 - 9-10:15am Making a Difference #5 – Rm 19 – Karen/Jenny
- 21–12pm - Choir Practice – choir room – Sue
- 21 - 12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen – 242-2984
- 21 - 4pm – SHAPE #5 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich/Rudy
- 27 - 8:30-10am Men’s Ministry – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 28 - Palm Sunday Service- Celebration Sunday
- 28 - 9-10:15am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
- 28 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue

Library Corner and Book Nook

LIBRARY HOURS

You can access the library any time during regular church office hours. Just check with the 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. Last 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! If YOU are getting an inkling to help, please contact Peggy at 410-8933 or Jerri 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, based on the Life Classes and/or current sermon series, approximately every three weeks so there are fresh titles to check-out.

FEATURED DVD's

Come look and check out the current DVD's in the library, the newest additions are Fire Proof, The Hiding Place, The Brook Ellison Story, The Lost and Found Family, Gifted Hands, Faith Like Potatoes and Country Remedy. There are several Veggie tales and other movies for children including old family classics like Swiss Family Robinson and The Apple Dumpling Gang.

The Library Committee

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

Prayer Requests...

- **Fran Van Groningen** whose surgery has been postponed.
- **Autumn Fairall and her family** as she undergoes chemotherapy.
- **Job openings for people** who are looking for employment.
- **Our military personnel** serving around the world.
- The living out of the instructions of this weekend's **Leadership Retreat** by all who attended.

Praise Report

- **MaryAnn Fairall** is feeling much better and wants to thank all for their prayers!

Renovation Prayer Requests

- That we will each seek to answer the question, **“What does Jesus want me to do** for the renovation?”
- That **SCFBC will be a united and stronger church** through this experience **and that our hearts will also be renovated.**
- **Praise that the renovation work is continuing well!** Pray for **wisdom** for the committee and **safety** for the workers.

Person of Interest



MaryAnn Fairall's journey began in San Francisco, in March of 1941, where she was born into a Christian home. Her family lived in an apartment on top of the church where her father, a carpenter, was the part-time custodian. She was baptized at the age of 9 at Temple Baptist Church where she grew up and married. While MaryAnn was in the youth group there, she learned about church leadership by being a part of Baptist Youth Fellowship which was a part of what became the American Baptist Churches of the West. As a youth regional representative she attended national youth meetings in Greenlake, Wisconsin while holding different leadership positions.

As a student at S. F. State University, MaryAnn was active in the ABC ministry to students. She met her husband, Wes, at Temple Baptist Church where they were later married. Their first child, Kristin, was born in San Francisco in 1967. In 1968 the family moved to Saratoga. In 1969, the day before their son, Marty, was born they joined Santa Clara First Baptist Church. Her husband, who was an active leader in many ministries in the church, passed away in October, 1996.

In 1997, MaryAnn moved to a townhouse in Los Gatos where she currently resides. As the Lord has led, her journey has taken her to five different careers: public school teaching; full-time homemaker while her children were young; owning her own business which provided consulting, secretarial and light bookkeeping services to small businesses; management in a Continuing Care Retirement Community; and currently, leadership and individual contributor training in North America for Abbott Labs.

Over the years MaryAnn has served the Lord in various ministries in our church, for the American Baptist Churches of the West and American Baptist Homes of the West. Recently when she broke her ankle, Pastor and MaryAnn were talking about what the Lord wanted to teach her during this newest adventure. They teased about her hobbling with Jesus. It has occurred to her as she pondered that thought - that really is the way it is. As the Lord leads, we hobble along with Him as we learn to depend on His strength and leading. That's what brings joy and direction to the journey. The adventure continues. She wonders what will come next.

MaryAnn has been an inspiration to all of us and we thank her. It has been a pleasure watching her grow in the Lord!

ABW Day Trip - January 16th

This Saturday come join the American Baptist Women for a docent-led tour of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on the San Jose State University campus. The library has some unique art and exhibits throughout its seven stories. After our tour we will have lunch at The Flames within walking distance of the library. Interested? Call Gladys McFarland at 243-6828.

A Thank You from the Slavic Church in Sacramento

Pastor Rich and Santa Clara Baptist Church

I want to thank you for your beautiful gift of your church pews to the Slavic church in Sacramento.

The church had been praying for church pews for some time but to no avail. They are a small congregation with very limited resources and a much older immigrant congregation from Russia and the Ukraine.

The pastor had mentioned this prayer to my wife late one Tuesday evening, on my wife's way home which is a 2 hour drive. She called me and told me that the church was praying for church pews but they had no money and the pastor just wanted to mention it to us just in case we could help in some way.

I immediately went to the computer searching for church pews. I found several companies that were selling them but then I was guided to Craig's List for the bay area and I came across your listing and immediately responded to you. (Mike Depew was our contact person)

When my wife came home I told her what I found but I was waiting for a response. We decided that it would be best to not say anything until we knew for sure what the costs would be and that we would be able to handle the expense. Over the next 2 days I was communicating with your staff and decided to drive down from Chico on Friday to look at the pews. You also had a couple we would be able to take. To our surprise the pews were perfect and your generosity of gifting them with love to this church was just amazing.

So we loaded the available ones up on our trailer, you might have seen the pictures. The pews were about 8 feet longer than the trailer but we were so excited about the gift that we just made it work knowing God would protect us in our travels. It became a very long day because of the load but we knew that the church had prayer Friday nights until 9:00 pm so we thought we would just show up and let them see the pews instead of calling first.

We arrived at the church at 8.30 pm and to our surprise they were just praying about the pews when we drove up with them on our trailer. They were so blessed with the 5 pews that we had. Then we told them that there were another 28 left that we would get in a few months.

I cannot express how much this gift from you all made on this small Slavic church. Not only were they in a great need for these pews but more importantly what it meant to their faith in God and prayer. It took the whole church to prayer over this and God granted everything they asked for in abundance. Your actions of generosity not only helped a lot of people out but more importantly it renewed faith in prayer to many people as there were a lot of witness to this answer. The church in return has blessed you and will always remember your acts of kindness in prayer and love.

Thank you and god bless you all.
Robert Myers



Bethlehem 2009 Outreach Team Report

Dear SCFBC,

I have had a strong vision for the Bethlehem Outreach Team since 2006 when I was a speaker and prayed for people in the information tent. At the time I knew that I needed to be patient and allow God's timing to manifest. In 2009, I knew God's plan was ready to be implemented after Jerry Cintas invited me to direct the outreach team. I wasn't sure what my initial role would be, but I realized that the Lord was using me to facilitate, mentor and disciple the speakers and prayer team. He clearly put specific people on my heart to share their powerful stories of faith and major life challenges they had to overcome. This year was all about being real, vulnerable and transparent in order to allow the audience to connect to people's stories and experience the Holy Spirit. I know that God called these eight people because all of them agreed to speak even though many were not comfortable speaking in public.

I am humbled and amazed how the Lord answered our prayers and worked through the entire team. The weather miraculously changed and the forecasted storms fizzled out. Recruiting speakers and the prayer team required less effort than I expected. The team united quickly through prayer and Christ himself. The Lord anointed every speaker, every prayer, and opened our hearts to love and care for those in need. I was extremely blessed to build stronger relationships with everyone on our team. Everything came together smoothly and it was awesome to see God working through us all. I am very proud of our team and to be part of the Bethlehem experience again. Thanks again to Jenny Gregg, Dorothy Depew, Sue Nguyen, Mary Wong, Karen Fong, Rudy, Katina & Blake Dubord, Stacie, Timothy & Athena Coral, Les Hawkins, Mike Depew, Susi Reaves, Karen Cerney, Andrew Reaves, and Steve McLenegan.

The seeds planted at Bethlehem are multiplying and we should be excited that others will come along and water them to help them grow deeper. We may never see all the fruit produced but one day we will in heaven.

"But with God everything is possible." Matthew 19:26

In Christ,
Jonathan Fung

S.H.A.R.E.S. REPORT

As of October 31, 2009 we have received \$403.00 from Lucky's-Savemart and have \$91.00 left in our account. For October we earned \$81.00. As yet, we do not have the totals for November and December or a check for the last quarter of the year. That is not unusual, though, as they are usually quite slow. The good news is, ABW has been able to donate \$174.00 towards Love Gift, \$100.00 towards postage for shipping the shoeboxes and \$38.00 for sunscreen kits for our military.

I want to thank all of you for using your S.H.A.R.E. cards when you shop and to PLEASE continue using them in the new year.

Coordinator,

Property Corner

Power Upgrade:

This project has been completed and the power transfer is now complete. We are waiting for a final inspection on our switch gear from the City of Santa Clara.

Retaining Wall, Fence & Drainage:

The City of Santa Clara is reviewing our revised plans and a permit should be issued soon for this work to begin. Along with the retaining wall a new fence will be installed on top of the wall to act as a privacy screen for our neighbors. Both the wall and fence will be installed on the church property. We will also be installing a drainage system to help control water runoff. The property dept. is expecting this work to begin within the next 90 days. Volunteers will be needed for this large project so please give Dave Wilson or Mike Depew a call (408) 601-1441 to lend a hand!

Landscaping:

After the retaining wall, fence and drainage work has been completed, this area will be landscaped with fast growing shrubs and drought resistant plants.

Bethlehem Trailers:

The City of Santa Clara is requesting that our current storage/cargo containers be removed from the church property. The property dept. is currently working on available options for storage of our costumes, sets, etc. More information will follow.

Church Work Day:

The first church work day has been set for March 20, 2010. Please mark your calendars to help us maintain and improve our church property.

Renovation Report: Work is progressing nicely as the Narthex is almost complete. Painting, electrical and carpeting should be completed soon. Our old church pews have found a new home in Sacramento, CA, in a Slavic church. I sincerely hope that everyone is enjoying the comfort of our new chairs in the sanctuary.... for more information please read the article from Jerry Cintas.

General: Please contact myself or Dave Wilson should you see something that needs to be fixed or in need of repair!

Your Brother In Christ

Mike Depew,

Property Deacon

Birthday Lunch Bunch

Attention all Seniors!

Come to Sizzler at Bowers and Highway 101 on January 28th at 11:45 am for good Christian fellowship with the Senior/Birthday Lunch Bunch. There will be raffle! You may contact Betty Downing at 244-5949 to confirm.

Renovation Update



The men's restroom is complete and looks great. We are focusing 100% on completing the lobby now. Removing the paneling, insulating the walls, and putting up new sheetrock ended up being a bigger job than we thought, but it is almost complete. The new tile is in the entry way and we will be making concrete ramps outside the main entrance doors to make the transition seamless. We have saw cut the main lobby floor and added two new outlets in the middle of the lobby for plugging in things without extension cords. We are also installing the new energy saving fluorescent fixtures and new center pendant light as soon as the ceiling paint is dry. Steve Victorson did a great job of restoring the granite time capsule cover stone in the lobby.

Adam Burdick and Tom Caldwell have been working on the room painting and are now working on the huge task of stripping the old paint off the large doors and prepping them for the new paint. We have always had a problem with the paint sticking to those doors and we have decided to do it the right way which will take some time. Sharon Cintas has been working on picking out decorations, seating and wall hangings to add a whole new look to the lobby.

The "Way to Salvation" church in Sacramento came the last week of December with their trucks and crew and picked up our pews to take them to their new home in Sacramento. The Sacramento church had been praying for new seating and this gift has been an answer to their prayers. I want to thank the Impact College/Career group for taking a Sunday night to unbolt all the pews and grind down the bolts.

The 300 new chairs came in and we set them up last Saturday. The new chairs, while matching our new color scheme, will allow us to be more creative on our seating setups and allow us to remodel the sanctuary interior with our scissor lift while still having seating for Sunday services. Once the new carpet gets installed at the end of the project sometime this year, the concrete areas under the chairs will be hidden and the chairs will look great.



After the lobby is complete we plan to move into the sanctuary and cut in the new double doors in the back corner of the sanctuary to the Parlor storage room. We also will start working on the new sound booth construction which will be built behind the current sound booth. A door will be cut into the existing sound room where the one-way mirror is currently located.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who have been coming down to help. Also keep those pledges coming in so we can complete this renovation on schedule.

Your Building Committee

Lloyd Darknell, Joe Lasher, Mike Depew, Jerry Cintas

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In December, Reflect concluded their series on worship songs. Andrew taught using the song **How Great is Our God** and shared how much larger God is than even we can imagine. Reflect once again had a huge presence being the entourage for the Wise Men during Bethlehem. As has become custom, Reflect also enjoyed their annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange.



The Element Jr. High Group

In December, Element participated in the annual Bethlehem program. They helped in the Bethlehem Inn and in the market place. The market place dance always had a majority of Jr Higher's doing the circle dance and having a great time of interacting with the guests.



We also had our Christmas party where we enjoyed playing many Christmas themed games like battle of the carolers, Bethlehem sardines, and the tallest Christmas tree. Our lessons on "The Core" are complete and we are now moving on to a small group format for January and February. The small groups will be going through a series called "Starting to Go Where God Wants You to Be". Each group will be led by a different Element Staff member.



The group will also be participating in the 30 Hour Famine event in February (26th and 27th) where the kids will experience what it is like to go for 30 hours without food. We will be hosting the kids in the fellowship hall during that time and will also be doing a service project on that Saturday.



Committed

Committed finished up the series "How to Walk on Water". Mary continued the month of service by teaching us how to cook. We look forward to new and creative lessons by the Youth Staff on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

Upcoming EVENTS

January 20th - Reflect Ice Skating
January 22nd - 24th - Jr High Winter Retreat
January 30th - 6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner
February 12-15th - High School Winter Retreat
February 26-27th - 30 Hour Famine Event

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

Youth Staff

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

Children's Ministry

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

The Children's Ministry is starting off the year on "Treasure Island" by exploring how we can use our talents and time for God and how we can give our treasures and life to God. It is important to learn and remember that we are all uniquely gifted and valuable to God and we were created with a design and a purpose for using what we have been given to help others and to glorify God.

We are also kicking off a new quarter in our BE A STAR : SHINE FOR JESUS program and we encourage you to help your kids to grow spiritually by bringing their Bible to church each week. The Lent Series this year is focusing on reading through the Bible in 90 days. Sample Bibles for different age levels and daily reading schedules will be available in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall. If you or your child do not have a Bible, they will be available for purchase in the lobby of the main Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity to do something together as a family. Are you up to the challenge?

The winners for the Fall Quarter of BE A STAR : SHINE FOR JESUS are Jason Hammar, Julia Hagan and Ali Yuksel - CONGRATULATIONS !!!! We are only one week in to the new quarter, so everyone has an opportunity to be a winner this month and this quarter. Your child can be a star and shine by remembering to bring their Bible, an offering and a friend and by showing good and kind behavior.

For any parents or caregivers who are interested, there is a parenting seminar being offered in our area this month that you might like to take advantage of. Following is the information if you would like to attend:

Presented by Su Park
Saturday, January 16
8:45 am to 2:30 pm

Milpitas Christian School
3435 Birchwood Lane
San Jose, CA 95132

A children's program is provided for children ages 5 through 14. Nursery care is not provided. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$35 per couple. Please register online at biblicalparenting.org/register or call 945-9722 ext 109.

You will learn practical ways to move from a behavior modification approach to a heart-based approach to parenting. It's amazing how children change the way they live when parents adjust the way they work with them.

This seminar is provided by the National Center for Biblical Parenting and is a practical, biblical approach to parenting. You'll be so grateful you attended because you'll be able to use the material right away.

After we all get our kids under control and our sanity restored, let's get together for Family Fun Days at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo on Sunday, January 24th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the

Worship Hour service for lunch and then head to the museum. There is also a park where the kids can play outside, if it is a nice day. Flyers and sign up sheets are available in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry or getting more information about the opportunities that are available, please contact me via e-mail or phone.

We are also currently looking for someone who would be interested in working in the nursery on a weekly basis in a paid position. For more information, please contact me.

Tammy Altizer Catterton