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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

February Birthdays

Birthdays

- 1st Mary Wong
- 3rd Bea Sturtevant
- 5th Steve Victorson
- 6th Billie McPherson
- 7th Doris Smith
- 8th Gary Baits - Missionary
- 9th Bernice Schauble
- 11th Lois Lovelace
- 15th Ayla Fung
- 16th Barbara Chicks
- 17th Royce Agustin
- 17th Dawn Hunter
- 22nd Michael Depew
- 22nd Gary White
- 23rd Virginia Gehman
- 28th Geri Frescas

Anniversaries

- 14th Jon & Jennifer Hammar
- 14th Steve & Patti Victorson
- 20th Richard & Pat Graham

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

February 2010



Missions in Motion

SCFBC has been given two special opportunities to reach out and help those in need.



Haiti Earthquake Relief

In response to the devastation caused by the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, we have joined with "One Great Hour of Sharing" to provide monetary donations. 100% of the money donated will go towards providing the people of Haiti with much needed medical supplies, food, water and shelter.

For more information, see page 2.

EHC Cold Weather Shelter

Each year we open our Fellowship Hall to the homeless as we host the Cold Weather Shelter.

Planning Meeting: February 7 at 12 Noon in the Library
Hosting Dates: February 19 and 20

For more information, see page 2.



Missions Update

For I was hungry...I was thirsty....I was a stranger...I needed clothes...I was sick...I was in prison...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matt. 25:35 -36;40

Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC) Cold Weather Shelter. SCFBC will be hosting the homeless at our church on February 19-21 this year. There is a requirement that you have a copy of results of a current TB test in order to be a part of food preparation for this project. (A copy of the results must be sent to EHC prior to the weekend.) Volunteers are also needed to share the SCFBC hospitality while our guests are on our premises. Please come to the volunteers planning meeting on Sunday, February 7th at 12 Noon in the SCFBC library to see what you can do to help. Larry Van Groningen is the contact for the project this year.

Ghana 2010 – This trip is canceled as we did not have enough people for a team this year. Thank you for all your interest and prayers for this potential mission trip.

One Great Hour of Sharing (Haiti) - For the latest information on what International Ministries is doing in Haiti please check the attached link.

http://www.internationalministries.org/topics/haiti_earthquake

Please continue to pray for the missions projects God would like to have SCFBC be a part of locally, nationally, and internationally in 2010.

SCFBC Missions Deacon, Karen Fong

Haiti Relief Update

American Baptist International Ministries (IM) missionaries, Christian partners and U.S. and Puerto Rico congregations are continuing to mobilize and respond at historic levels to the 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti and devastated its capital Port-au-Prince and the surrounding area on January 12th. To date IM has provided a total of **\$65,000 One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** funds for Haiti.

IM missionary **Dr. Steve James** and IM's Christian partners, including the Haitian Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, are collaborating to provide medical care and relief supplies at Christianville, the quake epicenter approximately 20 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince. **Nancy James**, a registered nurse, is in Haut Limbe in the north of Haiti, maintaining the critical communication link with her husband Steve and the outside world.

Kristy Engel, a pediatric nurse practitioner serving in the Dominican Republic (a country that borders Haiti), has taken a 75-person team, including 30 medical personnel, into Haiti. The group, which includes **Ketly and Vital Pierre**, IM missionaries to Nicaragua, traveled into Haiti on January 16th to provide emergency care at three clinics and to distribute six truckloads of food and medical supplies.

In the meantime, IM missionary **Madeline Flores-Lopez** and Dominican Republic partners are providing medical care, shelter and relief supplies to quake victims arriving at the Contreras Hospital in Santo Domingo.

Jose Norat-Rodriguez, IM area director of Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, states: “We are witnessing a monumental effort that is marked by a historic collaboration between IM global partners and missionaries from a variety of countries.”

Thousands of **American Baptist congregations** from the U.S. and Puerto Rico are responding through prayer and giving. Offerings are being received through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which is a vital way for Christians to respond to people, regardless of faith tradition, in the grip of disaster.

In the first two Sundays of our special OGHS offering our church has given **\$2,737**. We will continue to receive this offering into February. We will also be looking into sending a mission team to Haiti sometime later in the year to help with rebuilding.

CALENDAR EVENTS

FEBRUARY

3 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
3 - 7pm Upper Room Prayer –Jonathan 813-2505
6 - 8:30am February Diaconate Mtg – Steve 249-4621
6 –10am Prayers&Squares–Rm 19–Rhonda 242-2242
6 - 9am SPEEDway Reg Mtg – Parlor – Susi 375-7294
7 - 9am Bible in 90 days – Choir Rm – Denise/Sue
7 - 9-am Prayer #5 – Rm 19/20 – Joel Robinson
7 - 12p Choir rehearsal – choir room - Sue
7 –12p Life Group Leaders Mtg– Rm 19 – Pastor Jenny
7 - 12p Mission Team Mtg – Lib – Karen – 242-2984
7 – 4pm Holy Spirit Class #5 - Parlor – Pastor Jenny
9 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Ellen Imhof – 730-1150
10- 12:30pm Baits/Turley Cir– Gladys – 243-6828
11– 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
11 –10:30am Library Mtg – Jerri Cooper 984-0908
12-15– Reflect Winter Retreat – Andrew 278-1996
14 – Lenten Series Starts
14 – 9am 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 – Larry 984-1233
21 - 9am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
21 – 9am Making a Difference#1 – Rm 19 – Karen
21 - 9:45am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Sue
21 - 12pm Mission Team Mtg – Karen – 242-2984
21 - 4pm Back to Basics #1 – Rm 19 – Pastor Rich
21 – AWANA Parents night – Jon – 248-2078
21 –12pm Quarterly Family Gathering w/lunch – Fellowship Hall - Steve M. 249-4621
21 – 6:30p Quarterly Family Gathering w/desserts– Sanctuary/Lobby - Steve M. 249-4621
22 -7:30pm Finance Mtg– Lib – Steve E. 243-7255
26-27 –6pm to 8pm Sat–30 Hr Famine Event –FH – Kim – 805-698-0064
27– 8:30am Men’s Ministry–Fellowship Hall Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
28 - 9am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
28 - 9am Making a Difference #2 – Rm 19 – Karen
28 - 4pm Back to Basics #2 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich

MARCH

3 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
3 - 7pm–Upper Room Prayer –Jonathan 813-2505
5 – World Day of Prayer
6 – ABW Spring Mtg - TBA
6- 8:30am March Diaconate Mtg– Lib– Steve 249-4621
6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19– Rhonda
7 - 9am - Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
7 - 9am- Making a Difference #3 – Rm 19 – Karen

7 - 12p Life Group Leaders – Rm 19 – Pastor Jenny
7 - 4pm - Back to Basics #3 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich
9 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Maxine Darknell’s home
10 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
11 -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
13 – 12pm Scholarship Lunch–California Arts– Barbara C. 739-2935
14 - 9am Bible in 90 days– Choir Room – Denise/Sue
14 - 9am - Making Difference #4 – Rm 19/20 – Karen
14- 12pm -Mission Team Mtg– Lib Karen – 246-6253
14 – 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room – Sue
14 - 4pm Back to Basics #4 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich
15 -7:30pm Finance Mtg – Lib – 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 - 9am Bible in 90 days – Choir room – Denise/Sue
21 - 9am - Making a Difference #5 – Rm 19 – Karen
21 – 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room – Sue
21 - 4pm Back to Basics #5 – Rm 19/20 – Pastor Rich
27 - 8:30am Men’s Ministry – FH – Adam 230-6848
27 - 8:30am April Diaconate Mtg –Lib–Steve 249-4621
28 - Palm Sunday Service
28 - 9am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
28 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue

APRIL America For Christ Special Offering

2 – “Journey To The Cross” – Sanctuary
2 - **Good Friday Holiday – office closed**
3 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda/Gladys
3 - 10–3pm Easter Prep – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
4 - 9am Easter Sunday Breakfast - FH -
4 - 9:45am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – Sue
6-8- 10-6pm Rummage Sale setup – FH – Maxine
9-10 – 8:30am Rummage Sale–FH–Maxine 241-7567
7 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
7 - 7p–Upper Room Prayer – Jonathan 813-2505
8 –10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda/Gladys
11 - 9am Bible in 90 days – Choir Room – Denise/Sue
11 –12 pm Life Grp Leaders Mtg–Rm 19– Pastor Jenny
11 – 4–5:15pm Who Is God? #1 – Parlor
11 - 12pm Mission Team Mtg – Karen– 246-6253
13 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Barbara C 739-2935
14 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Betty 244-5949
14 – 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
15– 11:45am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
18 - 9am Bible in 90 days– Choir Room – Denise/Sue
18 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room – Sue
18 - 12pm – Mission Team Mtg – Karen– 242-2984
18 – 4pm – Who Is God? #2 – Parlor
19 - 7:30pm Finance Mtg – Lib– Steve E. 243-7255
22-25 Mexico Mission Work Weekend–Jerry 615-1690
24 – 8:30 Men’s Ministry – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
25 - 9am Bible in a Year thru Dec– Choir Room – Sue

A LETTER RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM LAURAN BETHELL

Dear Friends at SCFB,

I'm sitting in front of my beautiful Christmas tree in my apartment in Holland, a sleeping cat in my lap, hoping that it will snow before I leave to spend Christmas with my family in California! In these unusually peaceful moments at home, I'm enjoying think of each of you, and how grateful I am for your support and caring for me in so many ways: your prayers, your kind words and thoughts, your gifts and financial offerings. Though you don't hear from me very often, please know that I am so thankful for you. I hope that you know how important you are to this Ministry to which God has called me to—no us!



This 9th year as a “Global Consultant”, I’ve traveled more than 125, 000 miles: North American, Latin America, Caribbean, Central Asia, and Europe. I attended many meetings, both small and large, being the “Plenary Speaker” , or a workshop leader, or Committee Member or Guest Preacher. The major goal: to call attention to prostitution and trafficking of human beings and ask the question “where would Jesus be in the midst of this?” My hope is always that people would answer that question by responding in some way, following God’s leading in their own lives, participating in ministries, beginning new ones. I especially enjoy the personal interactions, counseling and prayer time with individuals who are feeling passionate about the call to ministry that they are experiencing.

When I’m home in Holland, I volunteer with two Dutch organizations which meet women in prostitution in the brothels where they work. One of these organizations has made contact with Thai women in “massage parlors” and I am enjoying getting to know these dear women, speaking Thai with them, giving them Thai music CD’s and tracts. One of the “madams” told me that she knew about Jesus, and attended church when she lived in Thailand. She says that she listens to the CD’s when she’s sad, and finds great peace in their message. She talks about wanting to close her parlor and do something else with her life. I pray that she will recognize the Jesus that she once knew and make life-changing decisions.

In recent months, I’ve had a teenager living with me—a young woman whose mother was victim of sex trafficking and who died last year of leukemia (some of you know Sasja’s story). “D” now has no family and lots of “risk factors”. She’s started attending vocational school and my prayer is that she will find true Hope for her future. Please pray with me about our time together, that she will experience Jesus’ love for her.

For more information about our ministry (with pictures) please read my on-line journal entries:

www.internationalministries.org Click on “People Who Serve” then “Global Consultants” and then “Bethell”.

Again, thank you, thank you.....for being in my life.

Advent Blessings to You!

Lauran Bethell

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The Netherlands

Library Corner and Book Nook

Questions and Answers:

Q: Do you have Christian DVDs, and CDs to borrow?

A: YES, there are about 50 DVD of family movies available. There are CDs in the Leadership Summit section covering topics discussed at the Annual Leadership Summits. Self - check out is the same way - put the DATE - TITLE - your NAME and phone NUMBER on the check out sheet.

Q: What types of books to you have?

A: In addition to DVDs, and CDs, the SCFBC Library has Christian fiction, Inspiration, Biography, Devotionals, Worship, Church Organization, Theology, Missions, Bible Commentaries, Ethics-Current World Issues, Christian Life-Challenges, Psychology, Bible Geography, Christian Education, Evangelism, Prophecy Reference materials, and Children’s books.

Library Hours:

The Library can be visited any time during regular church office hours. Check with the Dave in the church office and he will unlock it for you. You can browse until 5:45pm Monday—Thursday and use the self-check to obtain books. (Just remember to tell Dave 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.

Library Committee Volunteers:

The next meeting of the Library Committee is on at 10:30am Thursday, February 11th. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Peggy Shalloe at 410-8933 or Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 if you have any questions.

Book Donations:

In addition to donating Christian books , we will take your unwanted non-religious books, DVDs, story CD’s to use as trade material to get credit for buying books, DVDs and CDs that we can use in the Library. Drop off good or slightly used books in the red bin in the Sanctuary at anytime throughout the year. Religious books will be cataloged into the library, and materials we cannot get trade credit for will be donated to a non-profit organization or given to the SCFBC Rummage Sale in April. Thank you to Gladys McFarland, Gail Bock and Virginia Newcomb for your recent donations.

Book Nook:

You are more than welcome to check out the books in the BOOK NOOK in the Sanctuary each Sunday. Based on the Life Classes and/or current sermon series, Peggy changes these books approximately every three weeks so there are always new titles to check-out.

The Library Committee

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

Property Corner

Retaining Wall, Fence & Drainage:

The City of Santa Clara has reviewed and approved our plans to construct a retaining wall, fence and drainage system along the rear of our property. The building permits were issued to us to begin construction in the month of February. We will be scheduling a meeting with our adjoining neighbors to go over the project with them. Once we have the neighborhood meeting we will begin work. This project is expected to take approximately 90 days to complete.

Break out the picks and shovels to lend a helping hand as volunteers will be needed to help complete this large project! Please give Dave Wilson in the church office or Mike Depew at 408 691-1441 a call to volunteer your help!

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.

Church Work Day:

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

Renovation Report: For more information please read the article from Jerry Cintas.

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

Your Brother In Christ

Mike Depew
Property Deacon

American Baptist Women

ABW invites you to join us on a visit to the South Bay Historical Railway Museum, 1005 Railroad Avenue in Santa Clara for a docent-led tour on Tuesday, February 16th at 10:30 AM. We will carpool from the SCFBC parking lot at 10 AM. After visiting the historic buildings with their railroad artifacts and operating scale model trains, we will share lunch at Fiorello's Restaurant.

For more information or if you need a ride, call Jean Rund at 296-5805.

Person of Interest, Virginia Newcomb

Virginia was born in Salinas, California on May 23, 1931. She grew up in King City, California, the daughter of teachers. Her father taught American History and Civics in the local high school, and her mother, a former teacher, taught piano at home. Virginia attended the K-8 elementary school, was a Girl Scout, and babysat and did housecleaning to earn extra money. The family spent many summers in Oregon, where they owned a cabin on the coast in Tillamook County. They would play host to the many Oregon relatives while there. Good times were had by all!



The family was active in the King City Community Baptist Church, and Virginia was baptized there when she was 12 years old. While in BFY she attended Mount Hermon during the summer. During high school, she was a member of the Rainbow Girls. After graduation, Virginia attended San Jose State College, and during summers worked at the King City Greyhound bus depot as a waitress in the cafe. The passengers had only thirty minutes to be served and eat, so it was rush, rush, rush time!

Virginia graduated with a major in Elementary School Education and a minor in Music. She taught school in Santa Maria, California for four years and then moved to San Diego, where she taught for three years. During her time in San Diego she met her future husband, Charles, a Marine. They were married in 1959 in King City. They continued living in San Diego where their son Bill was born. They moved to San Jose where Charles was employed by Lockheed and Teredyne. Their daughter Linda was born in San Jose. They moved two times, and soon were living on Benton Street in Santa Clara. Virginia and the children began attending First Baptist Church. Kenneth Longmore was the pastor and the church met in the Fellowship Hall. After three years, the family moved back to San Jose. Virginia joined the fellowship at Blossom Hill Baptist Church. During this time the marriage ended and Virginia became a single parent. She had gone back to school and studied to become a school librarian, and was employed by Franklin-McKinley School District. She rededicated her life to the Lord in 1980.

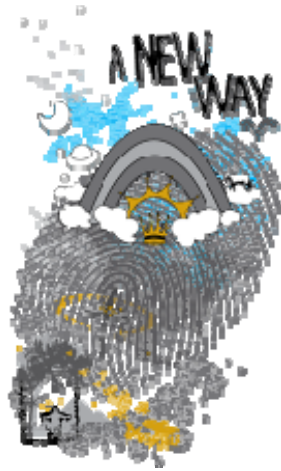
Blossom Hill Baptist Church closed its doors in 1989 and Virginia and others followed Pastor Bob Wernersbach to Santa Clara First Baptist. It was like coming back home for Virginia! Soon after coming back, Virginia was diagnosed with cancer. During surgery and recovery many wonderful people ministered to her. Praise the Lord for their caring love! Virginia has never forgotten that and has spent her life helping others. She retired from teaching in 1994 and began volunteering for the American Cancer Society in a store called the Discovery Shop. She is still working there.

Virginia has enjoyed many small group ministries here in Santa Clara. She has helped in the Choir, Pioneer Club, AB Women's Ministries, Missions, and at our Senior Bible Study where she plays the piano every Monday (picks up the women who need rides), and Virginia's help with Bethlehem has been such a blessing. She continues to look forward to worshipping in these fellowships. Virginia has such a sweet spirit and we are blessed to have her at our church!

Youth News

Mexico Outreach 2010

Plans are already underway for our annual weeklong trip to Ensenada, Mexico. This year's trip will be from June 18th to June 26th. The cost of the trip will be \$400, but many fundraisers will be held leading up to the trip. This trip is open to anyone completing 8th grade or higher, and adults are welcome as well. An informational meeting will be held **February 28th** after each worship service for those interested in learning more.



Reflect High School Group

In January, Reflect began a new series on the book of Revelation. Mary has introduced us to the book and we are looking forward to learning more about the return of Christ and plans for His kingdom. Reflect also went out to dinner one Wednesday for some \$2 enchiladas. Also, some members went with the mentors to see **The Book of Eli.** This movie was powerful in more ways than one, and all the high school students were challenged by this movie. We are looking forward to our snow retreat next month at Sierra Pines.

The Element Jr. High Group

We just got back from our Annual Snow Retreat at Sierra Pines camp near Tahoe. We took 21 kids with 4 adults and had a blast sledding down the mountain, building snow forts, worshipping with the band ("Blood and Water"), listening to the speaker Mike Wooten, and getting the van stuck in a snow bank. Twelve of our kids made first time decisions to accept God and follow Him. Already some are talking with Pastor Jenny to be baptized. God is good! We want to thank *Carolyn Elbert* for donating camp scholarships that allowed us to double the amount of kids that were able to go to camp.



30 Hour Famine

Both High School and Jr High groups will be

participating in the 30 Hour Famine event on February 26th and 27th when the participants 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.



We look forward to new and creative lessons by the Youth Staff on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Youth Room.

Youth Staff

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

Upcoming EVENTS

February 4 - Element Ice Skating

February 10 - Reflect Bowling Night

February 12-15 - High School Winter Retreat

February 26-27 - 30 Hour Famine Event

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

Prayer Requests...

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- **Jean Rund** who is scheduled for cancer surgery on Feb. 1st.
- **Gail Bock** whose knee replacement surgery is set for Feb. 2nd.
- **Fran Van Groningen** whose surgery is scheduled for Feb.4th.
- **Candy Martinez** whose cancer is back after being in remission, this time in her spine.
- **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, especially AJ Pasciuti and Matt McLenegan.
- **SCFBC's favor with the City of Santa Clara.**
- **The people of Haiti** after the devastating earthquake in January.

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.**
- Pray for **wisdom** for the renovation committee and **safety** for the workers.

Ghana 2010

Thank you for all your expressed interest in the trip to Ghana this summer. The trip for 2010 has been canceled as we did not get enough sign ups to make a team this year. Please consider sharing what some of the reasons you may have had to not be able to make the trip this year. (Was it the timing of the trip? Was it just this year? Were finances a concern? Was the length of trip too long? Was the choice of country not of interest?) We would like to understand obstacles in order to determine if a trip of this sort is viable for another year or not

I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your heart and support for the missions opportunities at SCFBC. An announcement will be placed in next Sundays bulletin sharing this information with congregation.

In His Service

Karen Fong,

Missions Deacon

Seniors/Birthday Lunch Bunch

Attention Seniors! The Birthday Bunch meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:45am, at various restaurants in the area. We'd like to come and celebrate the birthdays of the month and fellowship. We'll be meeting February 25th, at Country Inn on Saratoga Ave. Please join us! If you are planning to attend, please call Betty Downing at 244-5949.