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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

*May Birthdays & Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

2<sup>nd</sup> Elianna Lageschulte  
 4<sup>th</sup> Shari Burdick  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jasmine Jackson  
 6<sup>th</sup> Tiah Esquibel  
 7<sup>th</sup> Mike Smith  
 8<sup>th</sup> Joel Robinson  
 8<sup>th</sup> Aaron Wong  
 10<sup>th</sup> April Starnes  
 11<sup>th</sup> Rudy DuBord III  
 12<sup>th</sup> Doonu Barife  
 12<sup>th</sup> Bob Smithson  
 13<sup>th</sup> Glenn Stowell

14<sup>th</sup> Selena Marquez  
 20<sup>th</sup> Dave Wilson  
 21<sup>st</sup> Rosanna Feldman  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Newcomb  
 26<sup>th</sup> Denise Stephens  
 26<sup>th</sup> Timothy Coral  
 27<sup>th</sup> Margery Torres  
 31<sup>st</sup> Bill Starnes

*Anniversaries*

1<sup>st</sup> Ron & Cherie Willcox  
 14<sup>th</sup> Duane & Rosemarie Esquibel  
 20<sup>th</sup> Michael & Dorothy Depew

# The Celebrate!

*Santa Clara First Baptist Church*

*May 2010*

## Children's Sunday presents...

THE BIBLE'S

*Believe it or Not*

*Coming to you on Sunday, May 9th*

Come for worship on Mother's Day for **Children's Sunday!**

The Sanctuary will be transformed into  
 "The Bible's Believe It or Not Museum."

Through song, video and testimony the *SPEED*way children will guide us through some of the most amazing miracles of Scripture.

Kindergarten - 5th Grade children will lead the entire morning service. The Preschool/Pre-K class will also share a special song.

Bring your family, friends and cameras!

*In honor of Mother's Day a special photo area will be set up where families can have their picture taken at no charge.*

# Let's Come Together!

## New Summer Worship Service Schedule

Beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a new combined worship service at 10:30am on Sundays bringing together our morning and evening congregations during the summer. This time of combined worship will give us an opportunity to experiment and evaluate how to best provide services that help connect people from a variety of backgrounds with God who loves them.

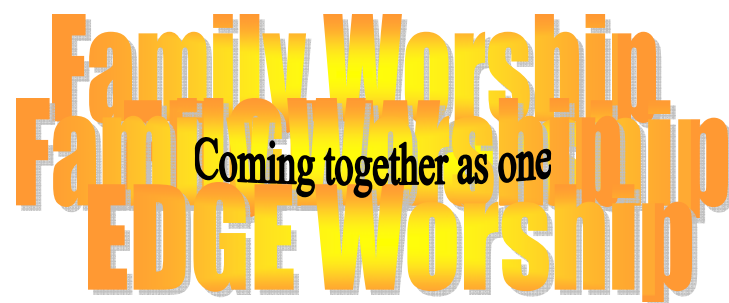
Our EDGE service was created over 10 years ago to provide a more contemporary form of congregational worship. With the many changes to the morning service this gap has narrowed considerably. After many thoughtful and prayerful discussions about where God may be leading SCFBC as we move forward, the staff decided it's time to try this "summer experiment."

What does this mean for our worship experiences?

- We will still offer a combined set of hymns and choruses but will add some EDGE music although not at the same volume as EDGE.
- We will shift to a more comfortable, relaxed style of dress on the platform. You will see some jeans mixed in among the band members along with Pastor Rich's beloved Hawaiian shirts.
- Pastor Rich and Pastor Jenny will share the preaching responsibilities as we continue in our series on the book of Hebrews.

We're excited to see what God will do as we progress throughout the summer! We welcome your comments and feedback.

Pastor Rich  
Pastor Jenny  
Sharon Cintas



# Financial Updates

## General Fund

The month of March gave us our first positive income flow of 2010. While decreasing our year-to-date deficit, we still have a ways to go. The figures below present our current situation.

General Fund Income (Jan-Mar)	\$90,233
<u>General Fund Expense (Jan-Mar)</u>	<u>\$107,628</u>
Deficit	-\$17,395

Please remember that our income rests substantially on the free will offerings of you, our church family. As always, be in prayer to see what the Lord would have you give to under gird the ministries of our church family as we reach the Santa Clara Valley and the world for Christ.

## Renovation Fund

The last Sunday of March marked the one year anniversary of the beginning of our renovation project. On that *First Fruits Sunday* our congregation gave offerings of \$162,923 to begin the work.

The total amount our church family pledged that day was just over \$326,000 to be given over a two year period. As of the end of this March our pledge balance amount has been reduced to \$90,127.00. As we enter into the second year of our campaign, thanks to all of you who have completed your pledges in full. Thanks also to those of you who are continuing to fulfill your pledges. Your over-and-above giving is transforming our Sanctuary building into an updated, attractive and more effective tool to reach the people of our Valley for Christ.

## Bethlehem Building Fund

As many of you know the City of Santa Clara is requiring us to remove our Bethlehem storage containers from our property. For us to continue offering our Bethlehem outreach we need to construct a permanent building. Present plans call for a facility of 1,736 square feet at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Believing that God wants us to continue this unique outreach we believe that God will provide the financial resources. We also believe that there are many people not a part of the SCFBC family who have been blessed by Bethlehem and would give financially to keep it going. They simply need to know the need exists.

To this end we have created a special brochure to hand to those we know have attended Bethlehem in the past. You will find them in our church office and on the Information Desk in the Lobby. Please distribute these as liberally as possible.

The good news is that at the time of this printing, God has already provided over \$17,000 for this need through various sources. Even in these financially strapped times **God is Good, All the Time!**

# Property Corner

## Volunteers:

The Property Department would like to thank everyone who gives of their time and talents that often go unnoticed. All that you do in helping to keep our repair and maintenance expenses to a minimum is appreciated. Thank You Very Much!

## Retaining Wall, Drainage, Grading:

Work has been completed except for a few "touch-ups" on this project. All that remains is a couple of fence boards replaced and some work around one of the drain inlets. The City of Santa Clara has passed all of the work and is pleased with the progress so far.

## Fence Work:

A new fence will be installed on top of the retaining wall in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping to complete this project, call the SCFBC office or Mike Depew at 408-564-5906 to volunteer your assistance in completing this phase of improvements. A barbecue is being planned to help feed all the "carpenters" who will be helping complete this project.

## Landscaping:

After the fence is installed, this area will be landscaped with fast growing shrubs and drought resistant plants. If you have a "green thumb" or would just like to help, please contact the SCFBC office or Mike Depew.

## Roof Leaks:

"Rain, rain, go away!" Because of the continuing wet weather two roof leaks have been discovered that needed repairing, one in the Sanctuary and the other in adjacent Prayer Room. The leaks were fixed and the insulation, sheetrock, painting, and carpet cleaning of the Prayer Room will be finished soon.

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

**General:** Please contact Dave Wilson in the SCFBC office or me at the number listed above should you see issues around our facilities that need repair.

Your Brother In Christ,  
Mike Depew – Property Deacon

# Spring Rummage Sale a Huge Success!

Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Rummage Sale by donating items and helping with the event itself. A special thank you to Harold and Wilma Wright who donated workshop tools which brought in \$5,100 specifically to benefit the Bethlehem Storage Building. Total sales netted \$7,800 divided as follows: \$6,100 for the Bethlehem Storage Building, \$1,400 for the Youth Mexico Trip in June, and \$300 for the ABW Ministries.





## Summer Children's Musical!

This summer, all our K-5 children are invited to be a part of musical. During the worship hour, our kids will work on preparing "O Me, O My, O Nehemiah!" They will perform during the morning worship service on September 5<sup>th</sup>. This

musical is fun, upbeat, silly, and tells the wonderful story of Nehemiah's perseverance and faith. There is no cost involved to participate. Kids just need to come and be involved. Invite friends to come as well!

Summer musical rehearsals begin Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The big performance is Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

## News Flash

Latest news reports are that five terrorist groups have been operating in many of our churches.

They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin', Bin Arguin', Bin Fightin', Bin Complainin', and Bin Missin'.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin', trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin' is actually the only effective counter-terrorism force in the Church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin' team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin' does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin' cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin watchin', Bin Waitin', Bin Fastin', and Bin Longin' for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

No church is exempt! (However you can spot them if you've bin lookin' and bin goin'.)

## Freed Up Financial Living Class

### A STORY OF THE THREE BEARS

Once upon a time, there were three bears: a Papa Bear, a Mama Bear and a Baby Bear.

The Papa Bear had *lots* of money, so much so that he never had to worry about anything. He bought what he wanted when he wanted. But sometimes he wondered if he was using his money in the best ways possible.

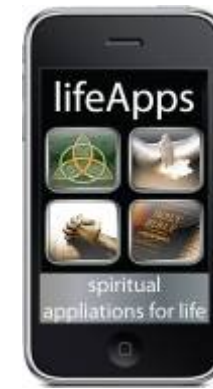
The Mama Bear seemed to *usually* have enough money; most of the time she didn't worry about meeting her expenses, but sometimes she barely made it through the month and breathed a sigh of relief when her next paycheck arrived. She wondered if she would ever get better control over her finances.

The Baby Bear *never* had enough money; instead, he was constantly borrowing money from Papa Bear. He dreamed of the day when he would be able to pay off his loans and have enough money to provide for his needs on his own.

All Three Bears attended the Freed Up Financial Living Class offered at Santa Clara First Baptist. The Papa Bear learned ways to make better use of his finances, the Mama Bear learned how to not have to live paycheck to paycheck, and the Baby Bear learned how to get rid of his financial burdens and develop a good plan so that when he did receive a paycheck, he would know how to handle it properly. They all found the class to be "Just Right!"

Whether you are a Papa Bear, a Mama Bear or a Baby Bear, there is an opportunity for you to attend a Freed Up Financial Living Class on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm in the SCFBC Parlor. (Note this is a change from the original date.) This six-session class is designed to provide you the tools to handle your finances more efficiently and effectively. The only investment is your time and \$20 for the class workbook. Lunch will be provided that day at no additional charge.

Some preparation work is recommended to be done prior to the class, so it is best to register and get your workbook by May 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact Pastor Rich at 408-241-7635 or Susi Reaves at 408-375-7294.



## "SUMMER BOOK CLUBS"

lifeApps will be offering two summer book clubs beginning June 20<sup>th</sup>. In these book clubs, participants will read through a book together and meet on Sunday mornings for discussion.

The two book clubs being offered this summer are:

### 1) The Five Love Languages of Children

-This well-known book has been a help for many parents in understanding how best to show love and value to their children. This is a great book club for parents.

-Meets at 9:00 AM in the Parlor

### 2) This Present Darkness & Piercing the Darkness

-These books by Christian author Frank E. Peretti are fast-paced fiction thrillers, with a spiritual topic and storyline. Peretti's books deal with the topic of spiritual warfare.

-Meets at 9:00 AM in Rooms 19-20

Book Clubs will begin on June 20<sup>th</sup> and continue through the entire summer. For more information please contact Pastor Jenny at [jennifer@scfbc.org](mailto:jennifer@scfbc.org), or (408) 248-2078.

## Spring Tea and Antique Appraisal Show

**Date:** May 15, 2010

**Time:** 1:00pm

**Where:** SCFBC Fellowship Hall

**Tickets:** \$10 A ticket entitles its holder to the appraisal of one item. (Attendees may bring two items but only one will likely be appraised.) Four appraisers will be present, including one who specializes in tools, equipment, machines, etc..

Although teas are usually seen as something for women only, men are especially encouraged to come for this special opportunity. Tickets are on sale at the Information Table of the Sanctuary lobby. Get yours this today!!







So many wonderful things are happening in the *SPEEDway* Children's Ministry!

In the **Nursery** ministry, our volunteers provide so much more than childcare. A new curriculum has been put into place during the worship hour, giving our littlest ones the opportunity to learn about Jesus. Each week the toddlers have a hands-on lesson, allowing them to explore and play as they learn about God's love for them.

In our **Preschool/Pre-K** ministry, a brand new class has just begun! We now have a Preschool/Pre-K class during the Sunday School hour. Miss Megan and Miss Kari will be teaching this class, which begins at 9am. Now these young children can experience an entire morning of age-appropriate, fun and creative lessons, taught by *SPEEDway* staff who value and adore this age group.

Our **Elementary Age** children have been working hard over the past few weeks preparing for Children's Sunday. On Mother's Day, May 9th, the children will lead the entire morning worship service. They will be sharing with you the amazing miracles from that Scripture that they have learned about over the past three months. The kids are so excited to share with you all that they've been preparing. Don't miss out on their special Sunday presentation.

## Volunteer Opportunities

*SPEEDway* is always looking for volunteers who love kids and want to make a difference in their lives for eternity. Here are some areas of ministry to consider; you might be just who we've been looking for:

**Kids' Worship Assistant**—Serve once a month during the worship hour. Assist Pastor Jenny and Jon Hammar with the Kids' Worship lessons. No prep needed. Just come and prepare to have fun!

**Girls' Small Group Leader**—Serve weekly during the Sunday School hour. Work with our 2nd-5th grade girls, leading them in Small Group activities as part of the Sunday School lesson. Curriculum provided.

**Preschool/Pre-K Assistant**—Serve once a month during the worship hour. Assist the Preschool/Pre-K teacher with lessons and care of preschool age children.

**Sunday School Large Group Leader (Grades 2-5)** - Serve weekly, teaching the large group lesson for our 2nd -5th Grade children. Curriculum is fun, creative and interactive. Training and assistance provided.

*For more information on any of these opportunities please contact Pastor Jenny at [jennifer@scfbc.org](mailto:jennifer@scfbc.org) or (408) 248-2078.*

## Youth News



### Reflect High School Group

In April, Reflect continued their series on Revelation with discussions of the seven trumpets and their meanings. On spring break we went to Second Harvest Food Bank and helped put together stimulus boxes. These stimulus boxes are government-funded boxes for families in need, and include roughly 2 weeks of dry food for a family. This time we helped put together 308 boxes, which amounts to over 10,000 lbs of food!



We also helped lead Youth Sunday with the Jr High group. **Victoria McGinnis** spoke during the service and **Alaina Hawkins** led the worship team with **Matt Juarez** and **Will Gregg** on guitars.



### The Element Jr. High Group

The Jr High group helped lead the awesome Youth Sunday service in April. **Kelsey Hagan** and **Hannah Lageschulte** spoke in the service and **Carmen and Camille Cintas** and **Laura Gregg** helped lead worship. It was a great service with many other students helping with drama, offering, and greeting. Also **Melina Hernandez** and **Emily Ramer** were baptized during the service making public declarations of their faith in Jesus Christ. On spring break week, Andrew treated the Jr. High students who were not on spring break vacation to \$2 Taco Night at La Paloma.



**Committed** Liz will begin leading our Sunday morning group. We look forward to new and creative lessons by the youth staff on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Youth Room.



### Upcoming EVENTS

**May 1st** - Mountain Thrash - 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
**May 15th** - Mexico Meeting #3, 10:00 AM  
**May 22nd** - Mexico Meeting #4, 10:00 AM

For more events check [www.scfbc.org/element](http://www.scfbc.org/element)  
 and [www.scfbc.org/reflect](http://www.scfbc.org/reflect)

### Youth Staff

*Danijela, Liz, Karena, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew, Fion, Amy, Kim, Jerry*



### Mexico Outreach 2010

Plans are already underway for our annual week-long trip to Ensenada, Mexico scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the trip will be \$400, but many fundraisers will be held leading up to the trip.