



**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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

2nd Amber Harrell
2nd Ashley Harrell
3rd Karen Cerney
3rd Alyssa Catterton
4th Jonathan Ebel
5th Mark Reiley
8th Greg Robbins
11th Jason Hammar
11th Dottie Haas
11th Jim Powell
12th Joe Lasher
12th Ken Harrell
13th Bill Wright
13th Ken Rangel
15th Jenny Gregg
16th Larry Van Groningen
18th Betty Hastings
19th Gail Bock
20th Susi Reaves
21st Chrysta Rangel

21st Tracey Lindsey
23rd Ruth Porspakka
24th Summer Slay
25th Wilma Wright
26th Rusty Webber
27th Angela Esquibel
27th Sally Youngs
28th Helen Rodolari
28th Angelina Bravo
29th Robert Ramer
31st Ashlee Ramer

Anniversaries

3rd Erik & Christy Meyer
10th Andrew & Mary Wong
11th Dave & Kim Wilson
12th Len & Bev Walz

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

August 2010

Come join us for some fun in the sun at...

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**LOCATED AT THE
CENTRAL PARK PAVILION**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2010

2:00PM - GAMES FOR ALL AGES

4:00PM - BBQ

5:30PM - EDGE WORSHIP

Renovation Update

As of the end of July, the sound booth is ready to be moved into, even though there are some cosmetic areas that are unfinished. The back wall of the sound booth is currently unfinished plywood and will eventually be getting fabric acoustic panels. The upper areas of the back walls will also be getting these same panels. These panels will help absorb sound that comes from the speakers and prevent the sound from bouncing off the back wall. This will help improve the clarity of spoken word and lower the overall volume in the room.



Many volunteers helped to build the sanctuary sound booth and we would like to thank **Duane Esquibel, Lloyd Darknell, John Pusateri, Bill Starnes,** and Bill's brother **Rick Starnes**. Rick installed the counters in the sound booth and they came out looking great. We also emptied out the adjacent sound room and painted and carpeted that room.

Ken Rangel is working to install the floor tile of the entryway into the sanctuary near the choir room. We hope to have that job completed by the

first week of August.

Thanks to the continued faithful giving to the renovation project and the volunteer help of many, we are able to proceed with our work and keep our expenses at a minimum while doing high quality work.

Building Committee
Jerry Cintas, Lloyd Darknell, Joe Lasher, Mike Depew



Calendar Events

AUGUST

- 1 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor
- 1 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book Club - Room 19
- 1 - 12Noon Life Group Leaders Mtg. - Room 19/20
- 4 - 10am Craft Day - Room 19/20 - Gladys - 243-6828
- 7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20
- 5-6 - 9-5pm Leadership Summit** at Church on the Hill
- 8 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor
- 8 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book Club - Room 19
- 8 - 12Noon Mission Team Mtg - Library
- 11 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck - 984-8581
- 12 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20
- 15 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor
- 15 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19
- 16 - 7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg - Library
- 17 - 2pm - 9pm Olan Mills Photo Appointments
- 18 - 12Noon - 7pm Olan Mills Photo Appointments
- 18 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
- 22 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor
- 22 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19
- 26 - 11:30am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 28 - 8:30am - Men's Breakfast - Adam 230-6848
- 28 - 8:30am September Diaconate Mtg - Library
- 28 - 10am - All-Church Work Day - Mike - 691-1441
- 28 - 10am *Manna Worship in the Park* prep- Kitchen
- 29 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor
- 29 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book Club - Rm 19/20
- 29 - **2pm - 7pm Worship in the Park at Central Park**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER - World Missions Emphasis

- 1 - 10am White Cross - Room 19/20 - Virginia N.
- 4 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20 - Rhonda
- 5 - 9am Life Group Leaders Meeting - Room 19
- 6 - Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed**
- 8 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle
- 9 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19/20 - Rhonda
- 12 - 9am Back to Basics Class #1 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 12 - 9am *Mere Christianity* #1 - Choir Room - Sue N.
- 12 - 9am *Keeping Your Child Safe*--Parlor-Pastor Jenny
- 12 - 12Noon Mission Team Mtg - Library - Karen
- 12 - 5:15pm - AWANA Begins - Jon - 248-2078**
- 13 - 7pm Apprenticeship-Parlor - Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 14 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle
- 15 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505

- 16-19 - Mexico Mission Work Trip**-Jerry C- 615-1690
- 19 - 9am Back to Basics Class #2-Rm 19- Pastor Rich
- 19 - 9am *Mere Christianity* #2- Choir Room-Sue N.
- 19 - 9am- *Keeping Your Child Safe*-Parlor-Pastor Jenny
- 19 - 12Noon Quarterly Family Gathering/Lunch
- 20 - 7pm Apprenticeship - Parlor- Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 20 - 7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg-Library
- 22 - 2pm - 9pm Olan Mills Photo Appointments
- 23 - 12-7pm Olan Mills Photo Appointments
- 23 - 11:30am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch-Betty 244-5949
- 25 - 8:30am-10am Men's Breakfast-Adam 230-6848
- 25 - 10am - All-Church Work Day - Mike - 691-1441
- 26 - 9am Back to Basics Class #3- Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 26 - 9am *Mere Christianity* #3- Choir Room - Sue N.
- 26 - 9am- *Keeping Your Child Safe*-Parlor-Pastor Jenny
- 27 - 7pm Apprenticeship - Parlor- Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 30-Oct 4-Youth Conference/SD** - Erik - 241-7635

OCTOBER

- 2 - 8:30am October Diaconate Meeting - Library
- 2 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19 - Rhonda
- 3 - 9am Back to Basics Class #4 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 3 - 9am *Mere Christianity* #4 - Choir Room - Sue N.
- 3 - 9am *Keeping Your Child Safe*- Parlor-Pastor Jenny
- 3 - 12Noon Life Group Leaders Meeting - Room 19
- 4 - 7pm Apprenticeship-Parlor - Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 6 - 10am White Cross - Lobby - Virginia N. 266-1734
- 7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20 - Rhonda
- 10 - 9am *Mere Christianity* #5 - Choir Room - Sue N.
- 10 - 9am *Keeping Your Child Safe*-Parlor-Pastor Jenny
- 10 - 12Noon - Mission Team Meeting - Library
- 11 - 7pm Apprenticeship -Parlor - Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 12 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle
- 13 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
- 16 - 9-3pm - ABW Event - FH - Barbara C. 739-2935
- 18 - 7pm Apprenticeship - Parlor - Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 18 - 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting - Library
- 20 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
- 20-21 - 10am Rummage Sale set up - FH - Maxine**
- 22-23 - Rummage Sale - FH - Maxine**
- 23 - 8:30am Men's Breakfast - Adam - 230-6848
- 23 - 10am - All Church Work Day - Mike - 691-1441
- 25 - 7pm Apprenticeship - Parlor - Jenny G/Pastor Rich
- 28 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 31 - Hallelujah Night - FH/Ed Wing - Pastor Jenny**

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is a small group of lay persons who provide support for the pastors and provide a regular channel of communication between the pastors and the congregation. The PRC functions to augment and enhance a variety of informal and formal means of support and communication in the congregation to cultivate an open and affirmative relationship between the pastors and congregation which helps enable our church to fulfill its mission effectively.



Jess, Doris, Michelle and Greg

Other roles of the Pastoral Relations Committee:

- *Understand the Role of Ministry* - Committee members should know the church's objectives and the role of the laity and pastoral staff.
- *Provide a Vital Communication Link Between the Pastor, Staff and Congregation* - A primary objective of the committee is to promote healthy dialogue between the congregation and the pastors.
- *Deal with Conflict* - While the committee seeks to foster understanding and prevent unnecessary conflict, discord may arise. The committee can serve as a reconciler for some conflicts, or schedule additional resources as necessary.
- *Review Compensation Annually for the Pastor* - Every pastor appreciates the church being intentional about fair pay. The pastors should feel free to speak openly about their expectations and needs to the committee, who should in turn present its recommendations to other appropriate committees.
- *Counsel Pastor Regarding Continuing Education* - It is important that the committee support the pastors' needs to improve their skills by providing appropriate time and money for continued learning experiences.
- *Develop and Implement Fair and Just Personnel Practices* - Provide good personnel practices in keeping with the Christian commitment to recognize the value of all persons. The Committee will see that appropriate personnel procedures are followed.
- *Assist in Employment or Departure of Staff* - The committee should be aware of church staff openings. When there is a pastoral transition, the committee can help make it a smooth one.

The current members of our church's PRC are **Jess Stephens, Doris Smith, Michelle Ramer and Greg Robbins**. Please feel free to contact them with any questions you may have.

Youth News



Junior High Retreat

Element junior highers had a great retreat at Caswell State Park! We went rafting down the Stanislaus River and Jerry was thrown in the river countless times! We learned how to beat sin and had a great time bonding under the stars!

www.scfbc.org/element

Reflect students went to Manresa State Beach for a great weekend retreat! We spent time with God in silence and witnessed the power of His awesome creation! We played lots of frisbee and bocce ball and had a great time with friends!

www.scfbc.org/reflect



High School Retreat

Committed meets every Sunday morning @ 9am. We are studying the book of James come check it out!

I am excited to be a part of the student ministries here at SCFBC! I am looking forward to what God is doing here! I will be in the office Tuesday-Thursday so feel free to drop by and chat! I look forward to getting to know you! God is doing big things and I am excited to see where he leads!

God Bless!

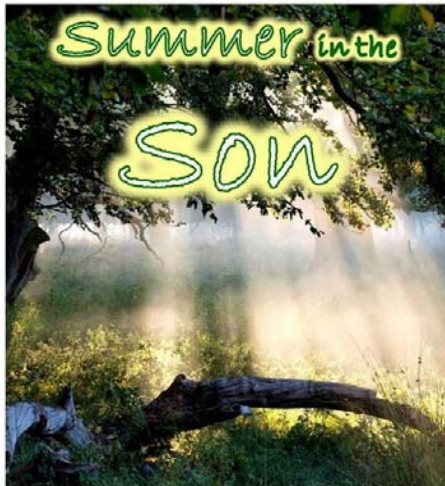
Erik Meyer, Director of Student Ministries

Summer in the Son

Throughout this summer our church family has been asking ourselves the questions,

Lord, what would you have me do?

Lord, what would you have us do?



Lord, what would you have us do?

The purpose of these questions is to focus our attention on discovering and applying God's will for our lives individually and collectively.

How has this search been going for you? Has God been revealing more of His will for your life? Have you gained new insights into God's future direction for SCFBC?

Personally I've seen Satan try everything he can to block my own attempt to seek God- health issues, relational issues, church issues, you name it, he's tried it. At times it's felt like trying to walk forward against hurricane-force winds or trying to climb a steep slope with a ball and chain tied to my ankle.

Perhaps this has been your experience as well. All I know is that we all must continue to do what our Father-God is calling us to do; seek His face. Continue to use the weekly bulletin inserts to meditate on what the Scripture tells us about God and His will for us. Continue to pray for the Spirit's

illumination into the heart of God. Continue to make corporate worship a priority where we come together as the entire SCFBC family to honor and glory our Lord.

This is God's church and He certainly has great plans for our future. I'm looking forward to see where He will lead us.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Prayer Requests for...

- **Dave Wilson, Jr.** for total healing in his recovery process.
- **Jim Lovelace** for building his strength for back surgery. Pray for God's hand in his healing during stay at the assisted-living home.
- **Beth Kroll** as she recovers from a broken ankle.
- **Dottie Haas** as her chemotherapy treatments are now underway.
- **Tina Mulford's** niece, **Carolyn**, as she begins chemotherapy.
- **Jean Rund** as she continues with chemotherapy.
- **Candy Martinez** for regulation of her medications.
- Miraculous healing for **Holly Franco**, 13 year-old granddaughter of **Helen Hawkins**. Pray also for Holly's parents during this difficult time.

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.
- Pray that **Santa Clara City Inspectors, Planning and Electrical Departments** work openly with SCFBC to complete our work as cost effective as possible.

Library Corner and Book Nook

LIBRARY MISSION OUTREACH for Mexico

If you happen to have extra school or craft supplies around your house, we can send them to the Ensenada Orphanage School at the Ranch where our Mexico Mission Team and the Mexico Mission Work Teams go. If you are led to help, we are still collecting items that will be taken down in October when the Mexico Mission Work Team goes. We are collecting English/Spanish books for pre-school to First Grade because they are opening their first classroom for twenty students for Fall 2011. In addition to books, we are collecting the following items: craft materials, pencils, erasers, color crayons, colored pencils, rulers, tablets, phonics cards, glue sticks and school supplies. If you have donations, please place them in the box at the Information Desk marked for this Mission or drop off your items at the church office. Thank you to Andrew and the June Mexico Mission Team for transporting boxes to the school earlier this summer.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

If you have a passion for books and literacy, please let us know. Maybe you would like to review books or DVDs for this page. Or maybe you would like to join us at the next meeting of the Library Committee. Please contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 if you have any questions or need a ride.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library can be visited any time during regular church office hours. Check with the office personnel and someone will unlock it for you. You can browse up to 5:45pm Monday - Thursday and use the self-check to obtain books. Just remember to notify the office when you are done.

BOOK NOOK

Please check out the books in the Lobby BOOK NOOK each Sunday; during the Sanctuary renovation it will be located on the end of the counter in the Lobby. The books and DVDs are frequently refreshed with current sermon themes and lifeApps topics. Thank you for returning borrowed items to the red bin in the Lobby.



DVD REVIEW

One of my (JAC) awesome tasks on the Library Committee is to review the DVDs that are bought or donated for the library. This past month has been GREAT viewing:

- *Flywheel* - about a man learning to honor God through his business
- *The Bible, Jesus of Nazareth* - Charleston Heston's research and presentation about Jesus
- *Though None Go With Me*—a story of a woman whose inner strength and faith is tested
- *Grace is Gone*—a man learns how to be connected and understanding
- *Veggie Tales*—there are a variety of stories on DVD
- *How I Saved The President* - doing the right thing isn't always easy but it is right!
- *Leadership Summit DVDs* - view the excellent quality lectures at Summits from past years.

I could go on and on about the eighty plus movies, but this is it for this month - come look at the many fun titles and share them with your family.

The Library Committee

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



Come be a part of the difference!

Every Sunday morning **SPEEDway Children's Ministry** is making a difference in the lives of children. The impact made here will affect entire families and help shape the future of each **SPEEDway** child. At the **SPEEDway**, you'll find lots of opportunities to be a part of the difference. If you give it a try, you just might get hooked!

SPEEDway Volunteer Opportunities *— a chance to be a part of the difference*

Nursery Volunteer— Children are never too young to learn about God's love! More than childcare, our Nursery volunteers teach the babies and toddlers about God's love through hugs, snuggles, play and lessons created just for them. Volunteers serve on a rotating basis during the Worship Hour.



Elementary Sunday School Teacher (Grades 2-5) — Imagine lessons so creative and fun that the children demand their parents to bring them back each week because they don't want to miss a thing! We have the amazing curriculum and the excited kids. We need a teacher who will use their gifts to get these children pumped up about living for Jesus. This volunteer position is every Sunday during the Sunday School Hour. Training and help is provided.

Boys' Small Group Leader (Grades 2-5) — Boys like to play games and joke around, and they adore any adult who will play with them on their level! The Small Group leader plays games and does activities with the boys based on the Large Group lesson taught by the Sunday School teacher. This volunteer position is every Sunday during the Sunday School Hour. Curriculum and great kids are provided.

For more information on any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Pastor Jennifer Hammar at (408) 248-2078 or jennifer@scfbc.org.



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 is very much appreciated for helping to keep our expenses to a minimum. Thank You Very Much!

The last church work day was a great success. The following projects were started and/or completed:

- Electrical fixture changed in the kitchen storage room
- Water faucet leak fixed in office bathroom
- Light bulbs replaced throughout various locations
- Concrete patch filled in front of new storage closet in the Sanctuary
- Sheet rock stocked for installation in Prayer Room
- General dusting and cleaning

Thanks to the following individuals who gave of their time and talents: **Steve McLenegan, Steve Victorson, Christian Reyes, John Pusateri**, and also all those who helped **Jerri Cooper** pack boxes for our troops: **Gerri Frescas, Raychelle Frescas, Gladys McFarland, Tina Bell, Barbara McLenegan**

Landscaping:

The City of Santa Clara has finalized the project so it is now complete!

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

General: Please contact Dave Wilson in the church office or me at 408-691-1441 should you see something that is in need of repair!

Reminder: Please make sure that when you leave a building or classroom that all the doors are locked, windows are closed and all lights and air/heat turned off.

Next Church Work Day: There is change coming for our all-church work days. Starting in August, we will be having a monthly work day coinciding with the monthly meeting of Brothers In Christ. Each month on the 4th Saturday, our work day will start at 10 am and continue for about 2-3 hours. By having a monthly work day we can get smaller projects done more easily and more often. Everyone is welcome to join in on **Saturday August 28, 2010** to help keep our church property clean and in a good state of repair!

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike Depew
Property Deacon



There are many ways that you can serve.