



**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

April Birthdays & Anniversary

Birthdays

3rd Renee Esquibel
4th Jerri Cooper
5th Danijela Tomic
5th Trudy Kroll
5th Matthew Juarez
6th Rachel Erling
7th Karla Hagan
7th Rose Johnson
9th Theodore Barife
12th John Yee
12th LCpl Jon-Michael Stephens
(Marine Corps)

16th Ken Leisten
18th Sharon Cintas
18th Will Gregg
22nd Debbie Yee
23rd Sarah Esquibel
26th SPC Matthew McLenegan (Army)
26th Judy Sohm
26th Robert Webber
28th Bev Walz
28th Kelsey Hagan
30th Christy Meyer

Anniversary

20th Jerry & Bonnie Brenner

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

April 2011



He is Risen!

Holy Week at SCFBC

Most of us know that there's more to Easter than eggs and chocolate bunnies. But did you know that there's even more to Easter than the celebration of Christ's resurrection? To comprehend the full impact of Easter, we need to reflect on all the events of what we call Holy Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday, Holy Week takes us through the journey of Christ in His final days and hours before His death. As we journey with Christ, remembering and reflecting on the last events of His human life, the celebration of Easter will mean so much more. It is in the sadness of Maundy Thursday and the suffering of Good Friday that we find our reason to celebrate on Resurrection Sunday. We hope that you will join us each step of the way in our journey this year, as we walk side by side with Christ through His final days.

Palm Sunday – April 17th

Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Join us in our morning service as the children lead us in a processional with Palm Branches. The children will also sing a special song of praise.

Maundy Thursday Remembrance – Week of April 18-22

Maundy Thursday is when we reflect on the Last Supper, when Jesus shared his last Passover meal with his disciples. This first celebration of the Lord's Supper has become a very meaningful way for believers today to remember and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us. During this week, we encourage Life Groups and families to have their own Maundy Thursday celebrations as a part of their meeting times.

Good Friday – April 22nd

In only a few days the same people who greeted Christ with cheering and praise would demand his death. On Good Friday we remember and reflect on the brutal death of our Savior. Once again we will set up an interactive Prayer Walk based on Christ's journey to the cross, and then the tomb. The Prayer Walk will be open on Good Friday from 10am to 9pm for all those who wish to come and ponder and pray through the suffering of Christ.

Easter Celebration – April 24th

Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! This entire morning will be filled with the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. We will begin the day with an All-Church Family Breakfast at 9:00am. Our Celebration Service will be held at 10:30am. As the family of God we will raise up a joyful noise to the Lord in celebration.

The children (through Grade 5) will have their own special morning as they learn about the most awesome of God's miracles – the resurrection of Jesus! An Egg Hunt will follow the morning service which means we need your **Egg Hunt Donations!** Starting April 3rd you can donate candy and plastic eggs in the large tub in the Lobby labeled "Big Egg Hunt."

Capital Fund-Raising Update

Although it may be hard to believe, March 27th marks the two-year anniversary of the beginning of SCFBC's Capital Fund-Raising campaign, *Because It's Time*.



On Sunday, March 29, 2009, we launched the campaign with *First Gifts Sunday*. We challenged our congregation to seek the Lord and ask Him the key question, "Lord, what would you have me do for this renovation project?" In answer to this question our people presented God with a staggering **\$162,923** one-day offering to kick off our campaign. It was the largest one day offering ever taken in this church!

This offering formed the foundation of \$326,085 in total pledges to be given over a two-year period. As we approach the end of the two years we can report that as of March 6th we have received a total **\$313,297** towards this amount. This too, is staggering considering the fact that this money was given during one of the worst recessions in the history of our country. Numbers of those who made pledges either lost their jobs or suffered salary reductions during this time. Understandably they were not able to complete their promises.

But, to make up for some of these losses, other people who began attending Santa Clara First Baptist after the pledge drive began giving to it on their own. They have contributed thousands of dollars to the project and moved it closer to completion.

What's next? One person called the office a few weeks ago with a question, "Now that I've finished giving my pledge, what should I do?" I replied as any senior pastor would, "Well, why not keep giving until the project is completed." I was half joking. To my surprise the person responded, "I'll think about it."

In reality we know of some people who will continue to give past the end of this month towards the fulfillment of their pledges. I applaud their faithfulness. And if the Lord tells you to give past the fulfillment of your pledge, please heed His instruction.

As the apostle Paul wrote, we all need to grow in this grace of giving.

We give with glad and generous hearts because God has been generous to us.

We give in proportion to how the Lord has given to us.

We give to further the Kingdom of God.

We give to bless the lives of others.

May God be praised for the generosity of His people.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Soul Training Exercises—for People on the Grow!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

So how did you do with the 5-Minute Challenge to read Scripture each day that was presented in the March elebrate? That was just one spiritual discipline (or soul training exercise). These practices train us to become like Christ. Pastor Rich recently showed a commercial for the U.S. Marine Corps as a more realistic depiction of true discipleship than life on a cruise ship. **And for any and every follower of Christ, discipleship is not optional!** Just to be clear, we are absolutely saved by grace alone, but training in righteousness requires two participants—us and the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 9:25; Galatians 5:16-26).

All spiritual disciplines have one thing in common—our actions provide God with space to work in our lives. When we open our Bibles faithfully each day, we provide God with the opportunity to speak to us through his Word.

The Sound of Silence

Noise bombards us all day long, every day. Whether you have a house full of kids or live alone, we still live with noise. When the prophet Elijah was exhausted and discouraged, God told him to go up the mountain and God would meet him there. There was thunderous wind, but God was not in the wind; there was a powerful earthquake, but God was not in the earthquake; there was fire, but God was not in the fire. Then there was a gentle whisper—the still, small voice of God.



The LORD is in

His holy temple;

let all the earth

be silent before Him!

How often have you wished that you could hear God speak to you? Have you longed to clearly feel His guidance in your life? Perhaps the noise surrounding us drowns Him out, and yet He is there, in the silence, waiting to speak to you with His gentle whisper.

This Month's Challenge: *Do Nothing!*

This month's soul training exercise may be the toughest one you could face. We all know how crazy busy we are. Our days are overstuffed with activities. **I urge you to spend 30 minutes this week doing nothing**—Quiet your thoughts, find a comfortable chair, look out at nature. No reading (not even the Bible), no praying, no writing or listening to Christian music—nothing. Why? To give God enough space in your life to be heard. You may not hear God audibly (or even inaudibly), but if you sense God speaking thank Him as you close your time. The experience of doing nothing is so foreign to most of us will probably feel extremely uncomfortable. But one thing's for sure—God will smile broadly that you love Him enough to carve out 30 minutes just listening for His gentle whisper.

Jenny Gregg
Deacon of Maturity

APRIL

Mission Emphasis: Scott Lane Donation Drive

- 2 - 8:30am April Diaconate Mtg –Lib– Barbara C
- 3 –12 pm Life Grp Leaders Mtg–Rm 19– Pastor Jenny
- 3 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service - Sanctuary
- 6 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 9 – 8:30 Men's Breakfast – FH – Adam 230-6848
- 10 - 12noonSPEEDway Family Cookie Baking -FH
- 10 - 2pm The Awakening – XFactor Worship Event
Mission City Coffee House – Jonathan 813-2505
- 12 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle – Barbara Chicks home
- 13-14 - 10-6pm Rummage Sale setup – FH – Maxine
- 13 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – parlor - Betty D
- 13 - 1pm Youth Spring Beach Bash - Erik 916-671-4676
- 15-16 – 8:30am Rummage Sale–FH–Maxine 241-7567
- 16 –9-1pm – Back to Basics – Parlor - Pastor Rich
- 17 - Palm Sunday Service – Children sing
- 18 - 7:30pm Finance Mtg – Lib– Steve E. 243-7255
- 20 - 2pm Game Day–Lobby–Barbara Chicks–739-2935
- 20 – 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 21 – 11:45am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 22 – 10am Good Friday “Journey To The Cross”
- 23 - 10–3pm Easter Prep – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 23 - 12pm – Mexico Outreach Trng –Andrew 278-1996
- 24 - 9am **Easter** Sunday Breakfast – FH
- 24 – No AWANA
- 26 – *May Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 29-30 –6pm to 8pm Sat–30 Hr Famine Event –FH
- 30 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg – Library – Barbara C.

Upcoming events

MAY

- 1 –12noon Life Grp Leaders Mtg.–Rm 19–Pastor Jenny
- 1 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service - Sanctuary
- 4 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry –Rm 19 –Rhonda
- 7 – 12pm -Spring Tea– FH– Barbara Chicks 739-2935
- 8 – **Mother's Day** – Children's Sunday (no AWANA)
- 8 - 2pm The Awakening – XFactor Worship Event –
Mission City Coffee House – Jonathan 813-2505
- 10 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle – Jean Rund's home
- 11 – 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 12 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 12-15 –Mexico Mission Work Trip – Jerry C. 615-1690

- 14 - 8:30 Men's Breakfast – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 14 - 12pm – Mexico Outreach Trng –Andrew 278-1996
- 15 - 12noon –SPEEDway Staff Mtg –FH –Pastor Jenny
- 15 – 4pm - AWANA Mystery Night
- 16 - 7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg - Lib –Steve E.
- 18 - 2pm Game Day – Lobby – Barbara C. 739-2935
- 18 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 19 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 21- 9am Youth Mountain Thrash - Erik 916-671-4676
- 22 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg. – Lib – Jim G.
- 22 – AWANA Closing Ceremony – Awards
- 24 – *June Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 30 - **Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed**

JUNE

Mission Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing

- 1 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 3-5 – ABW Conference – Mission Springs
- 4 – 8am -Annual Redwood Glen workday – carpool
- 4 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg –Lib –Barbara C. 739-2935
- 4 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 5 -12noon Life Group Leaders Mtg.– Rm 19
- 5 - 12pm Quarterly Business Mtg without lunch
- 5 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 – 11am ABW Annual Mtg Potluck – Gloria's home
- 9 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 11 - 8:30am Men's Ministry –Kitchen–Adam 230-6848
- 11 - 12pm – Mexico Outreach Trng –Andrew 278-1996
- 12 – 12-3pm All Church Picnic & SPEEDway Summer Kick off Event – A SC Park
- 12 - 2pm The Awakening – XFactor Worship Event –
Mission City Coffee House – Jonathan 813-2505
- 15 - 2pm Game Day–Lobby–Barbara Chicks–739-2935
- 15 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 16 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 17-25– Youth Mexico Mission Trip – Andrew
- 19 – **Happy Father's Day** – Children sing
- 19 – 10:30am Children's Musical rehearsals begin –FH
- 20-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Steve E.
- 21 – *July Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 26 – 10:30am Children's Musical Rehearsals - FH
- 26 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg. – Lib – Jim

Mission to Schools and Students

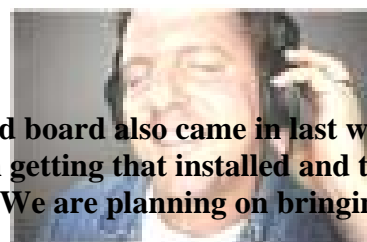
Renovation Update!

We have been working on the east projection screen wall project on the stage. Adam got the lower ceiling and the bottom half of the new wall in place. We have also cut the window into the back wall where the new video projector will be placed. We did a rough test with the new projector and screen and were blown away with how great the new image looks. The top section of the wall will be going in these next couple of weeks and then we will move on to the cross wall and the centering of the cross.



The sanctuary ceiling was also painted recently by Tom Caldwell. He seemed to be ok on the scissor lift 25 feet in the air and drove it around like a pro. He did say his shoulders were sore after the job was over from doing so much rolling and spraying above his head. There are still some cut-ins we need to take care of but the ceiling is looking great with a nice new coat of paint on it.

During the next month we will be demolishing the concrete stairs on the stage in preparation for the new stage to be built onto the front. Mike Depew will be taking care of the large job of getting the concrete out without making too much of a mess.



Our new sound board also came in last week and we will be working on getting that installed and the sound guys trained on it. We are planning on bringing it on-line after Easter.



The Building Committee

Jerry Cintas, Mike Depew, Lloyd Darknell, Joe Lasher

We're pleased to share that our touch at Scott Lane is beginning to expand. Over the past months we've celebrated the volunteers who have served in Kimberly Barnett's classroom. The volunteers have assisted Kim in her after-school reading program. As much as she appreciated and valued the help of these volunteers, Kim felt that we needed to be a blessing to other teachers with their after-school programs as well. Beginning last month, some of our people began helping in other classrooms, blessing other teachers with help and encouragement in their classes. Thanks to the volunteers who give their time and energy to the teachers and students, and praise God for continuing to open doors that allow us to serve our community.

Kim tells us that almost every teacher at Scott Lane has an after-school program that they run in their classroom. However, most of these teachers do not have a church behind them ready to serve. We would love to have more volunteers step forward to make a difference in the lives of the students and the teachers. Please consider stepping forward to help out in one of the following time slots:

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| Monday | 2:30-3:30 | Wednesday | 1:30-2:30 |
| Tuesday | 2:30-3:30 | Thursday | 2:30-3:30 |

If you are interested in helping, please contact Kimberly Barnett at kbarnett124@gmail.com.

SCOTT LANE DONATION DRIVE

The teachers at Scott Lane were asked for specific items they need for their classrooms. On Sunday, March 27th we will be kicking off a donation drive to collect these items and get them into the teachers' hands. At the Information Table in the Sanctuary Lobby you will find a display for the donation drive. There will be donation slips for the various items that are needed. Just pick out a slip, purchase the item, and drop it off in the large tub available to hold the donations at Information Table. The donation drive will run from March 27th to April 17th. The donations will be delivered to the school by our Monday Morning Life Group. Therefore, we need all donated items turned in by Sunday, April 17th. Thank you so much for your help as we continue to be used by God to bless the teachers and students of Scott Lane. For questions or more information on the donation drive, please contact Pastor Jenny at jennifer@scfbc.org or (408) 241-7635.

Spring Tea

The annual Spring Tea will be May 7th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Please put the date on your calendar now. We will again have appraisers from "Antiques Colony" in San Jose to give appraisals of your treasures. They were so well received last year that we decided to ask them to come again. This is your second chance in case you missed the tea last year or you found some other item you would like to have appraised.

Rummage Sale

Friday, April 15th - 8:30am to 5:00pm
Saturday, April 16th - 8:30am to 3:00pm

The Rummage Sale to benefit the Mexico Mission Teams and the Women's Mission Projects (ABW) is almost here! Have you started to gather CLEAN usable items (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay) to benefit these special ministries? You may start bringing your donations to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 10th before or after morning worship or on our set up days, Wednesday, April 13th or Thursday, April 14th between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Be sure to ask your friends and neighbors for donations also, and let them know tax receipts are available. Many volunteers will be needed for the set up days on Wednesday and Thursday plus the days of the sale. Please save these days on your calendar and contact Maxine Darknell at 241-7567 to let her know when you can help. Lunch is included plus you get early shopping privileges! .



Abby and Ayla get crafty



Pastor Jennifer Hammar
jennifer@scfbc.org, (408) 241-7635



Mihika is turning 6!

With Spring comes wonderful activities in children's ministry. Check out the following calendar dates and join us! **Sunday, April 10th is our Cookie Baking Party.** Meet us at 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We'll spend the afternoon baking and decorating cookies together. While we wait for the cookies to bake, we'll play some games and eat a light lunch. This event is for the whole family so bring your sweet tooth and prepare to have a happy tummy.

Sunday, April 17th is Palm Sunday. The Pre-K and elementary age children will carry in the palm branches at the start of the worship service. The K-5 children will also sing a special song. So bring your families and your cameras!

Sunday, April 24th is Easter Sunday. The whole church family is invited to enjoy our annual Easter Breakfast. That means no Sunday School on this day. Nursery and Preschool age children can go to their classes at 10:15am, but K-5 children will begin in the worship service with their families. After a children's moment, those kids will go to the Fellowship Hall for their own lesson. Of course, after the worship service is the BIG EGG HUNT!

The fun doesn't end in April, however. Because **Sunday, May 8th is Children's Sunday.** We are already working on Children's Sunday music and lessons. So please make sure your child comes to Sunday School and Kids' Worship each week so that they can be a part of this special day.



Athena the Priest



Sunday School Salvation Lesson



Marc as the "Loser" Samaritan



Play time in the Preschool room



Rachel the Inn Keeper



TWISTER!

Library Corner and Book Nook

Library Mission Outreach for Ensenada, Mexico School

Thank you for your continued prayers for the start-up for the Ensenada Orphanage School at the Ranch. Lord willing, the May 12-15 Mission work team will be able to take more Pre-school and First Grade Spanish/English books as well as more paper, craft and school supplies for the participants of the school. Please pray for the fall opening of the school and its outreach - that education will bless the students and their community.

Thank you for volunteering

Thank you to Trudy Kroll, Shannon McMaken, and Erik Meyer who came on March 12th and helped work with Library projects. We were able to process many books and DVDs in the stacks and replace thick section dividers with thin ones. Erik hooked us up with a computer and Trudy tested it by adding more titles and authors to the library inventory. Oh yes - we dusted and alphabetized, too! It was exciting being a part of the bigger team of Work Day participants at lunch which was provided for the entire group by Property Deacon Mike Depew.

Thank you to Virginia Newcomb, Trudy Kroll and others who have recently donated books and DVDs for Library use. Library information stays fresh and useful through donations like these. Any and all books, DVDs, audio books etc. donated between now and the April Rummage Sale will be reviewed and, if not used in the Library or for Trade books, will be donated to the Rummage Sale.—working together to serve, recycle and reuse.

Library hours and Book Nook

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 5:30pm during regular office hours. Ask the Office Personnel to unlock the Library for you and secure it when you are done.

Please check out the Book Nook in the Lobby. Many of the current books and DVDs reflect the Lenten and Easter season with books about God's love.. Thank you for returning borrowed books and DVDs in a timely manner to the Library or Lobby Book Nook. And don't hesitate to tell us how the library can serve you better.

Jerri's Reviews

This month I want to whet your appetites for the seven Global Leadership Summit DVDs from 2004 - 2010. Each of them has about 8-12 hours of dynamic presentations from Bill Hybels at Willow Creek Association and various Christian business men and women. View these with your family or friends and to get a flavor about the upcoming Global Leadership Summit for August 11-12, 2011. Start praying about God's will for you to participate in the 2011 Summit at the Church on the Hill telecast. You can view these past presentations to see God working in the business people around the world. In addition to these seven Team Edition DVDs, there are many other DVDs and books in the Leadership Summit section of the library. The Leadership Summit is beneficial for youth and adults whether they are in school, working or retired as they provide great help with self-management, team building and managing change.

The Library Committee

Jerri Cooper, Trudy Kroll, Barbara McLenegan, Shannon McMaken, Bev Walz

Property Corner Update

Volunteers

The Property Department is very grateful to everyone who gives of their time and talents that often go unnoticed. Thank You Very Much!

Church Work Day

A work day was held on March 12, 2011 and I cannot say thank you enough those to those who gave of their time and talents! Volunteers included William Weeks, Steve Victorson, Adam Burdick, John Pusateri, Chris Toland, Jerry Cintas, Dan Belong, Ashley Harrell, Dina Mardesch, Kayia Resle, Erik Meyer, David Lageschulte, Matty Hesemans, Dottie Haas, Kimberly Barnett, Carmen Cintas, Camille Cintas, Pastor Rich, Bill Gregg, Larry Trigg, Jerri Cooper, Shannon McMaken, Craig Johnson, Susi Reaves and Sharon Cintas.

Projects that were started/completed included:

Fellowship Hall / Ed Wing

Dry well installed, Door closure installed on the Nursery Room entrance door, Roof gutters cleaned, Light bulbs checked & replaced, Broken outlet fixed, Ceiling speaker fixed, Trash & litter picked up, Playground equipment checked, Lawns fertilized

Sanctuary / Offices

General cleaning (dusting, etc.), Sanctuary chairs put in place, wiped down & applied with fabric freshener, Lawns fertilized, Library organization & computer installation, Air purification, Light bulbs checked & replaced

Thank you again for all of your help and support in keeping God's property "looking good"! Our next church work day is scheduled for July 16, 2011.

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. Thanks for helping keep our utility expenses to a minimum.

General

Please contact Dave Wilson or me should you see something that is in need of repair!

Property Deacon News

If you enjoy working with people and have a gift/passion of fixing things.... please contact me about becoming the next Property Deacon. This is my last year at this position and I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested!

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

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew
Deacon of Property

Nursery Coordinators Needed

For the past year we have been blessed with two amazing Nursery Coordinators. Meredith Lanier and Rebecca Ebel took over the Nursery ministry in February 2010 and transformed it into fun and safe place for our littlest members to learn about Jesus. Instead of simply providing childcare during worship services, the Nursery is now a place where the toddlers have their own lessons, learning about God's love in fun and active ways. Through their hard work, dedication and creativity, our Nursery is one of the strongest draws for new parents visiting our church. We don't want to see any of this progress lost.

Meredith and her husband Paul will be moving back to North Carolina in June. As sad as we are to see them go, we know they are looking forward to being close to their families again. We also know that another church will be blessed by their service. Rebecca Ebel isn't moving away, but her family will be going through some wonderful changes as Rebecca and Joel are awaiting the birth of their second child in July. Because of these change in their lives, Meredith and Rebecca will no longer be able to head up the Nursery Ministry.

We now find ourselves in need of a new Nursery Coordinator. This is a job that can be shared between two people, or overseen by one. Job responsibilities include the upkeep of the Nursery room, scheduling and training of volunteers, and oversight of the Nursery ministry - including the lesson time. Please prayerfully consider whether this is a ministry where God wants to use you. For more information please contact Pastor Jenny at jennifer@scfbc.org, or (408) 241-7635.

Big Egg Hunt Donations

We will be collecting candy and plastic egg donations to be used for the Big Egg Hunt after the Easter worship service. Please bring candy that is small enough to fit inside plastic eggs. You can leave your donations in the large tub at the Information Table labeled "Big Egg Hunt." Donations will be collected beginning Sunday, April 3rd.

Mexico Mission 2011

We are heading back to Rancho El Refugio in Ensenada, Mexico to work on the Christian school for disadvantaged kids. We are leaving the church Thursday morning May 12th in the church van and coming back Sunday night, May 15th. The cost of the trip is \$70 plus whatever financial love gift you want to give to the Ranch. The housing and most of the food is covered in that cost. We need volunteers (over 18 years old) of any skill level to come with us and help put the finishing touches on the school. Passport are required to travel in and out of Mexico. If you are interested in participating, contact Jerry Cintas at 408- 615-1690.



X-FACTOR - THE UPPER ROOM

Come join the experience as several worship leaders bring the body of Christ together and turn our eyes to God. We will partner with Naoka Otani, a Japanese exchange student at Santa Clara University to raise money for the victims of the Japan Tsunami.

Tuesday, April 5th at 7-9 pm

Mission City Coffeeshouse, 2221 The Alameda, Santa Clara.

This event is FREE and open to everyone. Please spread the word!

[Facebook.com/xpfactor](https://www.facebook.com/xpfactor) & [Twitter.com/xpfactor](https://twitter.com/xpfactor)

SCFBC Student Ministries



A huge thanks to Chris Toland, Jerry Cintas, Ashley Harrell, Dina Mardesch, Kayla Resle, Matty Hesemans, Carmen Cintas, Camille Cintas, and Kimberly Barnett for coming out and helping at the church work day! You guys rock! We hope to see more students at our next work day! We had a blast serving together.

Upcoming Events



We have a bunch of great events coming up in the next few months! Check out our website at www.scfbc.org for more information!

We have a midweek program for high school students on Wednesday nights, and for Junior High on Thursday nights. We also have a Sunday School program for Junior High and High School students, check our website for more details!

Missions Department News

The Missions Department meets at Noon following the worship service on the 4th Sunday of most months. There won't be a meeting on Easter but there will be one on May 22nd. Anyone is welcome to attend and contribute ideas. Please let me know ahead of time so I can supply adequate food for lunch. We usually meet in the SCFBC Library (Rooms 31-32).

We have been attending planning meetings for the "Mission to Schools and Students" and support the idea of local community engagement. Currently, there's a after school tutoring program in the afternoons at Scott Lane Elementary School. Volunteers are organized by Kimberly Barnett, a second grade teacher at Scott Lane. Please contact Kimberly (kbarnett124@gmail.com) if you're available to help.

We are attempting to set up a Missions Fair at the Quarterly Family Gathering/Potluck on June 12th. The concept is to have booths and representatives from City Teams, Emergency Housing Consortium, Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, Redwood Glen and Seafarer's Ministry of the Golden Gate. I'll also try to have updates on our supported missionaries – Glen & Rita Chapman (Congo), Gary & Mylinda Baits (Costa Rica) and Lauren Bethell (Netherlands, global consultant for abused/exploited women) – to find out what they're doing and any special needs they have.

We are in the midst of taking our America for Christ Offering which supports national missions in helping children, families and refugees as well as providing assistance to pastors and churches. They do so many good things that they provided bulletin inserts which you will see more of in the month of April. We will return to the AFC Offering after we've collected for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering for relief in Japan.

Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Things are not going well in Japan – a huge earthquake, destructive tsunami (tidal wave), cities obliterated, trains missing and a site with six reactors undergoing a casualty worse than Three Mile Island. As bad as the radioactive fallout, the economic fallout from the disaster will affect the entire world. Let's all pray that the leadership of Japan will have wisdom to guide their country through this difficult time. Our OGHs Offering supports the Baptist missionaries in Japan and the churches and organizations they are working with. Please support Japan in your prayers and your financial gifts.

Over the next several months, here are some calendar-worthy activities always in need of more participants:

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| 5/12-5/15 | Mexico weekend work trip – Jerry Cintas |
| 6/4 | Redwood Glen workday – Adam Burdick |
| 6/17-6/25 | VBS Mexico Mission trip – Tim McLenegan & Fion Cheng |

Jim Garvey
Deacon of Missions