



**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

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

4th Shari Burdick
7th Mike Smith
10th Kathy Vazquez
11th Rudy DuBord III
12th Bob Smithson
12th Troy Murray
13th Glenn Stowell
20th Dave Wilson
23rd Virginia Newcomb
26th Denise Stephens
27th Margery Torres
31st Bill Starnes

Anniversary

1st Ron & Cherie Willcox
14th Duane & Rosemarie Esquibel
20th Michael & Dorothy Depew

The Celebrate

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

May 2011

Children's Sunday

May 22 at 10:30am



Our elementary-age children will lead us in worship through music, dance, video and testimonies.



We hope you'll join us as the children teach us about the fruit of the Spirit in:





Marc shows of his cookie plates.



Pastor Jennifer Hammar, jennifer@scfbc.org



Summer's butterfly creation.

Spring has delivered lots of goodness to the *SPEEDway*! Our **Cookie Party** was totally yummy. After sharing lunch together, our families cut-out, baked, decorated and tasted some very delicious cookies. Leftover cookies were put into cookie plates which the kids delivered to their neighbors. In the **Nursery Ministry** our toddlers have been learning that Easter is all about Jesus. Our toddlers learn best through hands-on activities—special butterfly crafts, games, and snacks. The messier the better! Our **Preschool/Pre-K** kids enjoyed some tasty classes this past month as well. Along with their Easter lessons, they enjoyed cupcake decorating, special Easter baskets, and fun crafts with Miss Kari. The **Elementary** kids have just completed their Kids' Worship lesson series on the Fruit of the Spirit. The series was called "God's Great Garden" and will be the theme for Children's Sunday coming up on May 22nd at 10:30am. The children have already begun to prepare, and are excited to lead you all in worship that day.

The *SPEEDway* ministry would like to offer a very special thank-you to Meredith Lanier and Rebecca Ebel for their amazing work in the Nursery ministry. Meredith and Rebecca have completely transformed the Nursery ministry in the year they have served as Nursery Coordinators. Meredith and her family will be moving in June, and Rebecca is expecting her second child in July. Therefore, both have had to step down from leadership. We appreciate their work so much and will miss them both. On a brighter note, I am pleased to announce that Kari Hana, Pat Graham and Karena Bertos have stepped up to take over the Nursery ministry beginning in June.

Look next month for announcements about our summer programming! For now, enjoy the pictures.



Cookie helpers?



Jonathan likes blue frosting.



Athena's bunny friends.



Oh no! Jason has cooties!



Ayla is busy decorating.



Puzzle girls.



Nursery snack time.



Peace pillow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1 - 12noon - Life Group Leaders Mtg.- Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 1 - 6pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4 - 10am White Cross - Lobby - Virginia N. - 266-1734
- 7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda - 246-2242
- 7 - 12noon - Spring Tea - FH -Barbara Chicks - 739-2935
- 8 - **Mother's Day** – (no AWANA today)
- 10 - 1pm - Bethell Circle - Jean Rund - 296-5805
- 11 - 1pm - Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
- 12 - 10am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda
- 12-15 - Mexico Mission Work Trip - Jerry - 615-1690
- 14 - 8:30am - Men's Breakfast - FH - Adam - 230-6848
- 14 - 12noon - Mexico Outreach Trng - Andrew 278-1996
- 15 - 12noon - Mission to Schools Mtg- Lib - Pastor Jenny
- 15 - 2pm - The Awakening - XFactor Worship Event - Mission City Coffee House - Jonathan 813-2505
- 15 - AWANA Mystery Night
- 16 - 7:30pm - Finance Comm Mtg - Library
- 18 - 2pm - Game Day - Lobby - Barbara C. - 739-2935
- 18 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan - 813-2505
- 21 - 9am-10pm - Youth Mountain Thrash - Erik
- 22 - 10:30am - Children's Sunday Worship Service
- 22 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg - Library - Jim - 362-0950
- 22 - AWANA Closing Ceremony/Awards
- 24 - *June Celebrate articles due to Dave in the office*
- 26 - 11:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Marie Callender's on El Camino Real - Betty - 244-5949
- 30 - **Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed**

Upcoming Events:

JUNE

Mission Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing

- 1 - 10am White Cross - Lobby - Virginia N - 266-1734
- 3-5 - ABW Conference at Mission Springs
- 4 - 8am - Annual Redwood Glen Workday
- 4 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg - Library - Barbara C. - 739-2935
- 4 - 10am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19
- 5 - 12noon - Life Group Leaders Mtg. - Rm 19
- 5 - 12noon - Quarterly Business Mtg (no lunch)
- 5 - 6pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 - 11am - ABW Annual Meeting Potluck at Gloria's home
- 9 - 10am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19
- 11 - 8:30am - Men's Ministry - FH - Adam - 230-6848
- 11 - 12pm - Mexico Outreach Trng - Andrew - 278-1996
- 12 - 12noon-3pm - All Church Picnic & *SPEEDway* Summer Kick-off Event - TBA
- 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 - 278-1996

18 - 9am-12:30pm - Getting to Know SCFBC Basics - Parlor - Pastor Rich

19 - Father's Day

- 20 - 7:30pm - Finance Comm Mtg - Library
- 22 - *July Celebrate articles due to Dave in the office*
- 26 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg - Library - Jim - 362-0950

JULY

Mission Emphasis: Adopt-a-School Outreach

- 2 - 8:30am July Diaconate - Library - Barbara C. - 739-2935
- 2 - 10:30am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda
- 3 - 6pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4 - **Independence Day Holiday – Office closed**
- 4 - **5pm - Independence Day Neighborhood Outreach**
- 6 - 10am - White Cross - Lobby - Virginia N - 266-1734
- 7 - 10am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda
- 8-10 - Men's Camping Trip - Redwood Glen
- 10 - 12noon - *SPEEDway* Staff Mtg - FH - Pastor Jenny
- 10 - 2pm - The Awakening - XFactor Worship Event – Mission City Coffee House - Jonathan 813-2505
- 13 - 1pm - Baits/Turley Circle Potluck - Doris A's home
- 16 - All-Church Workday - Mike - 691-1441
- 17 - 12noon-2pm - Family Camp Kick-off Event - FH
- 18-22 - 6-7:30pm - Family Camp at SCFBC – FH/Ed
- 18 - 7:30pm - Finance Comm Mtg - Library
- 20 - 2pm Game Day - Lobby - Barbara Chicks - 739-2935
- 20 - 6pm - CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan - 813-2505
- 21 - 11:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty - 244-5949
- 24 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg - Library - Jim - 362-0950
- 26 - *August Celebrate articles due to Dave in the office*
- 30 - 5pm - Volunteer Appreciation - Mike - 691-1690



Property Corner

Volunteers: I am personally grateful to everyone who gives of their time and talents that often go unnoticed. Thank You Very Much!

Floor Work: Coit came in to clean and seal the 2 restrooms in the Fellowship Hall and the floors in both of the office restrooms, hallway and storage area. In addition, our custodian (Randy) stripped the wax, cleaned and re-waxed the floors in Fellowship Hall & kitchen. They sure look great!

Playground Area: Dave Wilson and the Property Department are currently looking into upgrading the playground area. The biggest part of this project is looking into the cost to install a “fall protection” surface for all of our children. We are also looking into the safety of our existing playground equipment. More information will be available in the coming months ahead.

Garden Areas: The new garden area starting to shape up and look very promising.

Lawns: True Green has completed the aeration of our lawn and grass areas. This helps the grass roots to “breathe” and also allows a deeper watering that the grass needs during the dry summer months.

Reminder: Please make sure that when you leave a building, classroom, etc. that all the doors are locked, windows closed, all lights and air/heat turned off. Thanks for helping keep our utility expenses to a minimum.

General: Please contact Dave Wilson or me if you see something around the church property that needs to be checked or is in need of repair!

Property Deacon News: This is my last year as Deacon of Property and I would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested in leading in this vital role in the future! Please contact me at 564-5906 if you'd like to know more of what's involved and would like to have some training before taking responsibility on your own..

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

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew
Property Deacon

S.H.A.R.E.S. UPDATE

Because of the money earned from the last quarter (October-December) of 2010 through the S.H.A.R.E.S. Program, ABW was able to donate \$261.00 to the After School Youth Ministry. The first quarter of this year (January-March) the money will be going towards the Bethlehem storage building. The second quarter (April-June) the money will benefit House of Grace, a safe haven for abused women and their young children. S.H.A.R.E.S. cards are available at the Information Table of the Sanctuary Lobby and can be used when you shop at Lucky's and SaveMart stores. Thank you all for your support and using your S.H.A.R.E.S cards.

Jean Rund
S.H.A.R.E.S. Coordinator

Mission to Schools and Students

All the donations received from our Scott Lane Donation Drive were delivered to the school on Monday, April 18th. Principal Melissa Alatorre-Alnas met us in the office, and was amazed at all of the supplies that were brought through the doors. In total, this church family donated 6,829 school items! Just imagine all of the money we saved Scott Lane teachers through your generous donations. Thank you so much to all of you who donated. These donations were specific requests from the teachers, so we know that every single item will be greatly appreciated.

Pastor Jenny will be meeting with the Principle from Scott Lane to discuss other ways our church might be able to help and bless their community. We'll be in touch about those possibilities in the near future.



Loading up supplies.



Delivery crew with donated supplies, teacher Kim Barnett, and Principal Alatorre-Alnas.



Pastor Jenny and Principal Alatorre-Alnas.

Rummage Sale Results

As always, our spring sale was a great success because of all who participated. Thank you to those who brought donations for the sale and especially to the IMPACT College /Career Life Group who helped set up tables and set out the donations that had arrived early to get us started. Also, thanks to all who helped on our set up days and days of the sale. A big job following the rummage sale on Saturday afternoon is packing up the things that didn't sell for the Salvation Army, putting away the tables, vacuuming, and getting the Fellowship Hall in order for SPEEDway the next day. Last but not least, was taking down the 41 signs that helped inform people of the sale. A big thank you to all who helped.

Our total proceeds were \$2321.00 . Because of special needs that came to our attention, the following is a final breakdown of the division of funds:

\$1000.00 for the youth Mexico Trip
805.00 for the Bethlehem Storage
232.00 for the A.B.W. (10%)
284.00 for new tables for the Fellowship Hall
\$2321.00 Total proceeds

Thanks again to all who helped!
Maxine Darknell

Sanctuary Renovation Update

One of the new rear screen walls is up and operational now. We tested the rear screen projection out on Easter Sunday and the image was clear and colorful. We took down the old screen from the other side and put an Easter banner in its place for the Easter worship service. We are still working on issues with blocking the light and airflow from the attic area and keeping those issues from interfering with the screen.



Adam Burdick has started tearing down the wall on other side of the stage to start building the second screen wall. As part of that job we will be removing the staircase that currently provides access from the Sanctuary into the office. To replace that access, we will be adding a door on the floor level next to the west side double doors that will provide direct entry from the sanctuary into the workroom.

Mike Depew has been working hard on the demolition of the front stage stairs and the re-pouring of the concrete under that area for the new stage. Ken Harrell and John Pusateri have been helping Mike with that project.



Lloyd Darknell has been working behind the scenes on the electrical system as we are still moving circuits to accommodate the new stage.

Jerry Cintas

For People on the Grow

Are You Crazy?!

For our Lenten series, we followed the book *Crazy Love*, in which Francis Chan encourages readers to grasp who God really is, how He loves us (with a “crazy love”), and how we should respond to His love. So what did you think of the book? Did it challenge you? Inspire you? Did it make you feel guilty? Did it make you angry?

I’ve heard all those reactions from brothers and sisters here at SCFBC, which tells me that we have a great discussion going! One thing must be clear—books by Christian authors can be excellent teaching tools, and God can speak through these authors in amazing ways. But the books themselves are not Scripture, and what we take away from them must be weighed in light of God’s word.

Is Chan unrealistic?

Controversy seems to arise from Chan’s final part of the book, where he recounts people who have responded to God’s call in dramatic ways. They have sold their houses, gone on foreign missions, or quit their jobs to start new ministries.

I don’t know about you, but when I read those kinds of stories, I want to run and hide! “I could never do that!” I tell myself. Some people might even dismiss Chan as ridiculous, and resent the implication that we should respond that manner.

Pastor Rich made an important comment about this to the Thursday evening Apprentice Study: “Chan spends much of book challenging us to break free of legalism and love God with abandon. But he comes a bit close to slipping into legalism himself by implying that nothing short of a dramatic, life-altering response will lead to God being pleased with us.”

So what should we take away?

Chan’s challenge to love and respond to God with utter abandon is one that each one of us needs to ponder carefully. Perhaps God does want you to make a radical life change; that will be one of the biggest blessings of your life, and our church family should celebrate that kind of obedience!

With all your heart you must trust the LORD and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow.

~Prov. 3:5-6

To me, **the only wrong response is to not respond at all.** If you are worried or annoyed with what you perceive as unrealistic expectations, then try setting your feelings aside for now and ask God what he wants from you today. Maybe He simply wants you to hold your possessions loosely with an open hand, instead of a tight fist.

Rather than saying, “Nope, I’m not selling my house and moving to Africa!” try saying this: **“What is in front of me today—right now—that I can do for you Lord, because I really do love you like crazy!”**

Jenny Gregg
Deacon of Maturity

Library Corner and Book Nook

Library hours and Book Nook

Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 5:30pm during regular office hours. Ask the Office Personnel to unlock the Library for you and to secure it when you are done. On Sundays or anytime the Sanctuary is open during the week, you can also check out the Book Nook in the Sanctuary Lobby. Many of the current books and DVDs on display reflect SCFBC's motto: "Here to Serve" and give us ideas for local, regional and global ACTION—service that demonstrates excellent resource stewardship. Thank you for returning borrowed books and DVDs in a timely manner to the Library or Lobby Book Nook.

Library Mission Outreach for the New School in Ensenada, Mexico

Thank you for your continued prayers for the start-up for the school for orphans at the Ranch located in Ensenada. Lord willing, the May 12-15 Mission Work Team will be able to take more preschool and first grade Spanish-English books as well as more paper, craft and school supplies for the students of the school. We received word that they are planning on having a pilot class in July. Please pray for the opening of the school and its outreach and that education will bless the students and their community. If you are led to give a love gift for the Ensenada school or for building materials, please write "Mexico Mission Trip Love Gift" on your giving envelope.

Thank You for Volunteering

There are on-going projects in the library which are too numerous to detail here. Thank you to Trudy Kroll and others who give of their time and talents for the library's success. Several volunteers come in whenever they can during the week because not all projects depend on multiple people being there at the same time. If you too would like to have an on-going Library volunteer job without time constraints, please contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 or email Jerri123@aol.com for a time to meet and review the projects so we can help to get you started. Jerri is more than willing to train high school students for summer volunteer jobs both in the Library and around the church.

Thank you also to many who donated books and DVDs via the recent Rummage Sale. In addition to the books we were able to add to our shelves, the Library was blessed with over \$75 worth of trade value from other donated books and media items. With that we purchased a couple of books at half price for the Library shelves and still have credit to buy more. As you know, the Library's information stays fresh and useful through donations like these.

Jerri's Reviews:

"Here To Serve" DVDs - this list is only a small sampling of DVDs available about service:

Amish Grace (2010) - Based on a powerful Pennsylvania true story.

Gryphon (2004) - How people can turn their thinking around to benefit of others as well as for themselves.

Spirit Rider (2004) - Native Americans returning to a reservation to discover their past and to heal.

Emmanuel's Gift - A young man chooses to give back to his nation after he received his gift.

Something to Sing About (2005) - God accepts us where we are and gives us something to live for.

Boycott (2001) - Based on a true story from Montgomery, Alabama in 1955 - the one day bus boycott that lasted peacefully for 381 days one day at a time, one person at a time.

Passion of the Christ (2004) - The ultimate service was Christ's sacrifice for us.

God Grew Tired of Us (2007) - The story of three Sudan "Lost Boys" rebuilding their lives while serving others.

The Library Committee

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

The Awakening

Come be part of a "new kind of spiritual and creative gathering."

The Awakening

Sunday, May 15th

2:00 to 3:00 pm

Mission City Coffeehouse

2221 The Alameda, Santa Clara

non-traditional ways. Art is spiritual - when anointed, the result is powerful! The vision is to grow a community that serves one another, including the underprivileged and marginalized. This interactive and experiential gathering designed to engage dialogue and to initiate personal reflection is a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends that are unchurched, unsaved, or don't feel comfortable in a traditional church setting.

For more info, please visit us at Facebook and Twitter.

"Made You Look" (*Short film*) - by Brian Green - <http://www.facebook.com/xpfactor> , <http://www.twitter.com/xpfactor>

Music by Sarah Del Rio

Missions Department update!

Arise! Come Alive!

May through July are very active months for missions at and through SCFBC. Please volunteer, financially contribute, and keep these mission opportunities supported through your prayers.

"They'll know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other, we will work side by side." – Carolyn Arends

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (NIV)

| Coming Activities | Dates | Needs |
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| Mexico Work Trip | May 12 th -15 th | Need volunteers, financial support, and prayer – see Jerry Cintas |
| Buchser School workday | May 21 st | Need volunteers for painting a fence & cleaning lockers – see Shannon McMaken or Jim Garvey |
| Redwood Glen workday | June 4 th | Need volunteers and prayer – see Jim Garvey or Adam Burdick |
| One Great Hour of Sharing Offering | June 5 th – 19 th | Need financial support to the normal OGH offering (Giving to the needs in Japan in April met only part of the needs around the world.) |
| Mexico Mission Trip/VBS | June 17 th – 25 th | Need volunteers, financial support and prayer – see Andrew Wong |
| Independence Day Community Outreach | July 4 th | Be praying about how we can best support our community on the 4 th and what you can do to serve that evening. |

Person of Interest

Denise Stephens and her husband, Jess, came to Santa Clara First Baptist Church in fall of 1987, looking for a Baptist church that would have youth programs for Denise's 17 year old stepson, James. Although James did not remain at SCFBC, Denise and Jess and their son Matthew later joined the church. Here at SCFBC, Denise has taken on a variety of ministry roles including multiple terms as Deacon of Finance and Deacon of Maturity, member of the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC), small group leader, Vacation Bible School coordinator, children's and adult Sunday school teacher, and nursery volunteer.. Here's Denise's story in her own words:

Frankly, the church role that took the most work and was the most personally fulfilling to me was that as leader of a small group Bible study for women. In that role, I think I grew the most spiritually and was able to give the most to others. Preparing to lead a study on a weekly basis was work; but it pushed me to get into the Bible, to read it, to study it and to be able to make it applicable to the lives of the group members.

I had experienced teaching Sunday School since I was in elementary school, as my mother coordinated the church nursery and I spent many hours working in that ministry, especially teaching the three year olds. But I have to thank Susi Reaves for her influence that first got me involved in a SCFBC Saturday women's Bible study. After a while she asked me to lead individual lessons and then I branched out to be the leader of a separate group. I give that example because it is an example of what I believe: God guides our lives and even as we don't see where He is directing us, He is using our life experiences to prepare us to be the people He wants us to be and to do the work that He wants us to do, even when we drag our feet at times!

A thumbnail history of my life: My father was in the Marine Corps and consequently we lived in Oceanside, California (outside Camp Pendleton); Jacksonville, North Carolina (outside Camp Lejeune); and Willingboro, New Jersey. I became a Christian when I was seven years old, the same time my father became a Christian while he was on a year's "tour of duty" in Okinawa, Japan. I graduated from Oceanside High School and then from UCLA, where I double majored in Political Science: International Relations and Spanish. My first international experience was studying at the University of Madrid, Spain, and then traveling in Europe. I completed a Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language and earned my teaching credentials during post-graduate work at UCLA. I began my teaching career in a bilingual second grade class in East Los Angeles while working on my Masters' Degree in Urban Education from Cal State University, Los Angeles.

In 1984, Jess and I were married in a ceremony officiated by Pastor John Ortberg, our Singles Pastor at La Crescenta First Baptist Church. We soon moved to Northern California. Here I have been blessed with two wonderful sons, Matthew and Jon-Michael, and have served in educational administration, including positions as principal of four different schools. I now am retiring from education and look forward to the different roles and challenges that God has in store for me in the coming years.

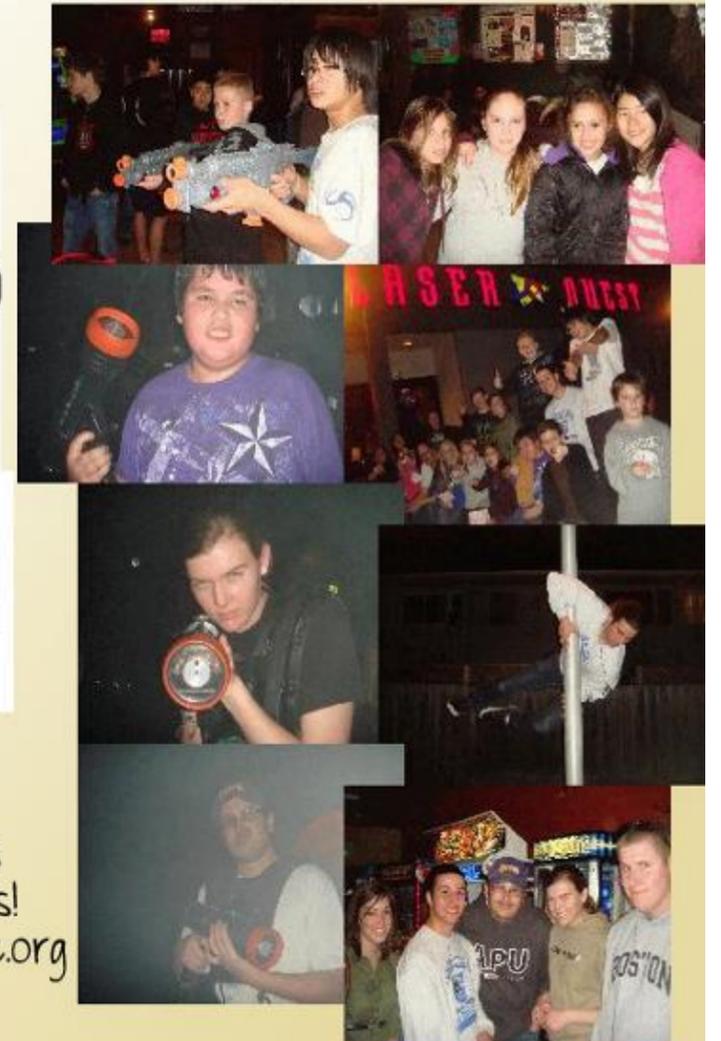
Denise Stephens

SCFBC Student Ministries

We have been having a blast in student ministries and we are excited for what's coming up in the next few months! Summer is rapidly approaching and we have put together a really cool Summer program! I do not want to give away too many details but I will tell you that our Summer program is called Fill the Thirst! I hope you are ready for an awesome Summer and I look forward to hanging out with you!

Erik

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!