



**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

2 nd	Amber Harrell	15 th	Jenny Gregg
2 nd	Ashley Harrell	16 th	Larry Van Groningen
3 rd	Karen Cerney	18 th	Betty Hastings
5 th	Mark Reiley	19 th	Gail Bock
8 th	Greg Robbins	20 th	Susi Reaves
11 th	Jason Hammar	21 st	Chrysta Rangel
11 th	Dottie Haas	23 rd	Ruth Porspakka
11 th	Jim Powell	24 th	Summer Slay
12 th	Joe Lasher	25 th	Wilma Wright
12 th	Ken Harrell	26 th	Rusty Webber
13 th	Bill Wright	27 th	Angela Esquibel
13 th	Ken Rangel	27 th	Sally Youngs
		28 th	Helen Rodolari

Anniversaries

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

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

August 2011



The Global Leadership Summit

August 11-12

Church on the Hill

San Jose

“Leadership is influence.”

Therefore, all God’s people are leaders because we all have influence. Listen to this leadership challenge from Jim Mellado, President of the Willow Creek Association as he shares about this year’s Global Leadership Summit.

You’ve been given the gift of influence within your sphere, a platform-large or small- in which people are depending on you to move them to a better place. Learning how to maximize the positive impact of your influence is what leadership development is all about. We all want and need to do a better job at this.

Step up today and take responsibility for your own leadership development.

Through the Global Leadership Summit, you have access to a faculty line-up that brings incredible depth and breadth of leadership talent, perspective, and insight. Gain practical, wisdom as some of the world’s brightest leaders download their experiences and expertise. We’ve done our best to assemble a world-class faculty for you, and we believe that God will do powerful things in each of our lives during this year’s Summit experience.

Be part of the growing global coalition of servant-oriented, fired-up men and women committed to becoming better leaders, bringing redemption and restoration to our broken world.

As in previous years we will attend the simulcast presentation at Church on the Hill located in San Jose. Carpooling will be provided. Full and partial scholarships are available. No one should miss this opportunity because of finances!

The time is now to sign up for this life-changing event. We have 20 spots reserved at the lowest price possible, \$149. Students and faculty can attend for only \$75; active military for \$95. Contact Susi Reaves at Angelchild2053@aol.com or call the church office to sign up.

To see this year’s lineup of speakers, use the following link: www.willowcreek.com/summit.

WANTED: MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CHURCH DEACON BOARD

We are all called to serve our church in different ways. Some members who have a gift of administration and organization are called to be members of the Deacon Board, the volunteer group of church members who carry through the mission and ministry of our church, working with the Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and other paid church staff.

A number of people have worked faithfully as a church deacon or officer for the last six years, which is the maximum term a person can serve in that capacity before having some "time off." The normal term for deacons and officers is two years, as elected by the church members. For 2012 we are praying for the right people who would want to serve in the following positions:

Church Clerk (Thank you to our present Clerk, Pat Graham!)

Financial Secretary (Thanks to Barbara McLenegan for your years of faithful service!)

Deacon of Membership (Thank you, Jerri Cooper, for serving to help our church family's needs.)

Deacon of Finance and Stewardship (Thanks so much for leading with insight and wisdom, Steve Erling!)

Deacon of Property (Thanks for all your hard work, Mike Depew!)

Each of the positions above has a specific "job description." If you think that the Deacon Board may be your place to serve, please feel free to talk to any of the present deacons or to request a job description from the Church Office, or to have a conversation about any of the positions, contact Denise Stephens, Vice-Chairperson of the Deacon Board and the Chairperson for the Nominating Committee. We will not know that this service to your church is what might interest you unless you tell us!!

Denise Stephens
408-218-6787
denise_stephens@comcast.net

Pastor Richard's 20th Anniversary: An Update

Everyone can mark your calendars and plan on joining us Saturday, October 22nd, to celebrate Pastor Rich's 20 years at Santa Clara First Baptist Church. We are planning a Hawaiian themed dinner that evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will include home style meatloaf and roasted red potatoes as the main course. In addition we will have alternative menu items of salad, various vegetables, breads, fruits and beverages. We do not have a firm cost for the dinner, but we expect it to be in the \$7.50 to \$10.00 per person range. As mentioned before, we will not be collecting for the dinner. Instead, we will accept donations to offset the cost of the dinner. Any funds over and above the cost of the dinner will be used as a portion of the love gift.

We are also asking for a love offering to send Richard and Susi on a vacation early in 2012. You can send in your reservations, donations, and love offering to the Church Office; or give them to any member of the Pastoral Relations Committee; or put them in a plain envelope in the offering plate any Sunday between now and October 17th. Checks can be made payable to SCFBC with "dinner" or "gift" in the memo line. All money over the cost of the dinner will be made part of the love gift. Join us as we celebrate Pastor Richard and thank him for his two decades of leadership and service. Mark the date: Saturday, October 22nd, 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

For additional information, please feel free to contact any of the PRC Committee members:

Pastoral Relations Committee:

Doris Smith
Michelle Ramer

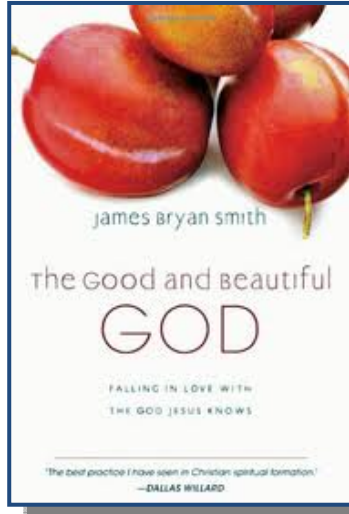
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For People on the Grow

Apprentices of Jesus#



Last September, a small group of people embarked on a journey of spiritual growth and transformation based on *The Good and Beautiful God*, by James Bryan Smith. Smith contends that we are called to be disciples, and that another word for that is apprentices. Apprentices stick close to their masters and observe, learn, and try to absorb all their characteristics that they can.

Each week, we looked at a different misunderstanding (or “false narrative”) of God and His character, studied what Jesus believed and taught about God, and worked on replacing our false narratives with Jesus’ true narratives.

To help us achieve these changes in our core beliefs, we practiced a specific soul training exercise that Smith assigned with each chapter to help drive the point home. These soul training exercises ranged from the first one, “getting more sleep”, to more challenging ones like extended times of silence with God.

The Good and Beautiful Life

In January, we began the second book *The Good and Beautiful Life* which focuses on the Sermon on the Mount as a framework for exploring how God would have us be transformed in our day-to-day lives. Topics covered included learning to live without lying, anger, lust, judging, and more.

One of the main take-away points of the Apprentice Study is that undergoing spiritual transformation takes time. Smith likens the process to transforming a cucumber into a pickle—it takes time. We in the Apprentice Study learned so much—not the least of which is that God is working on us. We may not always see progress, but by sticking close to the Master, we can be assured that the transformation is under way.

The Apprentice Study is an excellent way to make sure your foundational beliefs are in line with Scripture. The group discussions and soul training exercises move this from being yet another book study to being a life-changing opportunity for anyone who is serious about wanting to grow and mature spiritually.

Many of the participants in this year’s study have expressed that they have seen significant growth and changes as a result of the study—benefits that others have noticed as well. The study zeroes in on the importance of working in partnership with the Holy Spirit so that we can become more and more like Christ. “I’ve seen changes in myself—I feel God. The Apprentice Study helped really focus God’s work in me,” says Adam Burdick.

This fall, a new Apprentice Study will begin. I urge you to prayerfully think about whether this may be just what you need in your own journey toward becoming more like Jesus. Feel like you’re not even on that journey? Then talk to Pastor Rich, or myself, about joining the Apprentice Study.

Jenny Gregg- Deacon of Maturity

“The disciple is one who, intent upon becoming Christ-like and so dwelling in *his* ‘faith and practice,’ systematically and progressively rearranges his affairs to that end.”

~Dallas Willard

“CHRISTMAS AT SEA 2011”

Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate

Each year in August, we look forward to Christmas! We do this by helping our friends who work as crew members on the cargo ships that dock at Pier 40 in Oakland. They spend many months at sea away from family and friends. They need a special reminder about Jesus. We give them cloth ditty bags filled with useful and fun items, and our Christmas greetings. Will you help?

There is a box for donations in the Lobby near the reception desk.

Need are:

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| Toothpaste | Shaving cream or gel |
| Toothbrushes | Razors |
| Deodorant | Nail clippers |
| Aftershave | Hand lotions |
| Lip balm | Small first aid kits |
| Small travel games or cards | Small puzzle books |
| Hard candies(wrapped) | AA size batteries |
| Warm socks | Knitted hats |

Donations of money for gifts will be gratefully accepted. We will do the shopping!
For additional information call Virginia at 266-1734 or email v.newcomb1931@att.net

Many thank,
Virginia Newcomb

Scott Lane Donation Drive

July 31, 2011—January 29, 2012

Starting July 31, we will collect school supplies for Scott Lane Elementary. We will collect donations through the rest of this year, and will deliver them in early February when most schools begin to run low on necessities. We're starting early because all the sales are NOW!

Donations may be dropped off at the Info Table in the Lobby in labeled tub.

Suggested Items to Donate:

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| *Paint (tempura and watercolors) | *Kleenex |
| *Paint Brushes (all sizes) | *Hand Sanitizer |
| *Push pins | *Construction Paper |
| *Calculators | *Manila Folders |
| *Pencils and pens | *Manila Envelopes |
| *Markers | *Crayons (new) |
| *Erasers | *Glue Sticks |
| *Children's games (for rainy days)
- gently used okay | *Elmer's Glue |
| *Folders | *Children's scissors |
| *Stapler and Staples | *Colored Pencils |
| *Poster board | *Dry Erase Markers and Eraser |
| *Scotch Tape | *Highlighters |
| *Large Scotch tape dispenser | *Pencil sharpeners |
| *Masking Tape | *Lined Paper |
| *Rulers | *Affirmation Stickers or Stamps |
| *Copy Paper in various colors | *Post-it notes |
| | *Sharpies (in various colors) |

coming soon...

Here are some other ways we will be serving the Scott Lane community in the Fall:

Jacket and Field Trip Money Drive:

There are children at Scott Lane whose families cannot afford winter coats or the money they need to attend school field trips. On September 25th, we will begin a drive to collect jackets and money to help out the neediest of the children. Be on the look-out now for BLUE, GREY, and BLACK Jackets with working zippers, and no team logos. Gently used jackets are okay, but they need to be clean with no tears and no names on them.

Scott Lane Fall Carnival:

This is Scott Lane's main fundraising event of the year. The carnival will be in late October. As we receive more details, we will be recruiting volunteers to help with the Carnival.

After-School Reading Program:

We will once again be asking for volunteers to work with the teachers at Scott Lane helping the children with their reading skills in their after-school program.

For questions, please contact Pastor Jenny at jennifer@scfbc.org, or (408) 241-7635.

A Caregiver's Journey

Several months ago a prayer request was received from Tina Mulford for her nieces, one of which is, Jackie Plett who has also been caregiver to her mother. During her mother's illness Jackie began journaling the experience and wanted to share some of it with us. The entire Journal can be found at <http://m.caringbridge.org/visit/jplett>.



Jackie Plett

Mom has now completed 4 weeks of radiation therapy. The radiation has been much more difficult for her than was the chemotherapy. She is enduring a radiation burn on her right upper chest (near the shoulder) that is most troubling to see and very painful for her. She also has some sores on her back. We are told these will heal once the course of radiation is complete. Unfortunately, that time frame remains uncertain. One nurse told us Mom would finish next week, the other said it would be highly likely that Mom would have an additional week of the radiation treatment. Mom really does not want the additional week of treatment, first because of the discomfort and secondly, because it would run right in to the time of her appointment of her colonoscopy.

Mom's last hurdle (we hope) is the colonoscopy. It is a "final effort" to determine the origin of her cancer. If the colonoscopy comes back clear, she will have no further treatment other than follow-ups at 3 and 6 months. Mom's procedure is scheduled for July 12, so I would hope we would have results from that by the following week.

It is difficult for me to grasp that 6 months have gone by, that we are entering the middle of summer (?), and that it is now downhill to the end of the year...how'd that happen? Where was I? How come someone didn't give a shout out and tell me the year was passing at an astounding rate (I know that's a sign of age).

Six months...amazing. I wish I could confidently say I have genuinely "cared" for Mom. I expected that 8 years of Chaplaincy experience in trauma response and crisis care would have made things easier or that I would have been more capable, but as has been pointed out to me..."when it's 'Mom', it's different."

What have I learned these past 6 months? God remains sovereign and absolutely in control. He is good ALL THE TIME! There are more than a few days I just don't "get it" and there will be more days of the same. I can live with that, but I can't live without Him. I know that circumstances may change, but then again they may not, but our Father does not change in His character, His good plans for me, or His love. Sometimes the very circumstances that bring so much doubt and confusion, fear and folly, are the very things God uses to prove me, to give me opportunity to grow in trusting Him, and to bear testimony to my Savior. The gaps in these journal entries bear witness to the many, many days when I was just "slogging" through the day. I am a child of grace, a forever grateful recipient of His unmerited favor...no doubt about it. Through Jesus Christ I have received all I need, security, strength, assurance, love, forgiveness, hope...and not at all what I deserved.

Finally, I have learned that care-giving is exhausting and it is extremely difficult to rationalize that to oneself. I cannot explain it, but it is so. Perhaps it is the ever-present undercurrent of sadness. Even as it seems Mom has beaten this cancer thing and we have every reason to sing praises and shout hallelujahs, there are tears that come unbidden and seemingly without reason.

This is but a small compilation of Jackie's Journal, I encourage you to go to the website to read her daily inspiring entries. Unfortunately though, the website is coming down by end of day August 1st so you should hurry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Mission Emphasis: Collect Seafarer toiletries for ditty bags

- 3 - 1pm Baits/Turley Circle Pot luck-R.Webbers home
- 6 - 8:30am Aug Diaconate Mtg-Lib- Barbara 739-2935
- 6 - 10:30am Prayer Quilt Ministry- Rm 19-Rhonda
- 7 -12noon Life Grp Leaders Mtg-Rm 19- Pastor Jenny
- 7 - 12noon Youth Mentors Mtg - Lib - Erik 916-671-4676
- 7 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 10 - 10am White Cross-Rm 19-Virginia N. 266-1734
- 11-12 -9am-5pm **Global Leadership Summit Telecast - Church on the Hill** - Susi 375-7294
- 11 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19-Rhonda
- 12-14 - Junior High Retreat - Erik 241-7635
- 13 - 8:30am-10am Men's Breakfast - Adam 230-6848
- 15 - 7:30p Finance Comm Meeting - Library
- 17 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
- 21 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg. - Lib - Jim G
- 22 - *September Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 25 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 26 - 6pm - Parents Night Out (Fill the Thirst)- FH - Fion
- 27- 10am Manna Worship in the Park prep - Kitchen
- 28 - **2pm- 7pm Worship in the Park -Central Park**

Up-coming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 3 - 8:30am September Diaconate Mtg- Lib - Barbara
- 3 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda
- 4 - 12noon Life Group Leaders Mtg-Rm 19 - Pastor Jenny
- 4 - 12noon Youth Mentors Mtg - Lib - Erik 916-671-4676
- 4 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 5 - **Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed**
- 7 - 10am White Cross - Rm 19- Virginia N.
- 7 - 7:30pm Chicks Life Group Fall Kick-off
- 9 - Silent Auction/Bingo (Fill the Thirst) - Fion
- 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19-Rhonda
- 10 - 8:30am-10am Men's Breakfast-Adam 230-6848
- 11 - **4-5:30pm Beginning AWANA - Jon - 248-2078**
- 11 - 9am SCFBC Basics #1 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 11 - 12noon -SPEEDway Staff Mtg -FH -Pastor Jenny
- 11 - 2pm The Awakening - XFactor Worship Event - Mission City Coffee House - Jonathan 813-2505
- 13- 1:00pm Bethell Circle -
- 14 - 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle -
- 18 - 9am SCFBC Basics #2 - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 18 - 12noon Quarterly Business Mtg/Lunch
- 18 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg. - Lib - Jim G.
- 19 - 7:30pm Finance Comm Meeting - Library
- 21- 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
- 22- 1:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 25 - 9am SCFBC Basics #3- Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 26 - *October Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 30-Oct 2 - Youth Conference - Erik - 241-7635

OCTOBER

Mission Emphasis: World Missions

- 1 - 8:30am Oct Diaconate Mtg - Lib- Barbara C. 739-2935
- 1 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19-Rhonda 246-2242
- 2 - 9am SCFBC Basics #4 - Rm 19/20 - Pastor Rich
- 2 - 12noon Life Group Leaders Mtg-Rm 19 - Pastor Jenny
- 2 - 12noon Youth Mentors Mtg -Lib -Erik 916-671-4676
- 2 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service - Sanctuary
- 5 - 10am White Cross - Lobby - Virginia N. 266-1734
- 6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda
- 8 -8:30am-10am Men's Breakfast -Kitchen -Adam 230-6848
- 9 - 12noon -SPEEDway Staff Mtg - FH - Pastor Jenny
- 9 - 2pm The Awakening - XFactor Worship Event - Mission City Coffee House - Jonathan 813-2505
- 11 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle
- 12 - 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
- 12-13 -10-6pm Rummage Sale set up -FH -Maxine
- 14-15 - Rummage Sale - FH - Maxine
- 14 - 10am- 4pm All church Work Day - Mike 691-1441
- 16 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg. - Lib - Jim G. -
- 17-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg - Library
- 19 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
- 20 - SF Homeless Cold Weather Gear Collections - Jerry Cintas 615-1690
- 22- All-church 20 year Celebration for Pastor Rich!
- 24 - *November Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 25 - 9am Oakland Seafarers Packing - Virginia N. 266-1734
- 27 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 30 - Operation Christmas Child Collection Kickoff - Ellen
- 31 - 6-8pm Halloween Carnival - FH - Pastor Jenny

NOVEMBER

**Mission Emphasis: Bethlehem Building work days:
Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes
Warm weather clothes for SF Homeless**

- 2 - 10am White Cross - Lobby - Virginia N. 266-1734
- 5-Start Bethlehem construction every Saturday - Jerry 615-1690
- 5 - Saturday - Bethlehem Costumes
- 5 - 8:30am Nov Diaconate Mtg - Lib - Barbara C. 739-2935
- 6 - 12noon Life Group Leaders Mtg-Rm 19 - Pastor Jenny
- 6 - 12noon Youth Mentors Mtg - Lib - Erik 916-671-4676
- 6 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service - Sanctuary
- 8 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle
- 11 - **Veteran's Day Holiday - Office Closed**
- 9 - 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
- 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 - Rhonda 246-2242
- 12 - 8:30am Men's Breakfast - Kitchen - Adam 230-6848
- 13 - 12noon - SPEEDway Staff Mtg - FH - Pastor Jenny
- 13 - 2pm The Awakening - XFactor Worship Event - Mission City Coffee House - Jonathan 813-2505
- 17 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 21- 7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg - Lib - Steve E. 243-7255
- 16 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan 813-2505
- 20 - 12noon- Quarterly Business Mtg - budget vote/lunch
- 20 - 12noon - Mission Comm Mtg. - Lib - Jim G
- 20 - 6pm SF Homeless Outreach - Jerry 615-1690
- 21 (or 28) - *December Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 24/25 - **Thanksgiving Holidays - Office Closed**

Missions Update

Thanks to all who filled out the Missions Questionnaire. As Pastor Rich said, it's an opportunity to discover the extent of your involvement in missions, obstacles to involvement, directions of interest, and to recognize SCFBC's full slate of mission opportunities. I will have some feedback on the survey results by the next issue of the Celebrate, if not before. Thanks again for your input

In July:

- **July 9** - Lindsey Life Group members served at Sacred Heart Community Services collecting donations and hanging clothes for the clothes closet. Sacred Heart serves 300 families with their clothes closet where families can shop twice a month. Over 400 families receive food bags as often as twice a month at Sacred Heart.
- **Marsh Coleman**, the interim director of Redwood Glen, suffered a heart attack July 9th. He's recovering at home. The head cook and head of guest services are filling in for him (as he was filling in after Jay & Joan moved to Indiana). I'll keep you all informed if I can get any workday opportunities lined up at Redwood Glen.
- **July 19** – Members supported Sunnyvale Community Services in packing 600 food bags for the Kids' Summer Food Program, providing more food this Summer to low-income families whose children rely on free school breakfasts and lunches during the school year.
- You probably all noticed that we didn't support the Independence Day this year as there were no fireworks at Central Park. We're exploring the possibility of providing support to Santa Clara's Art & Wine festival this Fall. The motivation is to help out the city where we're located, not to picket the wine booths (joke). Stay tuned!

In August:

- You may remember back in early March when we started to collect the America for Christ (AFC) special offering. Japan's earthquake/tsunami happened, and we suspended AFC in favor of One Great Hour of Sharing, specifically for Japan. Since then, we collected for the regular OGHS (supports catastrophes around the world, including the Missouri tornado victims). In August we'll spend a couple weeks attempting to collect AFC to finish that offering. AFC supports ABC efforts in the USA to grow existing churches, plant new churches and provide programs to develop good kids in crime-ridden areas, among other valuable ministries.

Also in August, we'll start a number of collection/donation drives. Each is well-explained elsewhere in this Celebrate issue.

- First is the collection of school supplies for Scott Lane Elementary and the subsequent jacket and field trip money drive, Fall Carnival support, and after-school reading volunteer program.
- SCFBC over the last couple years has discussed missions to Africa (25 of the 30 most failed "states" in the world are in Africa). We've always decided to serve closer to home because of the expense of reaching that far. Daena Yuksel has just returned from serving in Uganda and Fion Cheng feels led to go to Uganda in November and is starting collections to raise funds to build a well for a village. It's wonderful to see SCFBC members respond to God's call to their hearts!
- ABW will soon be starting two collections: Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child and personal essentials for Seafarers' ditty bags for visiting merchant mariners in Oakland.

Jim Garvey—Deacon of Missions

A Missionary's Story

More Answers To Prayer

Gary and Mylinda Baits- Missionaries to Costa Rica

In Jerusalem, Samaria and San Marcos de Terrazu our Baptist partners are planting churches! Last weekend Mylinda and Sarah Nash (volunteer from Olympia, WA) went to visit a mission church restart with leadership from the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Aserri. Mylinda and Sarah were blessed by the beauty of the surroundings and by the privilege of sharing the Lord's Supper with this small flock of disciples. Sarah's Spanish is improving, too. Pray for Pastor Erik as he continues to lead and reach out to the community.



Candles are catching fire! In our last journal we asked you to pray for buyers for the candles made by the women of the Butterfly Transformation Center. The other day we went out and presented the candles to two separate locations, a florist and a Butterfly Garden with a souvenir shop. The souvenir shop agreed to sell on consignment and promote the project with the visiting tours and the florist ordered 15 candles for July. The best part was watching the women shine as they explained their project and heard the accolades of the interested buyers. Makes all of the hard, sweltering work worth it to see the growth and confidence of these women.

New Seminary Leadership! Pastor and Professor Ruth Vindas began her new ministry as rector (director) of the Baptist Seminary here in San Jose. I (Gary) am delighted to be part of a leadership team with this very gifted woman. We went without a director for 8 months, and we have lots of work ahead. Ruth was formerly part of IM missionary Ruth Mooney's curriculum writing team. She's a writer, a pastor, a mother, and a breath of fresh air for the seminary.

Our children, Jamie and Micah, just finished their junior years (Jamie-college, Micah-high school) and look forward to being big shot seniors. Being parents of seniors makes us sound old, but proud.

Thanks for your prayers,

Gary

FILL THE THIRST

SCFBC'S SUMMER 2011

STUDENT MINISTRIES

We had an awesome high school retreat where we went rafting and talked about having faith like a child!



The junior high retreat is coming up August 12-14! We have great stuff happening the rest of the summer and fall. Come to youth group and check it out! Check out our website for more info! www.scfbc.org



Our **SUMMER SPECTACULAR** summer program for the month of July was **ART EXPLOSION!** Each week the children experienced different kinds of arts and crafts as they learned about the wonderful creation God has given us. **Week 1** the kids learned about taking care of Creation as they made masterpieces out of recycled materials. **Week 2** we learned what a waste it is to sit inside and watch TV when God's great outdoors are ready and waiting for us to explore. We used a camping theme, and the kids had a great time with their camp crafts and yummy s'mores. **Week 3** we learned that God created a rainbow of humanity. Instead of creating us all the same, we are all unique and wonderful children of God. For this lesson the children painting a huge mural outside and enjoyed glow-in-the-dark painting inside. **Week 4** the lesson was how God provides for us. For this lesson our craft and snack were the same—we made our own pizzas. This was extremely popular with everyone—leaders included! **Week 5** is all about how everything fits together. All the parts of God's creation depend on each other. For our craft, each child will make their very own quilt. It's been an amazing two months already, and August will be even more wacky as we enter our very own **CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA!**

We still need volunteers to help out on Sunday mornings in August. Please check out the sign-up sheets in the Lobby. For now, enjoy the pictures below.



Library Corner and Book Nook

Library System Update - work in process

We have purchased an internet-based library cataloging package for SCFBC. Because of all the work that has gone into getting the church Library into shape, we can take this next step and make it even more accessible to our congregation. Cataloging books and DVDs has begun. To see what has been done so far, check-out the link "SCFBC Library" on the SCFBC web page (www.scf.bc.org). Search for materials by keywords (including subject headings), author, or title. 1,300+ items have been entered so far and there is still plenty to do as barcodes get installed and the cataloging continues. If you enter "DVD" you'll see how those are formatted. Because this system is internet-based, we will be able to take the Library to the people — whether it's in the lobby on Sunday morning, or when visiting shut-ins. Contact Jenny Gregg if you have further questions, We are hoping to have everything up and running within a few months. In the meantime, books and DVDs can still be borrowed from both the Library or the Book Nook. We will keep you posted as to the progress of this system.

Reviews

The Leadership Summit DVDs from 2003-2010 are located in the Book Nook. Each DVD contains 16-20 hours of presentations that can be viewed in an 60-90 minute segments. The **Leadership Summit is for everyone**, not just for the Pastors or Deacons. Books from the Leadership Summit are also available in the Library. After the Leadership Summit, August 11-12, NEW books and DVDs will be processed and placed in the Book Nook.

PSSSST, I'll let you in on a little secret, there are many FABULOUS family DVDs in our collection—good enough for a **free** movie night for your entire family!

Library Mission Outreach for Ensenada, Mexico school

Please continue to pray for the school and the teacher, Victoria. They just finished a month-long multi-grade program for 30 plus students and are praying that they can expand to more students and specific grades in the Fall. This school is geared for a group of children who have never attended school because their families couldn't afford it. What a wonderful way to show God's love through the school.

Library hours and Book Nook

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 5:30pm during regular office hours. Ask the office personnel to unlock the Library in Rooms 31-32 for you and secure it when you are done. On Sundays or when the lobby is open, please check out the Book Nook. Thank you for returning borrowed books and DVDs in a timely manner to either the Library or Lobby Book Nook.

Thank you to many who have cleaned out book shelves and donated materials. We either add to SCFBC shelves, or trade them in for credit to buy other books we are looking for so the Library information stays fresh and useful.

The Library Committee

Jenny Gregg, Unice Chang, Barbara McLenegan, Shannon McMaken, Trudy Kroll, Bev Walz, and Jerri Cooper



Fion Cheng

This November I will be going on a mission trip to Uganda with World Harvest Mission, and the Uganda Scripture Union will be the host in this beautiful country. One of the specialties of the World Harvest Mission organization is building water wells at remote villages and schools that do not have access to clean water. Often times, I take the "luxury" of the city tap water delivered right to my home for granted. In the country of Uganda, there are still many places where people remain thirsty for water. For this reason, I decided to join forces with World Harvest Mission and start the Fill the Thirst fundraising campaign. My hope is to start right here with my family, Santa Clara First Baptist Church, and expand into our community to benefit our extended family in Uganda.

Approximately \$3,500 can build one clean water well in Uganda. Geological data shows that there are many locations that are suitable for clean water well digging there. The approximately 150-foot deep underground water could be a natural treasure to the people in and around these locations in Uganda. However, because of the very limited financial resources, putting that into reality has been difficult indeed. \$3,500 is a lot of money, but what can I buy with that amount in America? To be able to provide fresh clean water to 100 to 1000 villagers and students with the money makes the amount of \$3,500 seem even more trivial. I invite you to consider donating for this very meaningful cause. **If you would like to donate, please note "Water Well" on your check or offering envelope, or you can donate on my website: FillTheThirst.weebly.com.**

In addition to the offering and online donations, the following FUN-raisers are planned to make the Fill the Thirst campaign a truly family affair. Donations for the Silent Auction will be gratefully accepted. We also need volunteers to ask the community for auction item donations. Please contact me or Kimberly Barnett for more information.

All monetary donations received will be used only to build water wells in Uganda. If you would like to help specifically with my trip, United or Delta Airlines frequent flyer miles up to 80k miles could be helpful and are appreciated.

If you would like to join my prayer team, email me or let me know!

Peace,

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Fill the Thirst Fundraisers

Mark your calendars!

Parents Night Out

Friday, August 26th

SCFBC Fellowship Hall

Drop your kids off and enjoy a night to yourselves!

Silent Auction and Bingo Night

Friday, September 9th

SCFBC Fellowship Hall

Join us for a night of fun!

Property Corner

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

Playground Area: This area has received a new layer of Cedar mulch by True Green; it looks fantastic.

Garden Areas: I hope that everyone is enjoying the “Gifts Of The Garden”. I would like to thank The Korean Church for all their work and sharing their produce with our SCFBC family!

Renovation: Work is progressing nicely. Please read Jerry Cintas’ article for more information.

Church Work Day: A beautiful day was shared with many volunteers who gave of their time to help improve our property. Those who graciously helped out were: Will Weeks, Tim McLenegan, Derek Yan, John Pusateri, Jerry Cintas, Susi Reaves, Donald Clampet, Alexis Padgett, Matt Stephens, Sharon Cintas. The above “team” completed the following work items:

Fellowship Hall - 2 exterior lights replaced in the alley, light ballast changed in Youth Room. Ed Wing – 2 door closures installed (rooms #4 & #6) and concrete patching. Sanctuary Building – general cleaning, concrete patching, concrete debris pick up in alley and construction materials cleaned and organized. Church Offices – general cleaning, light ballast changed in the bookkeeper’s office.

“Thank You” everyone for all that you do in service for God’s glory and the good of His church here!

Nursery: Lloyd Darknell replaced the broken water heater so that everyone can enjoy a steady stream of hot water. Thank you, Lloyd, for all of the work that you perform in and around our facilities!

Internet Access: Our facility will be changing internet service providers very soon which will be a “welcome” upgrade. We are changing to Comcast.

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

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

Mike Depew – Deacon of Property

Fall Rummage Sale

Set up - October 12 & 13, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

Sale - Friday, October 14, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M..

The Fall Rummage Sale that benefits our Bethlehem and the American Baptist Women’s Missions Projects is scheduled for October 14 and 15 in the Fellowship Hall. Please start saving clean, usable items to benefit these special ministries. (No clothing please although good, clean shoes are okay). Many volunteers will be needed for the four days so please mark your calendars. Contact Maxine (241-7567) if you have questions.

Renovation Update!

We got the second screen and projection wall up at the end of June, just in time for a wedding that was taking place that weekend. Both screens are operational and add a nice symmetry to the room and make it easier to view the screens from any seat in the congregation. We want to thank Duane Esquibel for his help with the drywall hanging.



Adam has also been working up behind the projection screens. We had to build a new isolated room behind the screen to contain the projector and keep the heating and ventilation systems behind those walls isolated from the sanctuary. The room will be painted black to reduce reflections behind the screen and the room is sealed to keep pressure changes between the sanctuary and heating bay from causing the screen to move back and forth.

Mike Depew finished the stage construction and our drywall guy finished the front wall of the stage with its flowing curves that tie into the stairs. Still to be done in order to complete the stage are placement of the top trim piece of the stage, front speaker grills, and paint.

We also got the front floor pockets installed and wired in the stage.

Thank you to Lloyd Darknell for helping to pull the 64 wires that were involved in connecting to those boxes. The floor boxes have power, microphone, and speaker connections for the front part of the stage to reduce the cable clutter on the stage. The three rear boxes are yet to be installed.

The Building Committee

Joe Lasher, Lloyd Darknell, Mike Depew, Jerry Cintas

ABW News!

S.H.A.R.E.S. REPORT

We began our third earning quarter on July 1st. This quarter the money from using the S.H.A.R.E.S. cards will be going to Operation Christmas Child. The drive dates for Operation Christmas Child are November 14 - 21. Packing the shoe boxes is planned for Saturday, November 19th. Keep using your S.H.A.R.E.S. cards and support Operation Christmas Child.

HARRIS LASS HOUSE MUSEUM TOUR

Join the women of ABW on a docent-led tour of the Harris Lass House. It is the last farm site in the city of Santa Clara and is named for the two families who owned and lived on the site for 125 years. The museum consists of the house, a barn, summer kitchen, tank house and landscaped gardens. It is fully furnished with most of the furniture and contents belonged to the Lass family. The house was built in 1865 in the Italianate style. The tour lasts about 45 minutes and there are places to sit and rest if you cannot do the whole tour.

The house is located at 1889 Market Street in Santa Clara. Time of the tour is 11 A.M. on Wednesday, August 24th. Carpools will leave the SCFBC parking lot at 10:30 A.M. To reserve your place or for more information, call Jean Rund at 296-5805.