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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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 4th Victoria McGinnis
- 6th Amy Victorson
- 6th Bert Wendel
- 6th Antonio Rangel
- 7th Fran Van Groningen
- 9th Betty Downing
- 10th Winnie Kam
- 11th Mary Ann Yee
- 13th ETC Marty Fairall (Coast Guard)
- 16th Hannah Lageschulte
- 17th Athena Coral
- 18th Jim Wilson
- 20th Gloria Connor
- 20th Rudy DuBord IV
- 27th Rosemarie Esquibel
- 27th Jack Ratcliff

- 3rd Joel & Lisa Robinson
- 3rd Jonathan & Allison Fung
- 12th Mike & Michelle Ramer
- 13th Larry & Jennifer Trigg

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church October 2011

**TRUNK
 OR
 TREAT**

MONDAY OCTOBER 31ST

6:00pm - 8:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION TALK TO ERIK OR CHRISTY MEYER

From Pastor Jenny

As many of you now know, I will be going on disability beginning Monday, October 3rd. At this point my doctor's plan is to have me back to work by Monday, January 2nd. This is the result of a neck injury I have been dealing with since January. After trying every treatment, medication, and procedure my doctor could think of, she referred me to the Stanford Pain Clinic as my condition has now been given a label of chronic pain. That's the bad news. The good news is that my doctor at the Pain Clinic is surprisingly confident that she can help me. However, in order for my treatments to be most effective I need to stay away from typing and get a lot of rest. Therefore, my doctor has recommended that I go on short-term disability.

I have used the past month to prepare for my time away. My husband Jon (jhammar@jbear.org) will oversee the Children's Ministry in my absence. I have a team of volunteers who have been scheduled to cover all responsibilities, and the lessons have been written. Maturity Deacon Jenny Gregg (jennygregg@comcast.net) and Pastor Rich (pastor_rich@scfbc.org) will oversee the Life Group ministries, and the Mission to Schools and Students team will oversee the various Scott Lane outreach events under the guidance of Mission Deacon Jim Garvey (garveyjim@sbcglobal.net). The Family Life Group we host in our home will move to the church, and will be led by Daena Yuksel (daenahayes@yahoo.com). During my leave I cannot do any type of ministry work. If you have a work-related question, please ask one of the wonderful people I just listed. Also, I won't be allowed to type at all while I'm on leave, so please don't expect a reply to any emails you send me.

I will miss you all very much while I'm gone, but I am looking forward to a time of rest, and to the space to be able to allow my body to heal. As you can imagine, this has taken a toll on my family – especially my children. Thank you for all the help, prayers and support you've given us all these months. Please keep us in your prayers as we hopefully find a path to healing in these coming months.

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

Life Group Ministries

Thank you so much to all those who took time to fill out the Life Group survey. We are in the process of compiling the information gathered from your feedback. Based on your preferences for groups, and the leaders we have available, we will be able to build a wonderful variety of groups to offer in January when our new Trimester system kicks off. In case you haven't been a part of this discussion, or have missed the announcements, we are working on restructuring our Life Group system. Most of us have grown up with the kind of Life Group system where once you sign up to be in or lead a group, you stay in it forever. There is no end. There are benefits to this kind of structure, as those of us in groups can attest too.

However, the times have changed and it's time for the way we approach our Life Groups to change as well. Beginning in January, our Life Groups will run on a Trimester System with each Trimester running approximately 12 weeks. Between each Trimester is a Promotion Month, which will be used to promote the groups for the next Trimester. Some groups will continue to meet each Trimester, but their studies will begin and end according to the Trimester system so that anyone signing up will feel comfortable joining in. On the other hand, some groups will only meet for one Trimester, and then will be done. This system also allows us to expand our idea of what a group is. While we will still have plenty of Bible studies, some groups will be based on hobbies or activities.

Another change to our system is the way each of us will be asked to sign up for a group. During the Promotion month before the new Trimester begins, you will receive a brochure with a list of groups being offered. Your job is to choose which group you want to be a part of, fill out your name and contact info, and turn the brochure in. Your group leader will contact you and answer any questions you have.

We are excited about this new direction, the excitement already generating, and the new leaders who are stepping up. In December you will receive the brochure for the Winter Trimester groups. Be thinking about what kind of group you want to be a part of for our very first Trimester!

For more information, please contact Jenny Gregg at jennygregg@comcast.net.

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!

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 the SCFBC family! The garden is still producing a "bountiful harvest" for all to enjoy!

Next Church Work Day: The next church work day is set for Saturday, October 15th. Come join us between 9:00am until 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Some of the work projects are;

Rooftop maintenance and repairing known leaks
General cleaning
Light bulbs and ballasts replacements
Fencing (Fellowship Hall),
Drywall installation (ceiling in renovation storage room)
Men's room - Fellowship Hall

- Sheetrock repair
- Install door-stop

Fertilizing lawns
Plumbing,
Parking lot striping and painting

Nursery: Steve Erling took care of installing a new linoleum floor in the nursery restroom! Thank you, Steve!!

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

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. When leaving restrooms, please make sure the water faucets are turned off completely and the lights are turned off.

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

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew. – Property Deacon
408-564-5906

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Rescue Conference 2011

OCTOBER 22ND

8:30AM - 4:00PM

COST: \$25

RESCUE IS A POWERFUL GATHERING OF YOUTH AND COLLEGE LEADERS AND STUDENTS IN THE BAY AREA AND BEYOND, WHO LOVE JESUS AND ARE SEEKING TO RUN WITH VISION AND PURPOSE TO SEE THEIR CAMPUSES AND COMMUNITIES CHANGED FOR GOD. WE WILL UNITE TO LEARN, WORSHIP, CREATE, BE INSPIRED AND CHALLENGED IN OUR FAITH AND ACTIONS

S.A.L.T
SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

ATTENTION STUDENT LEADERS WE WILL BE HAVING OUR FIRST MEETING ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 9TH. TALK TO ERIK FOR MORE INFO!

COME JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AFTER SCHOOL FOR SOME VIDEO GAMES, FOOD, AIR HOCKEY, AND MORE. WE EVEN GET OUR HOMEWORK DONE. STAY FOR DINNER AND YOUTH GROUP AFTERWARDS.

**After School
Hangout**

5 THIS FALL WE ARE OPENING UP THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER SANTA CLARA FOOTBALL GAMES FOR A PROGRAM CALLED 5TH QUARTER. WE HAVE GAMES, MOVIES, FOOD, AND LOTS OF FUN! THE LAST TWO DATES ARE OCTOBER 21ST AND NOVEMBER 4TH. MAKE SURE YOU INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE WWW.SCFBC.ORG FOR MORE INFO!



With the start of a new school year, has come the start of a new ministry year for all our *SPEEDway* children. In the Nursery, the children are learning about God's love through the ABCs. Each week a new letter is used to teach our littlest ones about Jesus. The preschoolers have a newly set-up room to learn and play in, thanks to the tireless work of their teacher, Miss Kari. They love to listen to stories about Jesus read to them, and of course snacks, games and crafts are also very popular! During Kids' Worship, the K-5 children have begun a new series called "Taking Flight." While having fun making things fly, the kids are learning what the Bible says about angels. What do angels look like? Where do angels come from? So we get to be angels when we die? The kids love this topic, and are digging in the Bible for answers to some really great questions! Below are some pictures of our children from this past month of ministry.



Mission to Schools and Students

October is a big month for our mission outreach to the Scott Lane Elementary community. We have several opportunities for all of SCFBC to get involved. Please read on and pray about your involvement. This information is also available at the Information Table in our Lobby.

DONATIONS

School Supply Donation Drive:

Thank you so much for all the donations that have already been delivered for our Scott Lane Donation Drive. We will continue to collect school supplies through the month of January, so keep them coming. For a list of suggested items to buy, please pick up a flyer at the Info Table. We suggest picking something up as you go shopping for yourself. Be on the look-out for sales on things like Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer, Pencils, etc. Donations may be dropped off in the labeled tub in the Lobby. For more information contact Peggy Shalloe (apey2many@att.net) or Michelle Lasher (mklasher@sbcglobal.net).

Cold Weather Jacket Collection:

Because Scott Lane is in a low-income area of our city, some families are unable to buy warm jackets for their children. We are collecting donations of children's cold weather jackets. Jackets need to be BLUE, GREY OR BLACK. Jackets must be in good condition with working zippers, no tears, stains, or team logos. Donated jackets may also be dropped off in the donation tub in the Lobby where the school supplies are dropped off. For more information contact Shannon McMaken (shannon.mcmaken@gmail.com).

Box Tops for Education:

You can drop off your box tops at the Information Table in the "Box Top Box." For more information contact Peggy Shalloe (apey2many@att.net).

VOLUNTEERS

After School Reading Program:

Kimberly Barnett, a member of our church, is a 2nd grade teacher at Scott Lane Elementary. Like many other teachers at the school, Kim runs an after-school program to assist her children in their reading skills. Volunteers are needed to make these kinds of programs most effective. Last year we were able to provide several volunteers to work with the kids for an hour in the afternoon. The program will run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30-3:30pm, and we ask that volunteers to serve once a week. Please be in prayer about helping in this way. Sign-Up sheets are at the Info Table in the Lobby. For more information contact Kimberly Barnett (kbarnett124@gmail.com).

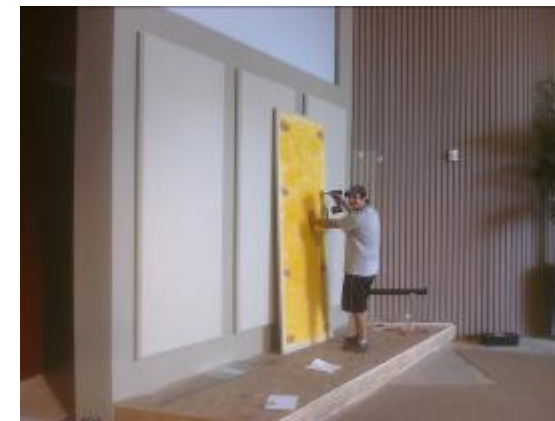
Scott Lane Fall Carnival:

This is Scott Lane's main fundraising event of the year, and they need lots of volunteer help! The carnival will be **Friday, October 28th from 1:30-3:30pm**. Volunteers are needed for set-up starting at 11:45am, and for clean-up after the event. Volunteers are also needed to run games booths. Sign-Up sheets are at the Information Table in the Lobby. For more information about this event please contact Kimberly Barnett (kbarnett124@gmail.com).

Renovation Update

Things are coming very close to an end. When you see the sanctuary carpet go down in the next couple of weeks that will be the last major change.

Adam is busy finishing up the large rear window in the sanctuary by installing all new wood and new double pane windows. It is going to look awesome when he finishes, and the new windows will help reduce the amount of heat coming into the sanctuary. The window construction has changed slightly to improve the water protection on the outside of the window. Also you may have noticed recently that new acoustic panels have been installed on the stage walls.



Thank you to Will Weeks for helping with the two-day installation process. Tom Caldwell should be doing some final painting on the stage and ceilings this coming week to finish off the sanctuary painting.



The stage front is still on hold as we are evaluating the stage wall colors and acoustic panel fabric so we can pick the final finishes for the front of the stage. We are looking to install walnut fascia along the top of the stage and a glued on fabric that matches the acoustic panels along the bottom.

Lloyd and Jerry have been finishing up the remaining electrical jobs and wiring up all of the floor pockets on the stage with microphone, speaker, and electrical connections.

Our finances towards the end of the project have been a little unstable as we experienced a \$20,000 accounting error in the church books. We were on track to end the project in the black, but with this news it looks like we might run into the red. If you are continuing to give, we appreciate your donations as they are being put to good use as we put the final finishes on this project.

--- The Building Committee

Jerry Cintas, Mike Depew, Lloyd Darknell, Joe Lasher

How to Stand Out From Other Christians

Most of us agree that Christians should be different than the general population. We hope that people can see something in us that intrigues them. But maybe the real question should be, when compared to typical, self-described Christians in America, do we stand out in the crowd, or are we one of the pack? Many Christians take great pride in being patriotic Americans, and after the anniversary of 9/11 the media focused on what it means to be an American. But studies suggest that few Christians put that same passion and self-identification into being a citizen of the Kingdom of God. In a recent article published by [Barna Group](#), studies reveal four obstacles that hinder people from growing from a nominal, shallow relationship, to a mature, deep relationship with God.



Obstacles to Spiritual Growth

Commitment

While 4 out of 5 self-identified Christians point to a meaningful commitment that they made about their faith, only 18-22% claim to be “totally committed to their own spiritual development” and are “totally dependent on God.”

Repentance

The majority of self-described Christians acknowledge the importance of confessing their sins to God and receiving His forgiveness. But few (12%) admit that they have truly pondered the significance of their sin, and have been devastated by it. Only about 3% have come to “the places where they have surrendered control of their life to God, submitted to His will for their life, and devoted themselves to loving and serving God and other people.”

Activity

Pastor Rich has talked about the epidemic of busyness in the American culture. In fact, these studies confirm that most Christians confuse religious activity with spiritual growth and depth. While many Christians say that they have participated in “normal” religious activities in the past week such as praying, going to church, reading their Bible, few have engaged in deeper faith expressions: less than 1 out of 10 have talked about their faith with a non-Christian, fasted, and had an extended time of spiritual reflection. Nor have they practiced spiritual disciplines such as solitude, sacrifice, acts of service, silence, and scriptural meditation.

Spiritual Community

Most self-described Christians in the studies say that they are comfortable being around other Christians at church, but measures used in the studies show that the majority of these relationships do not have the depth and quality described in Scripture. Only 1 out of every 5 believes that “spiritual maturity requires a vital connection to a community of faith.”

So What?

The implications of these studies are startling. The sad fact is that most of us do not live what we believe. We try to fit God into our lives in a convenient and socially acceptable way, and the church is apparently failing in its responsibility to teach, encourage and lead people into the deep, vital relationship that God craves for us. But don't blame the church—no church can do our part in our spiritual growth. We have to own up and take responsibility (with the Holy Spirit) for the quality and depth of our relationship with God. **I challenge every person at SCFBC to read and reflect on Colossians 3:1-17.** Let's not be content with where we are, but pursue the Lord with patriotic zeal!

Jenny Gregg

Deacon of Maturity

Barna Group. (2011). Self-Described Christians Dominate America but Wrestle with Four Aspects of Spiritual Depth. Retrieved from <http://www.barna.org/faith-spirituality/524-self-described-christians-dominate-america-but-wrestle-with-four-aspects-of-spiritual-depth>

Missions Update

Redwood Glen's annual workday was rained out back on June 4th. I've arranged for our own SCFBC project date on October 8-9—the re-roofing a shed. Redwood Glen has offered overnight accommodations. Currently 2-4 people are participating, and additional volunteers are welcome. Contact Jim Garvey at garveyjim@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in helping.

October is a busy month for our outreach to Scott Lane Elementary, as described elsewhere in this copy of newsletter. Please volunteer and help out as available. Support is urgently needed for the school's fundraising Carnival on 28 October. Please sign up for setup, clean up, or other needs as available. Thanks for all your donations and help to date.

Our ABW ladies have completed 110 “Christmas at Sea” ditty bags for helping merchant mariners far from home receive some thanks and comfort at Christmas. Thanks for all your donations of bag contents and all of ABW's hard work.

Habitat for Humanity has an “all-faith” house building project (volunteers from all faiths in South Bay, by community area). They'll be breaking ground on the house in Cupertino in December or January. As part of the Sunnyvale-Santa Clara community of faith, volunteers from churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples in our area would participate in 8-10 days of construction. Our community is being coordinated through Crosswalk Church. It sounds like an attractive opportunity for volunteers for a worthwhile charity; but, we'll have to see our level of interest following Bethlehem. I have more information for anyone interested.

Did you know?

Your general mission giving (entered under “Missions” on the offering envelope) supports the following organizations/people in 2011:

City Team Ministries

Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy (CIC)

Emergency Housing Consortium

New Hope Baptist Church (Limon, Costa Rica)

Redwood Glen

Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate

Growing Healthy Churches (Regional Ministries)

National Ministries

International Ministries

American Baptist Seminary of the West

The Baits (missionaries to Costa Rica)

The Chapmans (missionaries to the Congo)

Lauran Bethell (Global consultant against Human Trafficking)

And, then we have our special offerings: OGHS, WMO, AFC, and RMMO. October 2-16 are the dates for collecting our World Mission Offering which supports American Baptist missionaries worldwide. Please give generously in support of these selfless people who are spreading the Kingdom. You will have the opportunity to share lunch and speak with Lauran Bethell on Monday morning, the 10th of October between 10:30am and 1:00pm (actual time to be announced by October 9th).

American Baptist Women

Mark Your Calendars

**Monday, October 10, 2011 10:30A.M. ~~ In the Parlor
Come See, Hear, and Visit with Reverend Lauran Bethell**

**Lunch To Follow courtesy of Lauran Bethell Circle
(Donations will be accepted)**

Lauran was born and raised in an American Baptist pastor's family in central California. She graduated from the University of Redlands with degrees in psychology, religion and education. She then spent six years teaching elementary school.



In 1978 Lauran went to Hong Kong to teach in the Hong Kong International School where she was challenged by an American Baptist missionary to seriously consider missionary service. As a result, she returned to the States to pursue her Masters of Divinity at the American Baptist Seminary of the West. She was then ordained at the First Baptist Church of Fresno, Ca.

She was appointed by International Ministries in 1985 to teach in China with the Amity Foundation, but shortly had to return to the U.S. for back surgery. After her recovery, Lauran was reassigned to Thailand to complete her term.

While studying the Thai language in Bangkok, Lauran discovered that thousands of young women and girls in Thailand work in brothels, nightclubs and massage parlors scattered throughout the country in order to support their parents and siblings. During this time ABC missionaries Paul and Elaine Lewis were also becoming concerned about the plight of young hill tribe women who were being tricked, sold and going into prostitution because of the dire poverty of their families. They invited Lauran to serve as director of a center, which would offer these young women economic and spiritual alternatives to prostitution. In 1987 Lauran helped create the New Life Center where Jesus Christ was introduced to the women and they received job training and provided a safe haven at the New Life Center.

Lauran presently serves as global consultant - an at-large missionary who specializes in a particular area of need. She left Thailand after a few years and relocated to the Czech Republic in 2000. In the Czech capital of Prague she helped form Project Hope. In 2005, Lauran was awarded the Baptist World Alliance human rights award on July 31 at the group's centenary congress in Birmingham England. She was recognized for nearly 20 years of service in ministry to women, children and men exploited by sex trafficking.

"I have always felt that it was God's work", said Bethell. "I was just the happy helper and colleague of many, many people who felt as passionate as I did about sharing God's love with exploited and abused women and children."

American Baptist Women

Rummage 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 Rummage Sale to benefit our church's annual "Bethlehem" and the American Baptist Women's Missions Projects will be in the Fellowship Hall this month. Please bring your clean, usable items to benefit these special ministries (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay) on Sunday, October 9, after the Morning Worship service. You may also bring items during our set-up days on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations also. Tax receipts are available.

Many volunteers will be needed for the two set-up days and the two days of the sale. Please contact Maxine at 241-7567 if you have questions or can help with this special fund raising event.

A Day In The Park

Shoreline is our destination for our October outing, specifically the Rengsdorff House, the oldest house in Mountain View and of Victorian Italianate architecture. We will have a docent-led tour; then on to bird watching and a leisurely lunch on the patio at the Lakeside Cafe. The setting is beautiful on the lake. The tour of the house will be approximately one hour. There are plenty of places to sit and rest on this outing and it can be geared to one's own abilities. If you have them, bring binoculars. The tour of the house is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 11:00am. and we will leave the SCFBC parking lot at 10:30am.. Everyone is welcome. For more information or if you are planning on coming, call Jean at 408-296-5805.

S.H.A.R.E.S. Report

For the fourth quarter of the year, October 1st through December 31st, our S.H.A.R.E.S. money will be going to missionaries **Glenn and Rita Chapman** for their work in the Congo. We hope you will all continue to support our program by using your S.H.A.R.E.S. cards when you shop at Lucky's and Save Mart. If you do not have a card, you can pick one up at the Information Table in the Lobby. It does not cost you anything and many worthwhile organizations benefit from its use. Thank you all for using those cards! If you need more information or have questions, call Jean at 408-296-5805.