

The Celebrate!

November 2011

Bethlehem

December 8th-12th
6:30-9:00pm



Thanks for 20 years together!

My heartfelt thanks to all who made our 20th anniversary Celebration such a wonderful experience. It has been both an honor and privilege to serve at Santa Clara First Baptist for such an extended period of time. May God continue to bless our partnership as we strive together to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.

Pastor Richard Reaves

Our Fellowship Fund at Work

Not everyone knows that our church maintains a Fellowship Fund that is used to provide for the financial needs of our spiritual family and the needy of our community.

Recently Marcia Brown, the daughter of Betty Downing and former member here, needed monetary help for dental surgery. Because of your donations to this fund we were able to help with a significant financial gift. The surgery was successful and Marcia sent us the following note of thanks.

To my dear brothers and sisters of Santa Clara First Baptist Church:

You have my deepest gratitude for supplying my need at this time in my life. The abscesses that filled my mouth are no longer there because of your generosity. A very excellent oral surgeon was able to take them all away, including my teeth. They have been a pain in my mouth since I was a child, and you helped remove that pain from my life.

It is with great joy and the most beautiful upper denture ever made that I send love to you all with my heartfelt thanks.

*Your sister in Christ,
Marcia W. Brown (Whitney)*

Post-Wedding Reception

You are invited to a post-wedding reception honoring Chris and Monica Reaves, married in Baltimore, Maryland on May 21, 2011, after worship on November 13th in the Sanctuary Lobby. For more information, contact Susi Reaves at 408-375-7294 or angelchild2053@aol.com.

Rummage Sale Results - \$2,464

As always, our Rummage Sale was a great success because of all who participated. Thank you to those who brought donations and especially to Impact who helped set up tables and unpacked the donations already received to get us started. Also, thanks to all who helped on our set up days and the days of the sale. A big job 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 *SPEED*way the next day. Last, but not least, was taking down the 42 signs that directed the people to our sale.

Pastor Rich and Susi's 20th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration



Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In October, we completed our study on parables, and are now studying on how to share our faith. Many good discussions have been occurring as we have been diving in deeper. One Saturday, we went to Erik's house in Gilroy and battled with the college group in an outdoor game of Air-Soft. **Ronni Lopez** and **Josh Lombrozo** got some

bruises but like champs, battled through. We also went on our annual corn maze trip to Del Osso Farms, where we zip lined, conquered the corn maze, and ate a lot of seasonal treats. Some students attended the *Rescue 2011* conference, where Francis Chan shared about becoming more mature in our faith to such a point where we can start disciplining others.



This is the 7th year that the Youth Department will host the entire church congregation for an evening in our Ristorante Baptista (aka-Fellowship Hall). Last year we raised over \$2,000, allowing us to reduce our youth winter retreat fees by \$50 per youth. Buy your \$10 tickets to help support the youth and come join in a night of great food, entertainment, fun, and service, all provided by the youth of SCFBC!



The Element Jr. High Group

In October, Erik had been leading the group through studies related to the church and lessons on gossip, lying and issues related to the students' lives. The kids continue to love to play Nation Ball and Sardines and are a great joy to work with. We also joined the High School group at the Corn Maze and **Jason Hammar**, **John Loman**, and **Ryan Lombrozo** had a blast with the Pumpkin Cannon. **Kelsey Hagan** brought three friends and had fun getting lost in the giant Corn Maze.



Committed

Committed continues to read through *The Story*, a chronological Bible that has been revised to read like a story. Both High School and Jr. High meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Youth Room.

Youth Conference

The start of October most of the youth leaders were able to fly to San Diego for the huge National Youth Workers Convention. We had a blast and were very inspired by the speakers and seminars.



Youth Director

Due to budget shortfalls, Erik will no longer be continuing with us after October 31st. We want to thank Erik and Christy Meyer for their ministry over the past year and half. It has been awesome getting to know them and doing ministry together, and we wish them God's best. Beginning November 1st, Andrew Wong will be directing the High School group and Jerry Cintas will be directing the Jr. High group.



Upcoming EVENTS

November 5th - Spaghetti Dinner - 6PM - 8PM

Youth Staff - Danijela, Mary, Andrew, Fion, Kimberly, Jerry

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collection week for churches all over the U.S. is November 14 - 21, 2011. Please join in the joy of sending shoe boxes filled with gifts for needy boys and girls in 100 different countries around the world. The American Baptist Women groups at SCFBC have already been wrapping shoe boxes. Many people choose to send clear plastic boxes instead. These don't need to be wrapped (although a piece of Christmas paper face out can be placed inside the box) and will last longer for a child's use for many years.

On Saturday, November 19th, we will be packing the boxes in the Sanctuary Lobby - COME ON OVER AND JOIN IN THE FUN! The boxes will be displayed in the Sanctuary and blessed on Sunday, November 20th. On Monday, the 21st, they will be taken to a central gathering location in San Jose before continuing around the world for distribution. Flyers with boy/girl labels and age-related details will be available very soon.

There are many causes to help children, but OCC is one of the best available to our church. "These simple gifts deliver Christmas joy and the message of God's love through Jesus Christ to millions of hurting boys and girls across the globe."

Franklin Graham
President Samaritan's Purse

For more information, contact Ellen Imhof at 408-730-1150 or eeeimhof@aol.com.



Human Trafficking

is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world.

We can be part of the movement to end it.

American Baptist International Missionary, **Rev. Lauren Bethell** is! Thank you to the SCFBC Lauren Bethell American Baptist Women (ABW) Circle for hosting the October 10 meeting and lunch. Lauren began in 1986 as an English teacher in Bangkok, only to be awakened to the problem of prostitution in the streets. She was so unnerved by what she saw that she researched the problem asking “why” was this happening and found no Christian agencies helping. By 1993 God called her into the ministry and she began by showing them God’s love... in Bangkok, and then in Thailand where she helped found the “New Life Center” a safe house for girls. It wasn’t only about prostitution, but it was the exploitation of young girls – the problem was **human trafficking**. After many years in the trenches praying the girls off the street and showing God’s never ending love, she is currently called to Amsterdam to train and provide networking for other Christian workers in the field because this is a **global problem** – it is everywhere on every continent. She founded the International Christian Alliance to Prostitution (ICAP) (www.icapglobal.org) and has held four conferences with representatives from 75 countries. They network and equip practitioners and coordinate their efforts to end the global problem of human trafficking. ICAP focus is to unite people and organizations for Transformation and Hope. When asked, “What can we do in Santa Clara to help?” Lauren replied: continue to diligently pray for the girls and for the workers; pray for new skills and jobs for the girls and she thanked SCFBC for our continued monetary support. Her suggestions are: educate ourselves and others; research the problem; find out who is mobilized in our area and partner with them; support safe houses; and to be eyes and ears in our own neighborhoods.



On October 21-22 the Not For Sales’s **3rd Annual Global Forum on Human Trafficking** was held in Sunnyvale with 50 speakers. Over 600 people attended from all over the world. You can read more about it at www.notforsalecampaign.org or be a Facebook friend of notforsalecampaign. Human trafficking isn’t just about prostitution, it’s about approximately **30 million people** including children, being abducted, forced into labor including making children soldiers at a young age; it’s really about the loss of human dignity and civil rights. There are ways we can get involved in our own communities: educate the young, ourselves and others; attend training; seek justice; and defend the rights of the poor and needy. As consumers we can spend wisely at the cash register – go to FREE2WORK.org and download an app that can scan bar codes and reports if a product has been made by legitimate labor or by slave labor with grades A-F, with A being the best. In the bay area we can volunteer with the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking (see www.sbcht.org) for hands-on participation. Helping students, schools and orphanages is a positive action. **Together we can end slavery!**

Renovation Update!

The carpet on the stage is done and really helps tie in the colors of the walls to the front of the sanctuary. Thanks again to Steve Erling for coordinating the carpet install with his installers. We are also finishing up the stage fascia this week. We hired a shipwright, a friend of Tom Caldwell's, to laminate the complicated curves on the stage face and then add walnut veneer to the face and hardwood walnut to the top. It is looking amazing and will add a nice touch to the front of the stage.



Tom Caldwell and John Pusateri did a great job of getting all the vertical slats painted on the stage before the carpet went in and John also finished all the walnut wood work in the sound booth along with the varnishing. Jun Lagmay came in and repainted the red walls on the stage in flat paint to help the wall not reflect light as much. They came out looking a lot cleaner than before.

The stained glass window project is ending up being more of a challenge than we thought. We love the clean modern look of the windows without the colored plastic, but the sun beams that come in during the morning worship service are still too intense. Though in the afternoon after the sun has moved the windows look incredible. We tried adding plastic tinting to the insides of the windows but that is still not cutting it. Thank you to Liz Poche, Will Weeks, and Joel Robinson for helping to install the plastic panels. We are currently looking at a large sheer drape system with two rods that can be used during the winter time when the sun is low to cut down the sun beam intensity, and use the second rod as a complete black out drape for special services. We are not sure if this is the final solution and will evaluate the quotes as they come in.



Will Weeks and Jerry installed the new lower speaker onto the ceiling speaker cluster. We also re-aimed the speaker cluster to provide better coverage to the front and rear rows of the sanctuary.

Jerry and Will Weeks also repainted the handicap spots in the parking lot to comply with the new handicap accessibility codes. We had to remove the two handicap spots that were up against the curb and move them into the main center parking stalls. A new sign for these new stalls will be added soon.

Matt McLenegan and Will Weeks took on the very messy job of caulking the outside of all the new windows. Their hands were a mess for a couple of days but they did a great job on sealing the windows from the oncoming rain. The upper outside windows were back ordered and should be coming in this week so we can finish the windows and paint the frames.



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!

October Church Work Day: The last Church Work Day took place on Saturday, October 15th and resulted in many different projects getting started and/or completed. I would like to thank the following volunteers who helped make it all happen: Steve McLenegan (lights checked & ballasts changed, men's room toilet bases caulked). Tim McLenengan (roofs cleaned, drains cleared, step/platform completed). John Pusateri (cleaning and painting). Will Weeks (window caulking). Lloyd Darknell (classroom heater changed to electronic ignition, bookkeeper's office lights changed). Shari Burdick & Trudy Kroll (library organizing). Sharon Cintas (general cleaning). Jerry Cintas (stage step/platform)

Work Items that still need to be completed: Property fencing (FH lot), security of roof access points (Sanctuary & Ed Wing), re-setting exterior lights (daylights saving time), re-setting irrigation to "winter schedule", tool room clean up, new sheet rock installation on ceiling, and new carpet installation.

Future Projects: The Property Department is looking into various projects for 2012 and beyond including: Youth Room remodel/upgrade, exterior painting, playground equipment changes, Ed Wing remodeling/upgrades, re-paveing of both parking lots, and installing solar power, just to name a few.

Bethlehem Storage Building: The exterior lights and electrical outlets have been completed and we will also be completing the roof gutters and down spouts soon. The Santa Clara Fire Dept. has given us their final inspection, and we will be getting the City Building Department to sign off on the building itself soon (after the building is empty when setting up for Bethlehem). Painting will be done possibly on the Bethlehem side of the building before the performances in December. After these items are completed, we will then put up the fencing and gates around the building.

Sanctuary Remodeling: Everything is coming to a close with the work and it all looks AMAZING. The Property Dept. is so very thankful for all of the volunteers who worked so hard to bring this project to completion! Carpeting of the stage area was recently completed and the remainder of the Sanctuary's main floor will hopefully be completed before Christmas. Please see Jerry Cintas' article for more information.

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 should you see something that needs to be fixed or is in need of repair!

Your Brother In Christ,
Mike Depew – Property Deacon

Book Nook and Library Corner

***Request...** Look around your homes, cars, under the bed and wherever else books end up and will everyone who has a book or DVD checked out from the SCFBC library please return them so they can be processed into the new system and have a bar code placed on them. It will help us finalize the entry process. These items can always be recheck it out afterward. Thank you for your help— just put them in the red box in the Sanctuary Lobby.*

Changes in the Library System...WOW, if you were away for the summer you may have missed all the activity by the library committee, I know I did and I am having to catch up! **DO YOU KNOW** that from the comfort of your home, coffee shop or anywhere you now can access the list of materials in the SCFBC Library from your own computer or cell phone - if you have the high tech version with internet access. You are able to access the new system on www.SCFBC.org just by clicking on the library link. Not only do you have access to the list of books and DVD's but you will find out if what you're wanting is available to check out – you can even put it on hold so you are assured to be the next one to borrow it. Thank you to Jenny Gregg, who after diligent research found the program, and thank you to the library committee who spend hundreds of hours inputting book and DVD titles and authors into the system and putting bar codes on the materials.

The ability to find materials in the Library was a valuable element of the library that was missing! This **is exciting** - bringing the SCFBC Library into the 21st century! It will open new doors that we have praying about – of being able to start a lending library for shut-ins – people who will be able to choose their own materials to read or watch or listen to. We aren't ready to start this ministry quite yet – but we are working on it. If this is a ministry you are called to – delivering books and visiting shut-ins once a month, please contact one of us on the Library Committee and we will be one step closer. Maybe you haven't wanted to touch all the books and get dusty, so you haven't joined the Library Committee in the past, but if you like to drive around the area and enjoy visiting with those who are home bound, this may be the perfect ministry for you.

Thank You for your book and DVD contributions. These gifts enable us to go to book buyers and book traders and generate trade funds to buy additional or updated materials for the SCFBC Library. Thank you for your monetary contributions for the Library also. Thanks to your generous contributions, materials are always coming and being processed in!

Future plans... there is so much to do to help you get connected with books and materials that help you grow. We are working on a Library Purpose Statement as a guide to picking and pulling and accepting materials into the library and we have a “wish list” to make the library experience better for all of us. Please feel free to visit the Book Nook or the Library and check out the wonderful books and DVD's for all ages.

Blessings from the Library Committee

Life Groups 2.0

As we soon enter a new year we are improving the existing small group ministry of our church. We're calling it Life Groups 2.0. While maintaining our basic approach, we are making some exciting changes. Below are some FAQ that explain our new direction:

What is a Life Group?

Life Groups are the small groups that meet in homes and other places around the Silicon Valley. They give people in SCFBC a chance to get to know each other, make friends, support each other and grow in their faith. We offer a range of Life Groups for all ages and with assorted interests.

What is different about the new Life Groups format?

The biggest change about the new Life Groups format is that all the groups will operate on a trimester calendar—they will start at the same time, meet for approximately twelve weeks, and then break for a month. **Our Winter/Spring trimester begins the week of January 8th.**

What happens during the month break?

Between each trimester will be a Promotion Month. At this time, new Life Groups may be formed, new leaders recruited, and most importantly everyone will need to decide what Life Group they want to be in during the next trimester.

Why are we changing the Life Groups?

Up until now, many people in our church have been in Life Groups and thoroughly enjoyed it. However, lots of people are hesitant to join a group that has been meeting together for years. Or they are nervous about getting roped into one group with no escape until death, or until Jesus comes! Using a trimester system eliminates these issues. Having a calendar cycle like this also allows people to lead groups for some trimesters, and still be able to take off a trimester if they need to.

But I like the Life Group I'm already in. Can I still be in the same Life Group?

Of course you are welcome to sign up for any group you want, and if you want to continue with the same leader (if the leader chooses to lead the same group), you can choose to sign up for that in the next trimester. Some groups may take additional trimesters to finish a study (i.e., "Genesis, Part 1 and Part 2").

I heard we may have groups that play games or go hiking together! What kinds of Life Groups will I have to choose from?

The purpose of offering a variety of Life Groups is to give people a chance to spend time together, make friends, and learn about the Lord. While we will always have classic Bible study Life Groups, some of the special interest groups or book groups may appeal to people who want to introduce their friends to the church in a more relaxed setting.

So how do I sign up?

Our first Promotion Month will begin in November. You will be given a "catalog" of Life Groups and during a worship service, you can indicate on your registration card that you put in the offering plate which Life Group you want to try. The Life Group leader will contact you with all the information.

This is an amazing opportunity for our church to grow and mature both as individuals and as a body. Please pray for this ministry—for the people who may be invited to come to Life Groups, and for the leaders as they makes preparations.

Jenny Gregg
Maturity Deacon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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

- 2 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 5 - 10am Bethlehem Costume work - Rhonda 246-2242
- 5 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg – Library – Barbara C 739-2935
- 5 - 6pm Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser –
 Andrew 278-1996
- 6 - 12noon Life Group Leaders Mtg–Rm 19 – Pastor Rich
- 6 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service –Sanctuary
- 8 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle
- 9 - 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-2242
- 11 - **Veteran's Day Holiday**
- 12 - 8:30am Men's Breakfast–Kitchen –Adam 230-6848
- 13 - 12noon – *SPEEDway* Staff Mtg – FH – Jon 248-2078
- 16 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 17 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 19 - 10am –2pm Manna Prep for QFG –Adam 230-6848
- 20 - 12noon- Quarterly Business Mtg /lunch–budget vote
- 20 - Costume Fitting after the lunch mtg
- 20 -12noon - Mission/Schools Comm Mtg - Jim 362-0350
- 20 - 4pm SF Homeless Outreach – Jerry 615-1690
- 21 - *December Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 24 - **Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed**
- 27 - 12noon – Costume Fitting – B Building - Rhonda

DECEMBER

Mission Emphasis:

Retired Ministers & Missionaries;
Bethlehem work days & performances

- 3 -8:30am Diaconate Mtg –Library – Barbara C. 739-2935
- 3 - !0am – Costume Fitting – B Building
- 4 - 12 noon - Bethlehem Lunch/walk through – FH
- 4 - Costume Fitting after the lunch–B Building
- 4 - 6pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 6-7 - 7pm - Bethlehem Rehearsals– Jerry 615-1690
- 7 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 8-12 -6:30-9:00pm Bethlehem – All Church event –
 Jerry -615-1690
- 11 - 12noon Life Group Leaders Mtg–Rm 19 – Pastor Rich
- 13 - Bethlehem clean-up all week – Jerry 615-1690
- 13 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle
- 14 - 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 15 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 17 - Bethlehem cleanup (continues every Sat until done)
- 18 - 12noon -Mission/Schools Comm Mtg - Jim G 362-0350
- 19 -7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Dan 892-8213
- 21 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach/Cold weather gear distribution
 Jonathan 813-2505

- 22 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 24 -Bethlehem Work Day
- 24 - 6pm - Christmas Eve Worship/Candlelight Service
- 25 - **Merry Christmas!**
- 26 - **Christmas Holiday – Office Closed**
- 27 -*January Celebrate articles due to Dave*

JANUARY 2012

- 1 - **New Year's Day**
- 4 - 10am White Cross – at Virginia N's 266-1734
- 5 - 10am Prayer Quilt –Rm 19 - Rhonda 246-2242
- 6-8 - **Leaders Retreat/Diaconate Mtg – Redwood Glenn**
- 7 - 9am Bethlehem Workday – Jerry 615-1690
- 7 - 8:30am Men's Ministry – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 8 - 2p Life Group Leaders Mtg – Rm 19 – Pastor Rich
- 8 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 10 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle–Barbara Chicks 739-2935
- 11 - 1:00pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 14 - 6:00pm Volunteer Bethlehem Banquet –FH–
 Jerry 615 - 1690
- 15 -12 noon Mission Team Mtg – Jim G - 362-0350
- 15 - Tentative Life Group Mtg - Rm 19 - Pastor Rich
- 15 - 12 noon *SPEEDway* Mtg – FH – Jon -248-2078
- 16 - 7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Dan 892-8213
- 16 - **Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed**
- 18- 6pm City Team Rescue Shelter Outreach –
 Jonathan 813-2505
- 23 -*February Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 26 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949



The ASANTE Children's Choir

November 12, 2011



In 1999, four years after the Rwandan genocide that claimed more than one million people, Amon Munyaneza the founder of Asante Children's Choir had an opportunity to return to his home country of Rwanda after more than thirty years in exile. Amon grew up as a refugee child in Uganda after his parents fled Rwanda in the 1950's during the civil war that claimed and displaced thousands of his people. Upon his return to Rwanda, Amon realized that thousands of children in Rwanda were roaming the streets naked, hungry and desperate for care. Having grown up as a refugee child with very little, he quickly identified with the children of Rwanda and with only thirty dollars to his name, he founded an organization that would raise awareness for the desperate plight of the Rwandan children. By 2007, the organization was supporting close to one thousand children in Rwanda and running two fulltime schools for the most disadvantaged children in Butare, the Southern province of Rwanda.

"Asante" is a Swahili word translated "Thank You" in English. The current ASANTE children's choir is made up of 24 children from East Africa, a region recovering from years of civil war and genocide that have claimed millions of lives leaving thousands of children and women as orphans and widows. The choir is dedicated to spreading love, hope and joy while raising awareness for the desperate plight of orphans and other vulnerable children. Their colorful clothing, pounding drums and sweet voices demonstrate their hope and dream for a brighter future. Their inspirational stories of resilience have instilled hope in the hearts of all those who have seen them perform. The children who have been rescued from some of life's most difficult circumstances take pride in expressing gratitude through their music. Their performances are the true testimonies and living "Thank-You" (Asante) notes sang to everyone who has invested in their lives giving them great pride and hope for a brighter future.



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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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 nd	Len Walz
2 nd	Leslie Turley – Japan Missionary
4 th	Micah Robinson
7 th	Jean Rund
10 th	Chuck Chicks
10 th	Diana Dodson Lee
11 th	Emily Ramer
11 th	Justin Slay
12 th	Jesse Hawkins
13 th	Peggy Shalloe
13 th	Grace Robbins
16 th	Lisa Robinson
16 th	Patti Victorson
20 th	Michelle Ramer
20 th	Monica Ott
26 th	Mike Ramer
26 th	Laura Gregg

4 th	Jim & Lois Lovelace
7 th	Yongbom & Diana Dodson Lee
25 th	Gary & Pat White