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**Our Mission:
Why are we here?**

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.
Matthew 28:19, 20

April Birthdays

- 3rd Renee Esquibel
- 4th Jerri Cooper
- 5th Danijela Tomic
- 5th Trudy Kroll
- 5th Matthew Juarez
- 6th Rachael Erling
- 7th Karla Hagan
- 9th Theodore Barife
- 12th Jon-Michael Stephens (Marine Corps)
- 16th Ken Leisten

- 17th Mariah Borgonia
- 18th Sharon Cintas
- 18th Will Gregg
- 23rd Sarah Esquibel
- 23rd Sadiye Yuksel
- 26th Matthew McLenegan
- 26th Judy Sohm
- 26th Robert Webber
- 28th Bev Walz
- 28th Kelsey Hagan

Anniversaries

- 11th Rudy & Michele DuBord
- 20th Jerry & Bonnie Brenner

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

April 2012



ALLELUIA!
He is Risen!

Pastor Jenny Returns!

Pastor Jenny has finally been cleared by her doctor to return to ministry at SCFBC and we are thrilled to have her back! Under the stipulations of her medical release she will be able to work 28 hours a week for the foreseeable future. Most of this time will be invested in leading our Children's Ministry, but she will take on other pastoral duties as needed and appropriate.

Many of you have already experienced "Jenny sightings" for the last few weeks as she has been seen in morning worship, at a First Sunday service and in the Fellowship Hall with the children the last Sunday morning in March. She will officially return April 1st.

Here is what Pastor Jenny has to say about her return:

Coming home....

It is so good to be back home. That's how it feels to be back with my family here at SCFBC. I have missed you all very much, and I am so thrilled to be able to finally come back to the ministry here. My official start date is April 1, and I will be working part time for now. My main focus will be the Children's Ministry. The 6 months I was away on disability were extremely difficult for my family and me. We cannot adequately express our gratitude for the love and kindness you have shown us during this time. Thank you for your prayers, meals, cards, gifts, visits, and help with the children. I feel wonderful now, and its so amazing to finally be able to say that!

I want to give a huge thank you to the Children's Ministry volunteers who stepped up in a big way during my absence. They did wonderful work with the children. Their generosity of time and energy is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank my husband Jon. Jon took over leadership of the Children's Ministry while I was gone. He also took on the full load of family responsibilities while I was at my weakest. Through the entire ordeal Jon was unwavering in his love, patience and encouragement. He kept me going when I wanted to give up. When you see him, please tell Jon thank-you for all his work.

Thank you once more for your love and support throughout what has been the most difficult year of our lives. It feels wonderful to finally be able to say, "I'll see you Sunday!"

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

Once again, let me express our church's deepest thanks to Jenny's husband, Jon, along with Michelle Ramer and Ken Leisten who led our Children's Ministry during her time of disability.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Attend these fundraising Events Encourage & Support our Youth Department



Dining for Dollars

armadillo willy's
BARBECUE & GRIDDLED BURGERS

happening at:
2624 Homestead Road, Santa Clara
408.247.1100

supporting:
Santa Clara First Baptist Church

Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Present this flyer or identify yourself as a
Santa Clara First Baptist Church Supporter
20% of your purchases will be donated
to help support this very special organization.

The 20% donation will be for food and beverage items only, and cannot be used with any other coupon, certificate or online discounts, or for catering, banquets or retail items.

hours:
5pm to 9pm



Upcoming: Look for details
and flyers in the Sunday
bulletin beginning April 8th.

Eat at Chili's and Support the Mexico Mission Trip!
Come to Chili's on Tuesday, April 17th from 4-8pm.
3591 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
Chili's will donate 15% of sales.
Don't forget to bring the flyer and present it when you pay.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

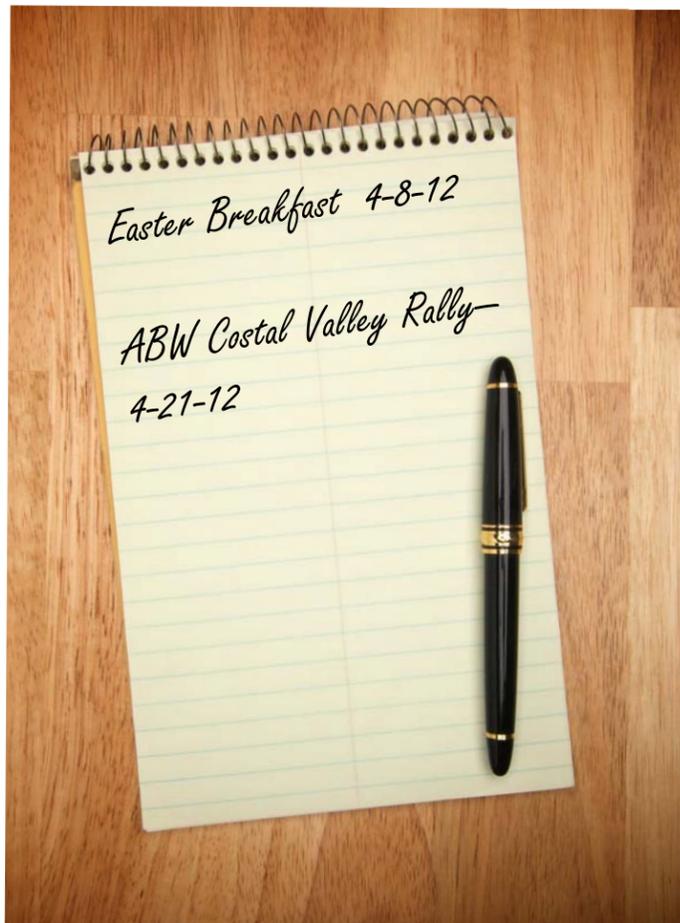
- 4 - 10:00am White Cross – Lobby
- 6 - 10:00am–9:00pm Good Friday “Journey To The Cross”
- 7 - 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Room 19
- 7 - 10:00am-3:00pm - Easter Breakfast Prep
- 8 - 9:00am - **EASTER** breakfast - FH
- 10:30am - **EASTER Worship**
- 10 -1:00pm - Bethell Circle - Ellen’s home
- 11 -12:30pm - Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 12 - 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry–Room 19
- 14 - 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast – FH
- 14 - 11:00am - Gordon Beatty Memorial & Lunch
- 15 - 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Mtg – Library
- 16 - 7:00pm - Finance Mtg – Library
- 18 - 6:00pm - CityTeam Outreach
- 21 - 8:30am–4:00pm ABW Coastal Valley Rally
- 23 - *May Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 26 -11:30am -SR/BD Lunch Bunch @Country Inn on Saratoga—RSVP Betty at 244-5949
- 27-28 - Planet Wisdom Youth Conference
- 28 - Beautiful Day at Pomeroy School

MAY

- 2 - 10:00am White Cross – Lobby
- 3 - **National Day of Prayer**
- 5 - 8:30am - May Diaconate Meeting - Library
- 5- 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19
- 6 - 12:00noon Life Group Leaders Meeting - Library
- 6 - 6:00pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 -1:00pm Bethell Circle @ Jean Rund’s home
- 9 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
- 10 - 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19
- 12 - 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast - FH
- 13 - 12:15pm Mission/Schools Meeting - Library
- 13 - **Happy Mother’s Day Service**
- 16-17 -10:00am-6:00pm Rummage Sale setup - FH
- 16 - 6:00pm CityTeam Outreach
- 18-19 - 8:30am Rummage Sale
- 19 - 2:00pm - Student Piano Benefit Concert
- 20 - 12 noon - Quarterly Business Meeting- FH
- 21 - 7:00pm - Finance Comm Meeting - Library
- 21 - *June Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 24 - 11:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch
- 25 - 10:00am - ABW Coastal Valley Mtg
- 28 - **Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed**

JUNE

- Mission Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing**
- 2 - 8:30am - June Diaconate Meeting - Library
- 2 - Annual Redwood Glen Work Day
- 2- 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19
- 3- 12 noon - Life Group Leaders Meeting - Library
- 3 - 6:00pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 6 - 10:00am - White Cross - Lobby
- 7 - 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19
- 8-10 - ABW Conference @ Redwood Christian Park
- 9 - 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast - FH
- 10 - 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Meeting - Library
- 13 - 11:00am - ABW Annual Mtg Picnic Potluck – Gloria Conner’s home
- 15-23 - Youth Mexico Mission Trip
- 17 - **Happy Father’s Day Service**
- 18 -7:00pm - Finance Comm Meeting - Library
- 20 - 6:00pm - CityTeam Outreach
- 25 - *July Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 28 - 11:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch
- 30 - 8:30am - July Diaconate Meeting - Library



Fan or Follower?

When I was younger, I admired Princess Diana. Actually, I more than admired her—I read articles about her, followed news stories, and stayed up all night to watch the royal wedding. I probably knew more about Princess Diana than many Brits. I felt like I was her close friend. But I’ve come to accept that she didn’t have any idea I existed. The truth is, I didn’t really know Princess Diana—I knew about her.



Many people are fans—often big fans—of someone. In his book *Not a Fan*, Kyle Idleman explains that fans learn everything they can about the person they admire. Fans know all about the person’s professional life and even personal life. Fans feel like they are intimately acquainted with that person. But if they encountered their hero face-to-face, it would be obvious that fans don’t really know that celebrity—they only know about them.

Fans tend to confuse their knowledge with intimacy, says Idleman. And many, many people who call themselves Christians do this with Jesus. They might huge admirers of Jesus. They may have scripture memorized about Him, and belt out hymns of worship every Sunday, but do they really know Him? One of the most troubling passages in the New Testament is found in Matthew 7:21-23—

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

Ouch! The implications of this verse are startling and demand serious soul searching. Idleman goes on to outline the importance of moving beyond belief in Jesus, and becoming genuine followers. He points out that almost everyone knows John 3:16, about believing in Jesus, but many Christians ignore Luke 9:23, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” There is no believing in Jesus without following Him.

Don’t assume that you’re a follower of Jesus

It is dangerous to assume that we are followers. The people Jesus mentions in the Matthew passage are shocked that Jesus doesn’t know them. The time has come to move from being avid fans in the grandstands to becoming committed followers out on the field with Jesus. He really doesn’t want us to know more *about* Him as much as He wants us to get to know Him for real—personally, warmly, thoroughly.

Start today, right now by turning off the computer, the TV, the music, the phone. Put down the book or *The Celebrate!* Even put down the Bible and present yourself to God in humble silence. Tell Him that you don’t want to be just a fan—you want to be close to Him—as a real son or daughter, not just as an admirer. Then sit quietly. It may not feel comfortable because we are so used to being in control, but this is a first step in denying ourselves in order to follow Him. And He desperately and eagerly waits for you!

Jenny Gregg
Deacon of Maturity

Book Nook and Library Corner

New addition to the Library

Movies in the collection:

Courageous 2011 (DVD) This is the fourth movie made by the Sherwood Church in Georgia who also made *Fire Proof*, *Fly Wheel* and *Facing the Giants*. Each movie just gets better. *Courageous* addresses the important need for Christian fathers to step up and lead their families and gives practical examples of how fathers can do this through community, accountability and forgiveness. This is a must view movie.

Freedom Song 2000 (DVD) Danny Glover stars in this 1960's based movie concerning the Civil Rights Movement era in Quinlan, Mississippi. The tale is based on first hand accounts of veteran activists who stood (or sat) on the frontlines of history and responded with passion to the challenge of "If not me, who? If not now, when?" We need to remember these things and be thankful for the people who stood up for the rights of all Americans.

Returning library materials: Thank you for returning books in a timely manner to the red box in the Book Nook located in the Sanctuary's Lobby. Many materials that have been borrowed for awhile are returning to the shelves and we are being able to complete the bar code processing of the materials.

Thank You for your book and DVD contributions. We are able to take them to Book Buyers and Book Traders generating trade funds to buy additional or updated materials for the SCFBC Library. Because of your generous contributions, materials are continually being processed in! Come join the Library committee on Thursdays at 10:00am as we sort, process and upgrade the materials in the Library.

Happy reading and viewing

The Library Committee

Library Purpose statement: *"The purpose of the Santa Clara First Baptist Church Library is to glorify God by providing resources in a variety of formats that uphold the mission of the church, strengthen and promote the spiritual growth and maturity of our congregation and leaders, and be a resource to the surrounding community."*

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In March, we continued our series discussing questions about our faith. We learned how God is alive in us and how he uses us for his glory. We then started to talk about living in our world, and how we can be examples in our home and at school. At the end of March, we are participating in the 30 Hour Famine, raising funds to fight world hunger. We would also like to thank the **Padgett/Clampitt, Lasher, Cintas, and Ramer** families for providing dinner for the past few weeks. It is awesome to fellowship over a meal with each other!

The Element Jr. High Group

In March, we finished up our series on "Our God is Greater" and had some special lessons on sharing our testimony and what the Bible says about helping the poor. It was great to have the kids come up to the microphone and share their testimony with the group.



We also participated in a Mall Hunt at Valley Fair Mall and hunted through the mall for leaders **Les, Tim, and Fion**. It was tricky because they had good disguises and the ColdStone ice cream at the end was delicious.

We started a new lesson series called "Rel8" where we will dig in about what it means to have a solid continuing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Committed

Committed continues a series challenging us to go deeper in our faith with Jesus through quiet time and devotion. Both High School and Jr High meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the Youth Room with Kimberly Barnett.

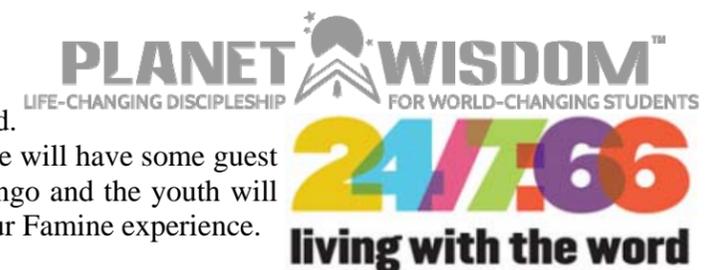
YOUTH SUNDAY COMING UP

We will be running the 10:30am service on April 22nd. The emphasis for the day will be missions and poverty. We will have some guest missionaries sharing a little about what they do in the Congo and the youth will be doing the music, dramas, and sharing about their 30 Hour Famine experience.

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



Ice Cream after Mall Hunt



Laughing, Learning, Worship, and Solid Biblical Teaching

A weekend of great speakers, comedy, and music. Sessions to learn to articulate the evidence for the credibility of Scripture, understand the basic structure of the Bible, and use three approaches to studying the Bible on your own.

April 27-28th in Brentwood [7th Grade-High School]
9 Spots Left, (\$40+4 meals) sign your child up today. Jerry 408-390-4696

Upcoming EVENTS

March 30-31st - 30 Hour Famine
April 8th 10:30am - Easter Service
April 22nd 10:30am - Youth Sunday
April 27-28th - Planet Wisdom in Brentwood

More events at scfbc.org/element & scfbc.org/reflect

Rummage Sale

Friday, May 18th, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, May 19th, 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Spring Rummage Sale will benefit the Youth Mexico Mission Team, help purchase at least one new round table (about \$600.00/table) for our church gatherings, and the Women's (ABW) Mission Projects.

We accept clean, usable items (no regular clothing please, but good, clean coats and shoes are okay) to benefit these special ministries. Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations, also. Tax receipts are given when requested.

Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall after the morning service on Sunday, May 13th. Since the Fellowship Hall is being used during the week for other functions, we ask that, if possible, you not bring furniture or other large items until our setup/collection days on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale, May 16th and 17th, from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Many volunteers will be needed to help set sale items on tables, during the sale and packing up leftovers for the Salvation Army. Please contact Maxine at 408-241-7567 if you have questions or if you can help with this special benefit!

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

American Baptist Women's Ministries and SCFBC have been a part of the Save Mart/Lucky's S.H.A.R.E.S. program for the past three years. During that time, from March 2009 through September 2011, we have spent as a whole \$80,874 using our S.H.A.R.E.S. cards. In return, we have been rewarded with a cash return of \$2,391.05.

ABW Ministries has used this money for many worthwhile causes. Those helped by our gifts include some of our missionaries, the Bethlehem storage facility, the after school program, Operation Christmas Child, InnVision, and our Special Project this year "Surgical Care for Stigmatized Women in Democratic Republic of Congo." This current quarter, April through June, the funds will go to House of Grace.

Over the last five years, Save Mart/Lucky's have financially supported over 6,700 different groups and organizations. This year they have pledged to give back \$4.5 million to these community groups. We have been so fortunate and blessed to be one of those groups.

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

Missionary Speaker

On Saturday, April 21st American Baptist Women of the Coastal Valleys will hold their Spring meeting at SCFBC. All women are invited to come and hear Glen Chapman, one of the missionaries our church supports, speak about his his wife Rita's work in The Democratic Republic of the Congo. The meeting starts at 10:00am with registration and coffee at 9:30am. The meeting will be in the SCFBC Sanctuary with lunch in the Fellowship Hall at noon. The cost for lunch is \$10.00. To make a reservation, or learn more, call Ellen Imhof at 408-730-1150.



This is the powered parachute Glen used for transportation in Africa.

Missions

America For Christ Offering

Many people are blessed by the work of this amazing ministry! We received \$1,335 of our intended goal of \$2,200 for the month of April. Thank you for your contributions for this important offering. For more details about this organization and what it does, contact Jim Garvey, Missions Deacon at 408-250-4040.

Missions to Schools

Another Beautiful Day is coming up this year in Santa Clara. This year it's the Pomeroy school, the event is usually normally on April 28th. interested volunteers should sign up with Shannon McMaken at 408-648-5664, shannon.mcmaken@gmail.com or Jim Garvey at 408-250-4040, garveyjim@sbcglobal.com. If we get enough volunteers, we might get another painting project like last year. A good warm up for Redwood Glen workday on June 2nd.

Property Corner

Many thanks to all the brave volunteers that came out and braved the inclement weather to make the first All Church Work Day of 2012 a success.

I'm not going to try and list names of people who worked because I will leave out someone and that would not be very nice.

Here is some of the tasks that were accomplished on Saturday, March 25th:

- Several light bulbs and ballasts were replaced.
- Sheetrock was hung on the ceiling in Room 29.
- Metal frame was set up on the sanctuary parking lot and the Easter banners were attached.
- The kitchen was cleaned.
- Graffiti was painted over.
- Furnace filters were changed.
- The roof was swept and drain spouts were cleaned.
- Window stops were replaced where needed on the CE Wing.
- Exterior electric outlet covers were replaced.
- A new door sweep was place on Room 25.
- The threshold was lowered on Room 19, allowing it to close properly.
- Two birch trees on the west side of Sanctuary were trimmed.

There is much more needed to be done for our Building/ Grounds Maintenance.

There are two projects that would be wonderful to achieve this year. The first will not cost as much as the second.

1. The upper wooded exterior section of the church needs sanded, repaired, caulked, primed and painted.
2. All the windows on the CE Wing need to be replaced with energy-efficient dual pane windows. There have been major security issues throughout the years, which have only been getting worse. In addition to that, the windows are so poorly insulated that air flows around the edges, wasting electricity and unnecessarily increasing our church's utility expenses.

Replacing all those windows is going to involve a big upfront expense. I would ask you to join me in praying for the funds needed to complete this important project.

Here to serve,
Larry Van Groningen
Deacon of Property