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Our Mission: Why are we here?

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

May Birthdays

- 1st Katrina DuBord Garcia
- 2nd Elianna Lageschulte
- 4th Shari Burdick
- 5th Jasmine Jackson Salvador
- 6th Tiah Esquibel
- 7th Mike Smith
- 8th Joel Robinson
- 8th Aaron Wong
- 10th April Starnes
- 10th Kathy Vazquez
- 11th Rudy DuBord III
- 12th Doonu Barife
- 12th Bob Smithson
- 12th Troy Murray

- 20th Dave Wilson, Jr.
- 22nd Larry Trigg
- 22nd Jerry Brenner
- 23rd Virginia Newcomb
- 26th Denise Stephens
- 26th Timothy Coral
- 27th Margery Torres
- 31st Bill Starnes

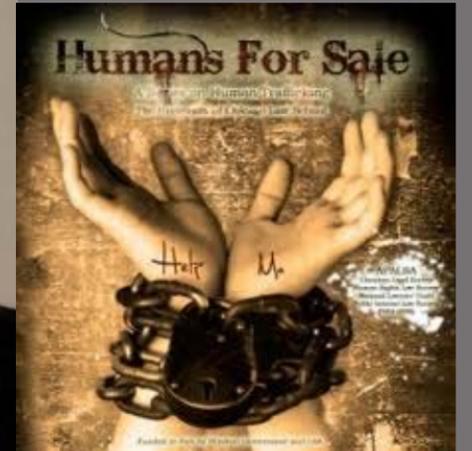
Anniversaries

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

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

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Human Trafficking is Global Slavery

Human Trafficking Online:
The Role of Social Networking Sites and Online Classifieds



Modern Day Slavery

By Jonathan Fung

Human trafficking is not a plague confined to third world countries - it exists in every state and in nearly every city in the United States, including your own backyard. Join X-Factor for the First Sunday Service on May 6th at 6 pm as they share about the lives of human trafficking victims, survivors and the traffickers themselves, based on the group's recent study of "In Our Backyard: A Christian Perspective on Human Trafficking in the United States" by Nita Belles. We invite you to join in this time of worship and reflection on our responsibility as Christians on the front lines of modern-day slavery.

It is appalling to discover how easy it is to dismiss acts of social injustice that occur globally and even in our own backyard. We live in a world that often turns a blind eye to adversity and seem to be complacent when personally unaffected. Psychic numbing, according to Nicholas D. Kristof of the New York Times, refers to a deprivation of compassion, a deadening of feelings that occurs when one is confronted with appalling images, facts, or statistics that overwhelm the mind. It takes a concentrated effort to stay up on global happenings, let alone what is going on in our own neighborhood. Author and Professor Walter Brueggemann states, "Clearly, human transformative activity depends upon a transformed imagination. Numbness does not hurt like torture, but in a quite parallel way, numbness robs us of our capability for humanity."

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor, which can include various forms of involuntary servitude such as work in quarries, sweatshops and farms, and enslavement of child soldiers. Researchers say 80 percent of human trafficking victims are female and half are children. The federal government says it is second only to the drug trade as an international criminal industry.

The most often cited numbers come from the U.S. State Department, which estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 people are trafficked for forced labor and sex worldwide each year -- and that 80 percent are women and girls. Most trafficked females, the department says, are exploited in commercial sex outlets. Relying on research from the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department estimates there are 14,500 to 17,500 human trafficking victims brought into the United States each year -- but does not quantify how many of those are sex victims.

"It makes me sick to my stomach," said Jonathan Fung. "It's appalling that girls and boys are being forced to have sex, and they are being raped repeatedly, over and over."

California is a top destination for human traffickers who coerce people into the sex trade or hard labor through force or fraud. The report by a 19-member task force of the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery says California is particularly vulnerable to human trafficking because of its international border, ports and airports; its booming immigrant population; and a large economy that includes industries that attract forced labor.

Today the sex trade is thriving, both globally and here in the US. In fact San Francisco is host to 43 percent of all trafficked women entering California. The Tenderloin District has been a host to the sex slave industry and contributing to this growing issue. San Francisco's liberal attitude toward sex, the city's history of arresting prostitutes instead of pimps, and its large immigrant population have made it one of the top American cities for international sex traffickers to do business undetected, according to Donna Hughes, a national expert on sex trafficking at the University of Rhode Island.

Women trafficked for the sex industry are predominantly from Southeast Asia, the former Soviet Union and South America -- lured to the United States by promises of lucrative jobs as models or hostesses, only to be sold to brothels, strip clubs and outcall services and extorted into working off thousands of dollars in surprise travel debts to their new owners.

Because of the human trafficking phenomena, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) made human trafficking a Federal crime. It was enacted to prevent human trafficking overseas, to protect victims and help them rebuild their lives in the United States and to prosecute traffickers of humans under Federal penalties. Prior to 2000, no comprehensive Federal law existed to protect victims of trafficking or to prosecute their traffickers.

To raise public awareness about this problem, On June 22, 2007, the U.S. Senate approved a resolution to establish, declaring every January 11th in California as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 2 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 3 – **National Day of Prayer**
- 5 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg – Lib – Barbara C. 739-2935
- 5- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-2242
- 6 – Benefit Bake Sale
- 6- 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service - X Factor
- 8 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle – Jean Rund's home
- 9 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
- 10 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry –Rm 19 –Rhonda 246-2242
- 11 – 3-9pm Card Making Event – FH– Jerri 984-0908
- 12 - 8:30 Men's Breakfast – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 12 – Youth Mountain Thrash – Jerry C. 615-1690
- 13 – **Happy Mother's Day**
- 13–12:15pm Mission/Schools Mtg – Lib - Jim G.
- 16-17 -10 Rummage Sale setup – FH – Maxine 241-7567
- 16 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 18 – 10am Mexico Mission Trng –Lib -Andrew 278-1996
- 18-19 – 8:30am Rummage Sale – FH – Maxine 241-7567
- 19 – 10am Manna Prep for QFG meal
- 19 – 12pm–5:30pm Student Piano Benefit Concert – Daena
- 20 – 12pm Quarterly Business Mtg –FH –Barbara 739-2935
- 21 – *June Celebrate articles due to Dave by noon*
- 21 - 7pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Dan 892-8213
- 24 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch –Betty 244-5949
- 25 – 10am ABW Coastal Valley Bd. Mtg – Parlor – Ellen
- 25 – Scott Lane Carnival – set-up and event – Kim
- 27 - 2nd Trimester Life Groups Begins
- 28 - **Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed**

Up Coming Events

JUNE

- Mission Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing**
- 2 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg – Lib – Barbara 739-2935
- 2 – Annual Redwood Glen Work Day – Jim G.
- 2- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-2242
- 3 – Children's Sunday Service
- 3 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 5 – Primary Election Day
- 6 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 7 – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19– Rhonda 246-2242
- 8-10–ABW Conference–Redwood Christian Park–Ellen
- 9 – 6:30pm Mexico Mission Trng–Lib–Andrew 278-1996
- 9 - 8:30am Men's Breakfast – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848
- 9 – Dave Bennett Financial Workshops– Parlor
- 10 – Dave Bennett Preaching AM Service
- 10 – 12pm All Church Picnic on site
- 10 – 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Mtg. – Lib – Jim G.
- 13– 11am ABW Annual Mtg Picnic Potluck – Gloria's home
- 15-23 – Youth Mexico Mission Trip – Andrew 278-1996
- 17 – **Happy Father's Day Service**
- 18 -7pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Dan 892-8213
- 20 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 25 – *July Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 28 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 30 - 8:30am July Diaconate – Lib – Barbara 739-2935

JULY

- Mission Emphasis: Scott Ln School supply Drive**
- 1 - 6:00pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4 – **Independence Day Holiday – Office closed**
- 7 - 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
- 10 – 1pm – Bethell Circle
- 11 - 10:00am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 11 –12:00pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck – Doris A's home
- 14 – 830am Men's Ministry – Kit – Adam
- 14 – 9:30am All Church Work Day – Larry 984-1233
- 15 - 12noon - Mission/Schools Mtg. – Lib – Jim G
- 16 - 7pm Finance Comm Mtg – Library
- 18 - 6:00pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 23 – *August Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 26 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949
- 27-29 - Jr. High Summer Retreat – Jerry C 615-1690



A Special Invitation

Cut-n-Paste Life Group cordially invites you and your family and friends to a **Card Making Party** to make encouraging Thank you, Thinking of You, Welcome Home and Christmas cards for Kards4Soldiers on Friday, **May 11th from 3:00pm to 9:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. "Kards 4 Soldiers" is a not-for-profit organization that makes and sends "Kards" to military personnel serving overseas. In the past two years over 55,000 Kards have been made and sent. The request now is for 550,000 Kards per year.

If you like to make cards, scrapbook, or just do crafts, come and join us. No experience is necessary. Drop in for an hour or two, or stay the whole time. Bring personal scissors, cutters, craft glue, and any other supplies you might have on hand. There will be other cut-n-paste materials to share. Bring your favorite finger food to share as well to help us stay energized during the day. Coffee, punch and water will be provided. If you want to prepare ahead of time, print an insert note on your computer (to be signed by hand) to glue inside your cards, or come with ideas of something to write inside. We may have some samples available for you to use. Supervised children are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

As part of the fun, we will have a craft SWAP table for those good craft items taking up space in your closet that you haven't had time to use for a while. Dust them off and bring them with you; in return maybe you will find the craft item you have been looking for. Items not taken will be donated to various non-profit organizations. See the website <http://kards4soldiers.wordpress.com> for more information about the organization; representatives of the group will be present on May 11th. Bless you for considering joining this worthwhile service project!

If you have questions, please call Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 or email her at jerri123@aol.com.



Friday, May 18th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19th, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Rummage Sale to benefit the Youth Mexico Mission Team and the Women's Mission Projects (ABW) is almost here! Also, if we get lots of donations and raise enough funds, we hope to be able to add to the fund for at least one new round table for our church dinners in the fellowship hall. Hopefully you have already started to gather CLEAN usable items (no regular clothing please, but good, clean shoes, coats and jackets are okay). You may start bringing things to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 13, before or after morning worship or on our set up days, Wednesday, May 16 or Thursday, May 17 between 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Be sure to ask your friends and neighbors for donations also, and let them know tax receipts are available. Lots of volunteers will be needed for the set up days on Wednesday and Thursday plus the days of the sale. Please save these days on your calendar and let me know when you can help. Lunch is included plus you get early shopping privileges! Contact Maxine Darknell at 241-7567 for more information and to let her know if you can help!

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT August 11-12, 2011 | willowcreek.com/summit

Pastor Rich has said it many times--if you influence anyone else, you are a leader! Since that includes all of us, SCFBC provides the wonderful opportunity to attend the annual Willow Creek Association Leadership Summit each August. This year will not disappoint you! Presenters this year will include Jim Collins, Condoleezza Rice, Geoffrey Canada, John Ortberg, Patrick Lencioni, Pranitha Timothy and six others. Whether or not you've heard of these people, they have great stories to tell, truths to share, and encouragement to give to help you become the leader God intends you to be.

Although this two-day event is held in South Barrington, Illinois, it also has over 200 satellite locations, one of which is at Church on the Hill in San Jose where our group will attend. Because SCFBC is a member of the Willow Creek Association, the cost is only \$149 if you register before May 20th. After that time, the registration fee will increase to \$159. There are reduced rates for students/faculty and active military personnel. To register, see Susi Reaves at the Information Table in the Lobby after worship any Sunday or contact her at angelchild2053@aol.com or by calling 408-375-7294.

For more information, you can access the Summit's website at www.willowcreek.com/summit. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow more in your faith in Christ and your ability to become a stronger leader for His Kingdom!

Missions Update

First, thanks for all your donations to the American Baptist Home Missions' "America for Christ" offering. This year we bettered our 2011 offering by about 50%. Upcoming missions-related activities include:

- 4/28-4/29 Beautiful Day projects at Pomeroy Elementary (see me or go to their website to volunteer)
- 5/25 Scott Lane Elementary Spring Carnival (see Kimberly Barnett or me to volunteer to help)
- 6/2 Redwood Glen Work Day (see me for more info and to volunteer)

Part of the Life Group experience is to perform an outreach/mission project every trimester. As one of the LG leaders, I'm aware that many of the LG's have yet to accomplish that task this first trimester. Consider closing out the trimester at Beautiful Day Pomeroy or volunteering at Sacred Heart or CityTeam. Every Sunday bulletin has contact info for Sacred Heart and CityTeam.

An especially hearty appreciation for the efforts of our SOAR volunteers at Scott Lane. They have been plugging along throughout the school year, assisting young children who have difficulty reading. Your great, selfless effort deserves recognition from your peers – although your Heavenly Father's recognition is, of course, more significant.

Jim Garvey
Deacon of Missions
garveyjim@sbcglobal.net or 250-4040

Important Notice

The Quarterly Family Gathering (business meeting) of Santa Clara First Baptist Church will be held on May 20th in the Fellowship Hall immediately following morning worship. Manna will be preparing lunch, so come enjoy a good meal and Christian fellowship around the tables, and learn what is happening in and through SCFBC.



In Kids' Worship, our lesson theme is **Run the Race!** The kids have been studying 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, about how our relationship with Jesus is like a race. So far we've learned what it means to **Run to Win, Train to Win, Run the Right Path, Never Give Up, Win the Prize and Share the Prize.** To cap off the series we're going to have our very own "Run the Race Track Meet." This will also be our theme for **Children's Sunday on June 3rd.** Mark your calendars and get your cameras ready, because the kids will be leading us in worship once again with music, dance, videos, musical solos and testimonies.



Ali, Josie, Ayla and Naomi enjoy yummy snacks.



Cindy, Elisa and Rachel make gift boxes filled with candy to give to a friend.



Our **Nursery and Preschool/Pre-K Classes** are the most adorable groups you'll run into on a Sunday morning. Not only do our youngest members have a wonderful time playing with friends, eating snacks and getting hugs—they also learn about God's love. These age-group classes are vital to the foundation of a child's faith. These little ones are growing up with the knowledge that Jesus loves them! If you want to be a part of shaping a child's life, and get some hugs in the process, then please let me know! Open arms and loving hearts are always needed in our Nursery and Preschool/Pre-K classes.



Sunday Morning Ball Wars!

Blessings,
Pastor Jennifer Hammar
jennifer@scfbc.org
(408) 248-2078



Wheeeeeee!



Our own Nursery Princess.



Aaron says "cheese!"



No job is too tough for Micah!

Book Nook and Library Corner

Currently in the Book Nook you will find interesting books concerning prayer so you can do additional reading in parallel with Pastor Rich's study of Our Lord's Prayer. You will find interesting books covering the subject to augment his sermons.

The library committee is in the process of upgrading the system to classify and label books with bar codes for several months. You can look at the Library section on the website (scfbc.org) to look at the list of books and movies currently in our library to see if they are available and to reserve them. Excuse our dust we are still upgrading - in the mean time you can still check out books by writing your name and title of the material you checked out in the notebook either in the library and/or the Book Nook. Thank you to Jenny Gregg for bringing this system to upgrade the library and thank you to others who have worked many MANY hours of inputting book titles and authors into the computer. With this and with their vigilant eye for new books, the books and movies stay fresh.

WOW, the library has been blessed with about 15 boxes (about a thousand) books from an estate, we need HELP in moving, sorting, and processing them for the library, and for other distribution. If you are lead and interested in helping with this project in some way, please call Jerri Cooper at 408-984-0908. We would appreciate your help. Thank you for giving this prayerful consideration.

Thank You for your books and DVD's contributions that we are able to take to Book Buyers and Book Traders which generates trade funds to buy additional or updated materials for the SCFBC Library. Because of your generous contributions, materials are continually being processed in! You are welcome to come join us in the Library on Thursdays at 10am as we sort, shelf, process and upgrade the materials in the Library.

Please enjoy the materials from the library - happy reading and viewing from the Library Committee.

Renovation Update

We are still working on odds and ends on the Sanctuary Renovation project. We still do not have our building permit finalized from the city because of some confusion over firewalls and occupancy classifications in the office area.

A little background on the problem. With the age of our building and the fact that our original building plans did not have detailed information on occupancy classifications for the different rooms in the building, our architect and city plan checkers had to spend a lot of energy on re-classifying the rooms so that modern building code could be applied to each area of the sanctuary building. After a lot of energy was put into this project a year ago, it was determined that to bring the sanctuary building up to current code standards, that a 2-hour firewall was needed around Pastor Rich and Jenny's offices. It was a strange solution but one that the city agreed to in order to continue the renovation.

In January we found that without that firewall the city was not going to sign off on this project. So in February and March we performed a lot of work in the back offices to bring that area up to code. Half way through that project the inspector was not satisfied that the work being done was going to address the city's concerns on having fire barriers between certain offices. After many meetings at the city it was determined that the additional work was unnecessary.

We are now in the process of reversing the work that was done in the office, touching up paint, and having our plans updated to show the offices as they are. Sorry Pastor Rich and Pastor Jenny, in case of fire you only have 1 hour to get out of your offices instead of 2 hours.

We are hoping to have this project signed off in the next month or two as the inspector will come in and check all the work that has been done on the building.

Jerry Cintas