

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

June 2012

Summer SPECTACULAR

Sundays, 9am-12pm
June - August
Preschool - Grade 5



*Summer Olympics come
to Santa Clara!*

Kids will learn about the apostle Paul's "Incredible Journey" while playing Olympic-themed games, making sport-themed crafts, and eating kid-approved snacks!

Aquatics



June's Lesson Theme: Saul's Incredible Change

- *slip and slide*
- *bubble fun*
- *water balloon launching*
- *sprinklers*

Team Sports



July's Lesson Theme: Paul's Incredible Mission

- *Basketball*
- *Soccer*
- *Kickball*
- *Ultimate Frisbee*
- *Toilet Hockey*

Individual Events



August's Lesson Theme: Paul's Incredible Faith

- *Gymnastics*
- *Decathlon*
- *Obstacle Course*
- *Equestrian Events*



Children's Sunday is June 3rd!

On June 3rd, the children will be leading our worship service. The theme this year is "Run the Race!" and the kids have been working hard to prepare their music, dance, testimonies and videos. So invite your friends and family to come support the children, and don't forget your cameras!

Join the Team!

Volunteers make the *SPEEDway* world go 'round! Since much of the Children's Ministry activities occur during the worship hour, most of our volunteers work on a rotating basis. This means we need lots of loving hearts to get involved. Please check out the volunteer needs and let Pastor Jenny know if you see something that catches your heart.

Registration Team: Help with check-in and check-out to ensure the safety of the kids.

Nursery: Help build foundations of faith for our littlest members.

Preschool: We're looking for a volunteer to help Miss Kari teach our adorable Preschoolers about Jesus.

If you want to join the team contact Pastor Jenny at (408) 241-7635 or jennifer@scfbc.org.



Learning the "Glow Stick Dance" for Children's Sunday



Josie, Elianna and Ayla are "Crafty"



Look at that tower!



Dakota and Samuel



Sadiye and Athena eating healthy



Julia and Grace

Missions

Redwood Glen Workday, an annual event in the beautiful redwood forest, is June 2nd. Expect a full day of working with fellow supporters of Redwood Glen, the Bay Area Christian camp and conference center at 100 Wright Drive Loma Mar, CA 94021 (650-879-0320). Projects planned include:

- Rebuilding the ball field gazebo
- Building a carport at one of the homes
- Replacing benches at our “Sanctuary” area at Indian Point
- Building benches for our new David Soto Memorial area
- Raking a 100-foot defensible space around all of our buildings (annual project)
- Raking and preparing the area where we will be placing a cross
- Preparing and trying out new recreational resources
- Painting parking lines
- Painting propane tanks
- Prepping and painting cement walls at Siden and Poolside
- Cleaning and preparing the archery range
- Wood cutting and splitting
- Cleaning up the storage container area
- Cleaning and organizing the tractor shed and surrounding area
- Build a guest resting area
- Prepare new recreation area (including possible stump grinding)

The day starts with breakfast at 8 am, includes lunch, and ends at 5 pm. There’s plenty of work for any skill level, age, or gender. It’s about an hour from SCFBC and we’ll plan on carpooling, leaving SCFBC about 6:30 to 6:45. Contact Jim Garvey to volunteer or for more information.

We are also collecting donations for **One Great Hour of Sharing** in June – the annual giving to International Missions. In past years, we’ve given largely for earthquake relief to Haiti, earthquake/tsunami/nuclear disaster relief to Japan, and similar natural disasters. This year (so far), we’ve been spared from large natural disasters. We’ve selected two of the International Mission projects to focus our giving – Pigs for Kids (enabling grass roots recovery to a subsistence level in Haiti) and STEP – Chiang Rai (giving Akha children in northern Thailand the wherewithal to continue in school rather than being sold into sex slavery in southern Thailand). Both of these projects are run by in-country Baptist missionaries and both tug at my heart. Hopefully, you feel the same.

Please pray for Andrew and Mary Wong as they lead a **Mexico VBS** group June 15th-23rd to Ensenada. You may remember that the church they’ve worked with for years, Rayo de Luz, lost their two pastors in an auto accident in November 2011. The Wongs are not sure what church they’ll be working with, but will probably check in with the widows and remaining church members at Rayo de Luz. Pray for their trip and their success at spreading the word of God. Pray also that, if/when they meet up with the widows or remaining church members, they can bring comfort and see what support is necessary and possible in their situation.

Jim Garvey, Deacon of Missions
(garveyjim@sbcglobal.net, 408-250-4040)



So far 20 people from SCFBC have registered for this year's Global Leadership Summit at Church on the Hill in San Jose, and it's not too late for you to register, too!

The cost is only \$159 for this amazing two-day event featuring presenters including Jim Collins, Condoleezza Rice, Geoffrey Canada, John Ortberg, Patrick Lencioni, Pranitha Timothy, plus six other business and church leaders. There are reduced rates for students/faculty and active military personnel. Registrations will continue through July 10th. Contact Susi Reaves 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!

Spring Rummage Sale Results

As always, our Rummage Sale was a great success thanks to all who participated. Thank you to those who brought donations and especially to our Impact Life Group who helped set up tables and unpack 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. And a special thanks to those who helped with the closing. It is always a big job to pack up remaining items for the Salvation Army to pick up, put away the tables, vacuum, and get the Fellowship Hall in order for Sunday. The final chore was putting up and taking down the 40 signs that directed interested shoppers to the sale.

Having a Rummage Sale not only benefits the groups listed below, but it is also a chance to reach out to those who stop by. We display and pass out our church brochure and if given an opportunity, we personally invite people to visit us on Sunday if they don't have a "home" church. As in times past, we had at least one person visit this past Sunday and we still have people who come on a pretty regular basis who learned about our church from seeing the signs and coming to "shop" at a previous sale.

Our total proceeds were \$3,200. These funds will be distributed in the following ways:

- The Youth Mexico Mission Trip will receive \$1825.
- Four new eight-foot tables (to replace the heavy and old brown tables that were sold at the sale), will be purchased for \$605.
- Two special donations of three large items to benefit our Bethlehem remodel were sold for \$450.
- American Baptist Women's Mission Projects will receive \$320.

Thanks again to all who helped!
Maxine Darknell

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In May, we began a new series based on the subject of LOVE. Andrew kicked off the series by discussing how we can love one another by listening without interrupting. Alexandra then continued by talking about how we can listen and then respond without accusation. Reflect members also went on our annual Mountain Thrash, where we did our usual hike from the ranger station at Big Basin park headquarters to Berry Creek Falls, and then down to Waddell Beach. Unlike years past however, we could not secure a spot at Twin Lakes Beach, so instead we went and got ice cream at Marianne's, then had our weenie roast and s'mores at Casa de Cintas.



The Element Jr. High Group

In Element, we are continuing our study on having a relationship with Jesus Christ. It includes a short lesson, small group time, and prayer time. Les, Jerry, and Danijela have been leading the study. The kids always enjoy the active games we play before group and the worship time led by Les and the youth. We look forward to meeting off site during the summer at people's houses.



Planet Wisdom

In the end of May, we took 9 students and 3 leaders to the Planet Wisdom conference in Brentwood. The speakers were great and shared about how the Bible is laid out and techniques for reading and studying it. The band, Dutton, was awesome and the Skit Guys comedy team made us all laugh.



2012 Mexico Outreach

For the 7th year, members of our High School Group will travel down to Ensenada, Mexico for a week to minister to young children by hosting a VBS completely in Spanish. **Ciena Bringuel, Camille Cintas, Carmen Cintas, Laura Gregg, Kelsey Hagan, Matt Juarez, Hannah Lageschulte, and Emily Ramer** will represent our youth, and together with our leaders, will leave on Friday, June 15th and return Friday, June 22nd. As usual, we covet your prayers leading up to and through this trip.



Graduations

June 10th is graduation Sunday and the graduating 5th graders will move into the Jr. High program meeting on Thursday nights starting June 14th, and the graduating 8th graders will move up to the High School group on Wednesday nights starting June 13th.

Upcoming EVENTS

- May 30th - Reflect Study Night
- June 6th - Reflect Pool Party
- June 7th - Element Pool Party
- June 9th - Mexico Outreach Meeting #4
- June 10th - Graduation Sunday
- June 15th - 22nd - Mexico Outreach

Events at scfbc.org/element & scfbc.org/reflect

Youth Staff -

*Danijela, Mary,
Andrew, Alexandra,
Fion, Kimberly,
Jerry, Les*



Book Nook Library Corner

Thank you! Last month, it was reported that the library was blessed with a huge donation of books and records from an estate - turns out it was 18 boxes of books and 4 boxes of vinyl records. Thank you to Adam Burdick and Ken Harrell for moving them from the storage unit to the church. The library committee sorted through them, used a couple of boxes for the library, saved some for trade material, donated some to a Modesto church library and donated many boxes to the Rummage Sale - then those not used or sold were donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone who helped move, sort, process and distribute them.

Currently in the Lobby you will find helpful books concerning prayer to supplement Pastor Rich's study of The Lord's Prayer. Also on display there are books about overcoming injustice and about human trafficking.

Upgrading: The library committee has been in the process of upgrading the system to classify and label books with bar codes for several months. You can click Library section on the SCFBC website (www.scfbc.org) to access the Library catalog and see the complete list of books and movies available in the Library, and to see if they are available—you can even reserve them if they are already checked out! Thanks for your patience as we upgrade. 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 or the Lobby.

Returning library materials: Has anyone seen the movie *The Blind Side* about Michael Oher, the Baltimore Ravens football player? It seems to be missing from the library. Thank you for returning books and movies in a timely manner to the red box in the Book Nook. 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.

New DVD's (and don't forget to watch the Special Features too!):

The Dolphin Tale - deals with a disabled dolphin and how he helped others as he was helped

The Pistol - a biography about a young basketball player who revolutionized the game in 1959

Might Macs - a biography about a female basketball coach making women's basketball shine in 1970's

7 Days in Utopia - reviewed as one of the best golf movies of all time - many golf pro cameos

The 5th Quarter - based on a true story about honoring a high school football player

Christmas Stranger - From HBO - about how one family overcame grief to celebrate

Natalie Rose - Through a white horse, a family learns how important it is to communicate and understand

Coming soon:

After the movie HARK premieres on June 1st at Santa Clara University, we will have it available in the library. In August after the Leadership Summit, we will process the new leadership books and DVD's in the library.

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

SCFBC 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."

Today is Tomorrow's Yesterday

“Everybody’s working for the weekend...”;

“Someday my prince will come...”;

“Yesterday...how I long for yesterdaaaaay...”

These song lyrics really do reflect the prevailing attitudes in our society. Why is it that we spend our lives either worrying about the future or longing for the past? Or, we may pin all our hopes on the future and wallow in regret for the past. In *The Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis, the demon Screwtape advises his nephew Wormwood on how to most effectively attend to a new Christian. In other words, Screwtape teaches Wormwood to tempt his human away from “the Enemy” (God). Lewis points out that we, as humans, live within time, but that God destines us for eternity. Therefore, as Screwtape points out, God “wants them (humans) to attend chiefly to two things, to eternity itself, and the point of time (we) call the Present. **For the Present is the point at which time touches eternity.**”

Screwtape goes on to explain to Wormwood that the goal of a tempter is to keep humans from living in the present moment. “In a word, the Future is, of all things, the thing *least like* eternity. It is the most completely temporal part of time—for the Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays.” For example, Satan would much rather have us be so busy pursuing “a better life” for our families that we neglect to spend time with those families right now. Preoccupation with the future keeps us from living in the moment.

The Bible repeatedly reminds us that we are powerless to control the future. In Luke 12:6, Jesus tells the story of the Rich Fool—a man who had such a great crop, that he gleefully made plans to expand his buildings to store the crops and then live the good life after that. But God told him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.”

Another example of God wanting us to live in the Present is when the Israelites were in the desert. God provided manna every day for their survival, but he would not allow them to hoard it—he clearly wanted them to depend on him on a day-to-day basis.

But shouldn't we plan for the future?

Of course we still need to do our duty in preparing for the future—but Lewis insists that the planning itself needs to be viewed as part of the Present. In other words, my task right now may be to prepare an earthquake kit for my home. But instead of dreading the looming menace of the “Big One”, I will focus right now on what I need to do today. Another way of counting on a future that may not happen is procrastination. All too often we put things off until “a better time”. Many believers earnestly intend to grow closer to God, and plan to mature in their faith when they are less busy. This is dangerous thinking—God wants us to seek him now. Right now.

How does this affect the church?

Many of us have great expectations, or hopes, or great even worries about the future for SCFBC. We feel so concerned that we scurry around in an effort to affect how things will turn out. While we should obviously keep the future in mind, **the Present is where God wants to use us.**

I challenge each of us to ask God what he wants us to do today (right now). Instead of being fixated with future (or on the past), let's fix our eyes on Jesus, and leave the future to him.

Jenny Gregg
Maturity Deacon

“We want a whole race perpetually in pursuit of the rainbow’s end, never honest, nor kind, nor happy now, but always using as mere fuel wherewith to heap at the altar of the future every real gift which is offered them in the Present.”

~Screwtape

Bethlehem Building and Grounds



In May, we took the opportunity to do some concrete work around the Bethlehem building. Mike Depew had the month available to work at the church and because of some very gracious donations to the Bethlehem fund we decided now was the time to do the projects. We were able to fill in the rest of the dirt behind the Bethlehem building with new concrete to allow easier storage of items and for the ability to drive the forklift behind the building to pickup heavy items. We also finished fencing in around the building to keep trespassers out and to protect items from theft. The most noticeable change was to add a sidewalk between the Sanctuary building and the Bethlehem building.

While making the area more accessible, the sidewalk will be used to support new removable rustic benches that will be used during the program for guests. In the past, guests had to sit on hay bales, which were unstable, and made a big mess. As additional money comes in, we will also look to repair the asphalt in front of the office to prevent the large puddles that form during the rainy season and to provide a ramp from the parking lot to the sidewalk. We also plan to paint the Bethlehem building at the same time that we paint the rest of the church complex.



Renovation Update!

Well our long journey with the Sanctuary renovation has come to an end in regards to the city of Santa Clara. The city signed off on our work after being involved with us every step of the way. They are happy with the work that has taken place and have closed our open permits. This is great news as we have had many hurdles along the way with the city's interpretations of our plans and issues with bringing this 1970s building up to code. A lot of great improvements have taken place as can be seen by looking at the lobby, parlor, restrooms, and sanctuary. I want to thank all the volunteers who put in countless hours working on God's house, plus Adam Burdick and the sub-contractors we brought in.

We recently finished the storage room off of the parlor with new carpet and paint and now store the sanctuary chairs in there instead of the choir room. Also the speaker grill has been installed on the front of the stage to cover the sub-woofer speakers.

There are of course a few lingering projects that need to be addressed: installing shades on the rear sanctuary window, tiling the front of the baptistry, some painting in the office, and installing acoustic panels on the upper side walls. We are hoping our remaining funds will fully fund these projects.

Jerry Cintas

Property Corner



At any given time, there are numerous small repairs/maintenance that goes on around the church and it requires lots of volunteer support. We in the Property Department thank all of you who help these efforts to get it all done. During the summer, we expect to address some much needed repairs. A list will be published soon and we ask that you pray on this and, if possible, become a regular volunteer.

Please see our remaining work day schedules below and plan accordingly .

July 14 th	9:30am – 3:00pm
October 13 th	9:30am – 3:30pm

Reminder

During the last few weeks, some of us have discovered doors left unlocked, lights left on and furnaces still running when the rooms are not in use. Please make sure that when you leave a building, classroom, etc., that all the doors are locked, windows closed, blinds are shut and lights and air/heat turned off. Thanks for helping keep our buildings secure and utility expenses down.

General

Please contact Dave Wilson in the church office 241-7635 or me should you see something around the church property that needs to be repaired!

Larry Van Groningen
Property Deacon
530-356-7676 (call or text)
larryvangroningen@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - Friday, June 1st at 7 pm

Director/Producer Jonathan Fung presents:

HARK Film Premiere

Santa Clara University Recital Hall - free admission & reception following

www.harkthemovie.com

Hark is about a man who is confronted with a moral dilemma to save his own life or risk the life of another. The characters in Hark are ordinary people making choices to survive. The story draws attention to the harsh reality of human trafficking and shines light where there is darkness.

Honoring our 2012 Graduates



Junior High Promotions

Mariah Borgonia
Athena Coral
Rachel Erling
Julia Hagan
Elisa Salazar

High School Promotions

Hannah Lageschulte
Emily Padgett
Kelsey Hagan
Monica Lemmon
Janelle Santos
Ciena Bringuel
Lauran Cunha
Aimee Trigg
Tim Coral

High School Grads

Brent Richofsky
Victoria Grizzle
Matt Juarez
Ronni Lopez

Wendy Gregg Associate Science Degrees, Liberal Arts and Biology

Jenny Schenz Gregg Master's Degree, Library and Information Sciences

West Valley College

San Jose State University

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Mission Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing

- 2 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg – Library – 739-2935
- 2 – Annual Redwood Glen Work Day – Jim G.
- 2- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828
- 3 – Children’s Sunday Service
- 3 - 6pm First Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 5 – Primary Election Day—please vote
- 6 - 10am White Cross – Virginia N. 266-1734
- 7- 10a Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda 246-2242
- 8-10** – ABW Conference – Redwood Christian Park – Ellen 730-1150
- 9 – 6:30pm Mexico Mission Trip Training – Lib – Andrew 278-1996
- 9 - 8:30am Men’s Breakfast –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 – JimG.
- 13 11am ABW Picnic Potluck–Chick’s home
- 15-23** – Youth Mexico Mission –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 Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 30 -8:30am July Diaconate –Library

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 -10am White Cross –Lobby –Virginia N. 266-1734
- 11- 12:00pm Baits/Turley 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

AUGUST

Mission Emphasis: Collect Seafarer toiletries for ditty bags

- 1 – 10am White Cross–Rm 19–Virginia 266-1734
- 3-6** 5pm Men’s Camping Retreat – Jerry 615-1690
- 4 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg–Lib– Barbara 739-2935
- 4 - 10:30am Prayer Quilt Ministry– Rm 19–Rhonda
- 5 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 – 6:30pm Baits/Turley Potluck – Rusty’s house
- 9 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda
- 9-10** –9-5pm **Global Leadership Summit Telecast** – Susi 379-8494
- 11 8:30am Men’s Breakfast – Adam 230-6848
- 12 -12noon - Mission/Schools Mtg. – Lib – Jim G
- 14 -1pm Bethell Circle
- 15 –6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 19 –Seafarer Ditty Bag Collection begins
- 20 - 7:30p Finance Comm Meeting-Dan 892-8213
- 23 - 11:30am SR/BD Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 25 – 10am Manna **Worship in the Park** prep –
- 26 – 2pm– 7pm **Worship in the Park** – Central Park
- 27 – *September Celebrate articles due to Dave*





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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

June Birthdays

1st Ellen Imhof
4th Robert Paez
4th Josephine Zhang
5th Laura Victorson
6th Nancy Gregoire
8th Stacie Coral
8th Pat White
8th PVT2 Joseph Juarez (Army)
11th Capt. Andrew Reaves (Marine Corps)
11th Will Reaves
13th Cherron Rangel
14th Elizabeth Robichaud
16th Allyson Lageschulte
16th Cassie Harrell
17th Josie Hammar
23rd Julia Hagan
27th Jennifer Hammar
30th Stacy Hawkins

Anniversaries

7th Bert & Evelyn Wendel
7th Troy & Andrea Murray
14th Bill & Jenny Gregg
17th Steve & Tina Erling
19th Chuck & Barbara Chicks
20th Jerry & Sharon Cintas
24th Bob & Rusty Webber
25th Steve & Barbara McLenegan
25th Harold & Wilma Wright