

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

July 2012

*The Global Leadership Summit
August 9 - 10, 2012*



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

AUGUST 9-10 - 9:00am-5:00pm - CHURCH ON THE HILL, SAN JOSE

Pre-event registrations for this year's premier leadership training event offered by the Willow Creek Association are due by July 8th. For only \$169 you can hear 12 amazing leaders including Condoleezza Rice, Jim Collins, Patrick Lencione and John Ortberg. For more information, contact Susi Reaves at 408-375-7294.

Maturity

Facing the Fear of Church Growth

For a while now, SCFBC has been looking at how we can be a church that follows Jesus' Great Commission in "making disciples". Sounds great! No arguments, right? I mean, who wouldn't want our church to grow as we reach people for Christ? Well, I have discovered something shocking in myself—I love this church just the way it is! I wouldn't mind it growing as long as the character, or feel of the church doesn't change. Remember the TV show "Cheers"? There's a lot of truth in the lyrics of that theme song that could apply to life in a church:

Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came.
You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same
You wanna be where everybody knows your name.

No doubt about it, we all want to feel like we're surrounded by caring friends—accepted and loved. On Sunday mornings, it feels like a family gathering because we all know and care about each other, as evidenced by the hugs exchanged through the Lobby. So what's wrong with that?

According to Bill Hoyt, author of *Effectiveness by the Numbers*, many churches that claim to want to grow hit a wall at around 200 people. So common is this phenomenon, that Hoyt refers to it as the "famous 200 barrier". One main contributing factor to this is that congregations with fewer than 200 people can still feel like a small group, or family—a place "where everybody knows your name". More than 200, and that starts to change.

"When fear is a factor in a plateaued or declining church, peel back the fear to its core, and you will discover it's not really a fear of growth; it's a fear of loss," writes Hoyt. If we really want to be a church that reaches people and guides them into a saving relationship with Jesus, that means that we will be bringing in lots of people—and not all of them will be just like us! It might mean that we need to find the place "where everybody knows our name" in a Life Group, instead of knowing everyone in the sanctuary. We can still hug our friends on Sunday morning, but hopefully there will be so many unfamiliar faces around us that we will need to introduce ourselves first!

Finally, Hoyt identifies a major root of the problem in a plateaued church—"an absence of passion for lost people". Go back and read that again, because that's the sentence that God used to open my eyes. Do I long for lost people to find the Lord—of course! Do I feel "passion" for them? Ummm...I don't think I have, and that's painful to admit. I think that I've enjoyed my church family, been happy when visitors come, but beyond that, I've let myself become content.

Now, as I really think about what's at stake for my good friends in my neighborhood, at work, and in my own family, how can I possibly feel content?! I challenge each one of us to examine our hearts, and look for the passion for lost people. What are we willing to do to bring the good news of Jesus (with its eternal consequences), to them?

Jenny Gregg
Deacon of Maturity



Summer SPECTACULAR

Our Summer Spectacular kick-off has been a blast! In June, the kids began their *“Incredible Journey”* series about the life and ministry of Paul. In week 1, we learned that **“God Has a Plan for Our Lives”** in Saul’s amazing conversion on the road to Damascus. In week 2, we learned that **“God’s Love Changes Everything”** as we see Saul’s life change after his healing and baptism. In week 3, we learned that **“God Has Special Work for Us to Do”** as the Holy Spirit sets Saul and Barnabas apart to bring the news of Jesus to the Gentiles.

In the Game Zone, we’ve been playing “Aquatic” games as part of our Summer Olympics theme. So far we’ve had a wonderfully wet month launching water balloons, racing down the slip ‘n slide, playing in the sprinklers, and passing the “water balloon hot potato.”

As part of our Sunday morning program, the kids also enjoy the Craft Zone and the Snack Zone. Both crafts and snacks help to reinforce the lesson learned in the Bible Zone. Below are some pictures of the fun we’ve had together so far. Enjoy!

Pastor Jenny



What are they doing?



Zarina and Anthony admire their snack creations.



Water balloon hot potato in action.



Blake enjoying the bubbles.



Ali shows off his “Saul’s Basket” snack.



Iris helps Loren with her craft.



Elianna launches a balloon.



Sadiye’s frisbee



Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In June, we continued our series based on the subject of LOVE. Kim taught one week on giving without sparing, and then another week about praying without ceasing. Reflect members also welcomed the new freshmen at a swim party at Casa de Cintas. While we didn't break the hot tub record, we still crammed 14 in the hot tub, and observed some awesome belly flops.

The Element Jr. High Group

At the start of June we kidnapped seven graduating 8th graders from their beds on a Monday morning around 6am and took them to Denny's for breakfast to celebrate their awesome accomplishment of graduating Jr High. We will miss them as they move into the High School group. **Hannah Lageschulte, Emily Padgett, Amy Trigg, Janelle Santos, Monica Lemmon, Kelsey Hagan, Ciena Bringuel, and Tim Coral.**

We also had a great time at the pool party at Jerry's house. We welcomed the new 5th graders into the group and had fun jumping in the pool, eating s'mores, chicken fighting, and putting 11 kids in the hot tub.

In Element, we are studying parables during the summer. In mid-June we met at Central Park and sang worship songs on the lawn, played kickball, and acted out the Good Samaritan parable. We will be meeting off site all summer at the kids' homes.

2012 Mexico Outreach

For the 7th year in a row, members of our High School Group traveled down to Ensenada, Mexico for a week to minister to young children by hosting a Vacation Bible School program completely in Spanish. **Ciena Bringuel, Camille Cintas, Carmen Cintas, Laura Gregg, Matt Juarez, Hannah Lageschulte, and Emily Ramer** represented our youth group and church. We ministered to over 50 children throughout the week.

Youth Staff - Danijela, Mary, Andrew, Kimberly, Jerry, Les, Matt



Upcoming EVENTS

July 4th - No Reflect

July 5th - 8th - Reflect Summer Retreat

July 11th - Reflect Beach Boardwalk

July 16th - July 20th - Redwood Glen Camp

July 27th - 29th - Element Summer Retreat

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

Missions

On 6/2, about 6 volunteers from SCFBC joined other churches in preparing Redwood Glen for summer camps and performed ongoing maintenance required by the redwood forest climate. Thank you all. Good luck picking ours



out of the crowd, although I found the Cintas family and think I see Kimberly.

For those who missed this one due to other engagements, we're attempting to schedule a SCFBC workday/work-weekend at RWG like we did last year. 6/15-6/22, Andrew Wong led a group of our young people to Ensenada, MX and found Rayo de Luz (the church we've worked with/stayed at in the past) still in existence – led by the widow of the former Pastor. You'll recall, last November, Pastor Victor Juarez and another pastor died in an auto accident. Estela, Victor's widow, is now the shepherd of their flock. Andrew reportedly asked her what her needs were and she responded "The Lord has

provided." Needless to say, the Lord's people should also provide. Andrew will follow up with a more complete report and provide specific ways we can help. Watch for this in the service.

Life Groups wanting ideas for service projects or community outreach projects should see me. Current ideas I have are Sacred Heart volunteering (sorting clothes or food), City Team volunteering (preparing and serving a meal), Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival cleanup (not until 9/15-9/16), and RWG workday/work-weekend still to be scheduled.

In July we'll be promulgating a list of desired school supplies, backpacks, jackets, ... for donation to Scott Lane Elementary School later in the year. The idea is to take advantage of any pre-school sales you encounter.

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

Scott Lane Elementary School Aluminum Can & Plastic Bottle Collection Drive



During the months of July and August Peggy Shalloe will be collecting aluminum cans and plastic soda/water bottles in support of Scott Lane. School. If you have any to donate, bring them to the church office Monday - Thursday between 8am - 5pm or to room 24 on Sunday mornings.

For more information contact Peggy at 408-410-8933 or Appy2many@att.net.

Book Nook and Library Corner

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."*

Book Nook - The books displayed this month in the Lobby of the Sanctuary coordinate with the Pastor's sermon series on stewardship and time management; the rest are good summer reads for all ages. If you can't find the book you are looking for there, there are plenty more in the Library.

Thanks to Marlene Goldman for the books, book shelves and office supplies she donated to the Library. They are being put to good use.

There are several paperback editions that the Library is looking for, either new or used, to replace old yellowing copies in the Library. Before we go out and buy them, we thought we would ask if you have one or more of the following books in paperback and would like to donate them to the Library: Please put them in the red bin in the Lobby. Thank you!

- The Last Days (#2 in a series) by Joel Rosenberg
- Ben Hur, A Tale of the Christ by Lew Wallace
- Knowing God's Secrets (2011 copy) by John Hunter
- Sacred Rhythms by Ruth Haley Barton
- He Still Moves Stones by Max Lucado
- Christy by Catherine Marshall
- The Nazarene by Sholem Asch
- any Christian LARGE PRINT book - we only have a few of them

Returning library materials: Has anyone seen the DVD of The Blind Side? 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 so we are being able to complete the bar code processing of the materials.

Upcoming materials: After the August Leadership Summit, we will purchase and process the new leadership books and DVD's into the Library.

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

Membership Department Comments

Gatherings: Everyone is invited to bring friends and family to Worship in the Park at Central Park on Sunday, August 26th. Contact Adam Burdick at 230-6848 or Amanda Morris at 829-8078 if you can help Manna with the food preparation on Saturday at 10am in the kitchen or serving food at the picnic on Sunday, they would appreciate your call. The next scheduled Quarterly Family Gathering lunch on Sunday, September 16th after the morning service. A delicious lunch will be served by the very capable Manna Group now coordinated by Amanda Morris and Adam Burdick.

Food Pantry: We accept non-perishable food items from contributors and redistribute it to those in need. It is available in a two-bag distribution to people who ask for a food donation at the office. The bags are prepared and there are six sets available all of the time. The web site says that food bags can be picked up the last week of the month - for people who attend church or to your friends in need also. Please let people know. About 150 sets of food bags are given away annually and from 10-12 families are specifically helped each Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Fellowship Fund: You can either donate to this fund by indicating "Fellowship Fund" on your giving envelope or ask for funds from it. This fund helps people in their hour of need for emergency or unexpected bills or expenses. Ask Pastor Rich if you have a financial need that the Fellowship Fund might help you pay. Thanks to your generous giving, since last June, eighteen families have been helped with \$7,842.20 from the fund.

Good Samaritans: Maxine Darknell coordinates a group of people who help others with little chores that you may not be able to handle for a variety of reasons. Could be food preparation or giving rides for medical appointments - things like that. Call Maxine if you want help of this sort or if you want to be available to help people with chores like this. Sometimes we just can't do it all alone.

Visitation: What a blessing it is when Life Groups or individuals visit shut-ins or people recovering from operations. We are here to extend a hand of comfort to each other.

Are you considering baptism or membership with Santa Clara First Baptist Church (SCFBC)? Do you want to know more about it? Ask Pastor Rich or Pastor Jenny about how you can do this. Membership classes called "Back to Basics" will be held two or three times during 2012- dates and times to be determined. It lets you know more about the church and making a commitment to the church.

Sermons, monthly newsletter, the Celebrate, the weekly bulletin and the church calendar: These can all be seen or heard on the website at www.scfbc.org.

Prayer Chain: Do you want to be added to the SCFBC email prayer chain? Email Trudy Kroll at krollgirls@sbcglobal.net and ask her to be added to the email prayer chain for future requests or if you have a request you want prayer for. Dave or Pastor in the office can also be notified. Trudy coordinates the email prayer chain and once a prayer request is given to her, she forwards it to a list of nearly 100 homes so others can pray over the request also. One of those people picks up the request and starts a telephone prayer chain with another dozen or so households.

Representative for the Membership Department

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

Mission Emphasis: Scott Lane School supply drive

- 1 - 6:00pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4 - **Independence Day Holiday – Office closed**
- 4 - 10:00am White Cross – Lobby .
- 5 - 8 Reflect Sr.Hi Retreat - Andrew - 278-1996
- 7 - 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Room 19
- 10 – 1:00pm – Bethell Circle
- 11-12noon - Baits/Turley Circle Potluck
- 14 – 8:30am - Men’s Ministry – Fellowship Hall
- 14 – 9:30am - All Church Work Day - Dave - 241-7635
- 15 - 12noon - Mission/Schools Meeting - Library
- 16 -7:00pm Finance Committee – 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 Element JH Summer Retreat – Jerry C 615-1690

AUGUST

Mission Emphasis: Collect Seafarers toiletries for ditty bags

- 1 - 10:00am - White Cross–Room 19
- 3-5 Men’s Camping Retreat – Jerry C. 615-1690
- 4 - 8:30am - Diaconate Mtg–Library
- 4 - 10:30am - Prayer Quilt Ministry– Room 19
- 5 - 12noon - Life Group Fall Kick-off Lunch -Library
- 5 - 6:00pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 – 6:30pm - Baits/Turley Circle Potluck
- 9 - 10:-00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19
- 9-10 9:00am-5:00pm - **Global Leadership Summit**
Telecast at Church on the Hill, San Jose
- 11 - 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- 12 - 12noon - Mission/Schools Meeting. – Library
- 14 – 1:00pm - Bethell Circle
- 15 – 6:00pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 19 – Seafarers Ditty Bag Collection begins
- 20 -7:30pm- Finance Committee Meeting –Library
- 23 - 11:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
- 25 – 10:00am Manna **WITP** prep – Kitchen
- 26 – 2:00-7:00pm -**Worship in the Park**@Central Park
- 27 – *September Celebrate articles due to Dave*

SEPTEMBER

- 1 - 8:30am - Diaconate Mtg– Library
- 1 - 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry -Room 19
- 2 – 6:00pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 3 - **Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed**
- 5 – 10:00am - White Cross – Room 19
- 6 - 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry–Room 19
- 8 - 8:30am - Men’s Breakfast–Fellowship Hall
- 9 – 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Meeting– Library
- 11- 1:00pm - Bethell Circle
- 12 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle
- 16 – 12noon-Quarterly Business Mtg/Lunch
- 17 - 7:00pm - Finance Committee Mtg – Library
- 19 – 6:00pm - CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505
- 21-22 Youth Boardwalk Overnighter
- 23 - Scott Lane Jacket/Scholarship Drive
- 24 – *October Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 27- 1:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty 244-5949



Property Corner



Reminder

During the last few weeks, some of us have discovered doors left unlocked, lights left on and air conditioning 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.

All Church Work Day July 14, 2012 - 8:30am - 3:30pm Lunch will be provided

Project List

1. Redwood stain back Fence, Blinder & Gates
2. Boys restroom Fellowship Hall - paint wall where repaired
3. Accordion divider Fireside room adjustment/repair
4. Repair Linoleum (trip point) in EdWing restrooms
5. Repair 1st toilet in Girls restroom EdWing
6. Repair/install board and paint at Fellowship Hall entry way
7. Light bulbs and fixtures replace/repair as necessary
8. Apply primer coat on eaves at storage building
9. Clean up Fellowship Hall parking lot (Bottle Brush trees)
10. Trim shrubs and pull weeds
11. Dusting - Lobby, Parlor and Sanctuary
12. Lubricate door-locks as needed
13. Lay-out for Removable Benches (Bethlehem area)
14. Tools and Supply areas cleanup/organize
 - Storage Building
 - Furnace room

By doing this work ourselves, we cut expenses significantly, so please consider helping out. And if you notice anything in need of repair, call Michael Depew at 408-691-1441 or Dave Wilson in the church office at 408-241-7635 .

So that we're able to plan lunch appropriately, please confirm with Michael or Dave at the phone numbers listed above that you will help out.



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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

July Birthdays

2 nd	John Harrell	16 th	Maxine Darknell
2 nd	Nathanial Robbins	20 th	Chris McLenegan
4 th	Adam Burdick	20 th	Luba Bodrouk
6 th	Jonathan Fung	21 st	Evelyn Wendel
6 th	Karen Fong-Dong	21 st	Harold Wright
8 th	Autumn Slay	22 nd	Carolyn Elbert
9 th	Carrie Patterakis	24 th	Dorothy Depew
11 th	Doris Altman	26 th	Donna Caldwell
11 th	Tim McLenegan	28 th	Lizbeth Rogel
15 th	Maryanne Savedra	31 st	Carmen Cintas
		31 st	Camille Cintas