



Santa Clara First Baptist

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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.

See Matthew 28:19, 20

September Birthdays

3 rd	Tina Erling	17 th	Rhonda Starnes
7 th	Andrew Wong	18 th	Lauran Bethell - Netherlands Missionary
10 th	Andrea Robichaud Murray	20 th	Bill Ash
11 th	Cassidi Carroll	21 st	Al Carlson
13 th	Allison Fung	21 st	Kelli Hawkins
13 th	Richard Reaves	21 st	Nikki Hawkins
13 th	Bonnie Brenner	26 th	Jennifer Trigg
15 th	Helen Hawkins	28 th	Mylanda Baits - Costa Rica Missionary
17 th	Gladys McFarland	28 th	SSGT AJ Pasciuti (Marine Corps)

September Anniversaries

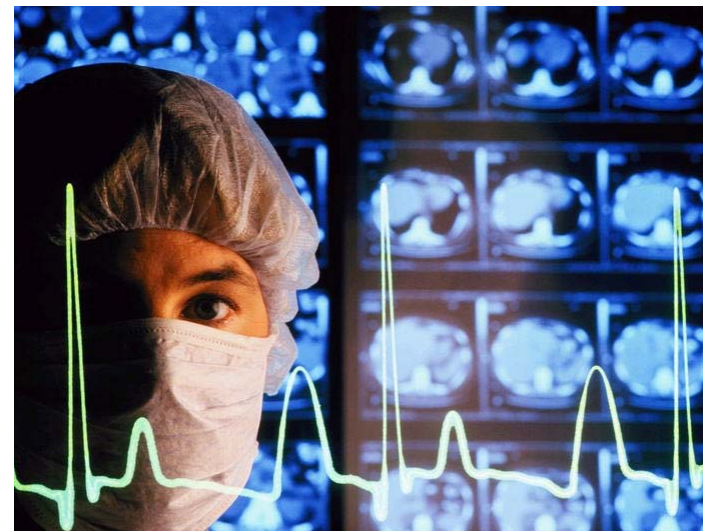
8 th	Jess & Denise Stephens
26 th	Adam & Shari Burdick

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

September 2012

Church Assessment Update



The first step in proceeding through our Assessment process was the collection of **individual surveys** turned in by you, the family that comprises SCFBC. Dr. Hoyt's goal for our size church was for 50 surveys to be turned in. The challenge goal was for 75 surveys. That would have given even better data for Hoyt and his team to use. Last Sunday we announced that we had given Dr. Hoyt over 100 surveys! He commented, "*That is an EXTREMELY strong sample. I have really strong data!!!*" Good for us. We're off to a great start! Our next assignment is to sign up for one of the many **Focus Groups** that will be offered during the **Assessment Weekend**

(September 7-9). The purpose of each focus group is for Dr. Hoyt and his team to be able to go deeper than the survey data and listen to the heart and minds of the congregants of our church family. This will further help him discern the current state of our church and its ministry systems.

Below is the **Focus Group Schedule**

Friday, September 7th

Senior Adults - Parlor – 3:00pm - 4:30pm

New Members & Attenders - Choir Room – 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Open Group, anyone can attend - Fireside Room – 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturday, September 8th

Ministry Leaders - Choir Room – 9:00am - 10:30am

Ministry Workers - Parlor – 9:00am - 10:30am

To sign up you can use the back of your Communication Card on Sunday morning, call the church office and speak with Dave Wilson or email him at davew@scfbc.org. Just like the surveys, we need to hear everyone's voice. Don't be left out.

Finally we're looking forward to hearing the results. Dr. Hoyt will present both his findings and his prescriptions for making SCFBC even better on Sunday, September 9. Immediately after our morning service we'll enjoy a light snack to keep us going and then all reconvene in the Sanctuary to hear Dr. Hoyt's presentation.

Everyone needs a physical checkup on a periodic basis. We need to know what's working and what needs to be working better. SCFBC is Christ's body and it's time for us to do the same. Be in prayer that God will show us the way to a great future!

The Art of Doing Nothing for God

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” John 14:5

How often have I either lived my life and kept God confined in His own designated corner, or rushed ahead impulsively to serve Him while He was back there waving his arms calling, “Wait! It’s not time—where are you going?!” In either case, every time, I did not bear fruit. In fact, I probably let the fruit wither on the vine or trampled it underfoot. When God tells me to *wait, stay, remain, linger, abide, tarry, or rest* in Him, He has a purpose in mind. Doing nothing isn’t really doing nothing.

Quality Time vs. Quantity Time

For a while, American society adopted a concept of “quality” versus “quantity” when it came to the lack of time we had in our crazy-busy schedules. Feeling deflated that we only had a little bit leftover for loved ones, we buoyed ourselves with the idea that if we made that time really good and special, then it would suffice. Unfortunately, over time the general consensus was that we were kidding ourselves—especially when it comes to relationships.

Jesus said that of everything in the Bible, the first and greatest command for me is to love God with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my mind (Matthew 22:38). Doesn’t it seem easy to read that and think, “Okay, ‘Love God’—check! What’s next?” I have come to realize that God wants us to spend a lifetime—our whole lives—discovering what it means to love Him with every fiber in our being. Unless we dedicate ourselves to remaining in Him, loving Him, savoring His love for us, **everything that we do for God is a waste time.**

To me one of the scariest passages in the Bible is when Jesus says that people who do amazing things in His name will not enter His Kingdom unless they obey God’s command (...and the greatest command is to love Him). The paraphrase of *The Message* puts Matthew 7:21-23 this way:

"Knowing the correct password—saying 'Master, Master,' for instance— isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience—doing what my Father wills. I can see it now—at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, 'Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.' And do you know what I am going to say? 'You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don't impress me one bit. You're out of here.'"

How to Do Nothing Well

Spending time with God shouldn’t be a program that we plan. Even praying (talking to God) should take a back seat to silence—just listening and being with God. In the Apprentice Study (one of our Life Groups), the soul training exercise of silence is often the hardest discipline for many people to practice. We are so accustomed to taking charge that leaving ourselves hanging there being with God feels very uncomfortable—at first. Soon though as you keep practicing, you may find yourself almost feeling guilty at how wonderful it feels to just sit there basking in the warmth of love that God lavishes onto us if we will let Him.

Jenny Gregg

Deacon of Maturity

For more information and resources on spiritual maturity go to <http://fromheretomaturity.blogspot.com/>

Worship In The Park August 2012



The Story, Testimonials & Volunteers

With over 200 people served a wonderful lunch, activities to keep everyone busy and an awe-some worship lead by Sharon and the music team. Worship in the Park was a wonderful success! There were many new visitors that really enjoyed and were touched by this event.

Testimonials "this is so wonderful", "thank you for including us in your worship", "this is an amazing event". - **Greg Robbins**

"I always enjoy meeting new families at Worship in the Park. This year I met several parents and children who were already at the park, and were invited in by our people. These families stayed the entire time. They ate lunch, the kids played, and they listened to the music. Three different families made a point to say "thank-you" before they left.

They were all touched by the hospitality of the church, by the kindness that was shown to their children, and by the people who were there. One father told me as he left, "You've got a really great church. - **Pastor Jenny**

A young woman found me as we were cleaning up after the music set was done. She told me that her father was a pastor in San Jose and had preached that morning about how the "church" needs to be more bold, more evangelistic. He admitted that he was depressed about the state of the church. She told me that it absolutely lifted his spirits to hear the greatness of God being sung loudly in the middle of the city park and thanked us for this outreach. - **Sharon Cintas**

Volunteers

- Manna Team**
Suzi Jhang
Harvey Fong
Shari Burdick
Amanda Morris
John Pusateri
Karen Pusateri
Adam Burdick
Joe Lasher
Bill Starnes
Ken Harrell
Michael Depew
Luba Bodrouk
Helena Evora
Bonnie Brenner
Doris Smith
Greg Robbins
Larry & Fran Van Groningen
- Bill Gregg
Andrew Wong
Greg Robbins
Duane Esquibel
Jesse Hawkins

Worship Team

- Sharon Cintas
Jerry Cintas
Debbie Reiley
Mike Knappe
Tim McLenegan
Les Hawkins
Jesse Hawkins
Jun Lagmay

Activity Leaders

- Shari Burdick
Michelle Ramer
Emily Ramer
Jon Hammar
Jean Miller
Lisa Robinson

Setup Crew

- Jerry Cintas
Joel Robinson
Mike Knappe
Tim McLenegan

- Steve McLenegan**
Evangelism Table

Worship In The Park
August 2012



Pastor Jenny Back Full Time!

I'm thrilled to say that my doctor has cleared me to work full time, without any restrictions! This has been a very long, difficult journey for me and my family, which makes this moment especially important. I'm excited about this new ministry season, and so thankful to be healthy again.

I will start working full time on September 1, 2012. I will continue my work with the Children's Ministry, and will add additional ministry responsibilities. In discussion with Pastor Rich, we have decided that my other responsibilities will include oversight of Youth Ministry and also Evangelism.

We have an amazing volunteer staff of Youth Mentors, who will continue to lead the Jr. High and Sr. High youth groups. My role in Youth Ministry will include teaching on rotation, mentoring our mentors, establishing an SCFBC presence at Santa Clara High School, working with the parents, and teaching monthly parenting workshops. These workshops are called "Raising Teens" and will aim to help resource parents on issues they are facing. Our first Raising Teens workshop will be Thursday, September 13th at 6:30pm at the church. The topic will be "Teens and Technology."

My other new area of responsibility will be to oversee Evangelism. I've begun working with Steve McLenegan and Jim Garvey to discuss how best we can equip and motivate the people of SCFBC to reach out and share Jesus with others. More on this very soon...

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny





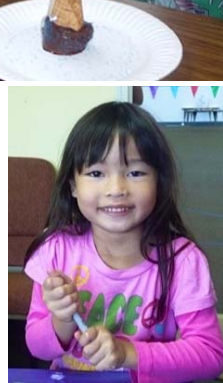
“Summer Spectacular” Celebration!

Summer in the *SPEEDway* has officially come to a close. Through our Summer Spectacular series, the children learned about the ministry of the apostle Paul. They learned about Paul’s beginning as Saul, his radical transformation into Paul, his missionary travels and church starts, as well as his perseverance. We spent our last week of the series learning how Paul kept teaching people about Jesus, even while under arrest. No matter what his circumstances were, Paul knew how important it was for people to hear about the saving love of Christ.

We took this opportunity to share the Gospel with the children, teaching them what it means to ask Jesus into your heart. We had 7 children and youth pray to accept Jesus into their heart as their Savior! It was a wonderful, amazing, and glorious day! Along with all the angels in heaven, we celebrate the decisions made by **Brandon Johnson, Ali Yuksel, Kaylee Trigg, Marc Borgonia, Athena Coral, Autumn Slay and Heesun Saterfield.**

Looking forward to the Fall, the Preschool class will begin a series that will take them through the entire Bible. Ms. Kari is excited about this new lesson series, and would love to have some more teachers to join her in this important ministry. If you are interested in being a part of the Preschool teaching team, please contact me at jennifer@sfbc.org or (408) 241-7635.

Pastor Jenny



Summer Spectacular Pics

SEPTEMBER

1 – 8am – Mexico House Build – SCFBC lot
1 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry– Rm 19– Rhonda
2 – 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
3 - **Labor Day Holiday– Office Closed**
5 – 10am White Cross– Rm 19– Virginia N.
6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda
7-9 Assessment Meetings & Report w/Dr. Hoyt
8 - 8:30am Men’s Breakfast–Adam 230-6848
9 – 12noon Lunch then GHC Assessment Report
11- 1:00pm Bethell Circle
11-13 4-9pm Pray It Forward - Sanctuary
12 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle
15 - 8:30am Discipleship/Diaconate Mtg – Fireside
15 – 10:30am-Seafarers Bag Packing Day– Lobby
15 – 12pm Manna Prep for QFG
16 – Fall Trimester Groups begin
16 – 12pm Quarterly Business Mtg/lunch
17 - 7pm Finance Comm Mtg– Lib– Dan 892-8213
19– 6pm CityTeam Outreach–Jonathan 813-2505
20- 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
21-22 Youth Boardwalk Overnighter– Jerry 615-1690
23 - Scott Lane Jacket/Scholarship drive begins
23 – 12:15pm- Mission/Schools Mtg– Lib– Jim G
24– *October Celebrate articles due to Dave*
27-30 Mexico Outreach Trip – Ensenada - Jerry C

Up-coming events

OCTOBER

Mission Emphasis: World Missions Offering

3 – 10am White Cross–Lobby–Virginia N 266-1734
3-4- 10-6pm Rummage Sale set up – FH – Maxine 241-7567
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6 – 8:30am Diaconate Mtg– Lib– Barbara C 739-2935
6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda 246-2242
7 – 12noon Special Business Mtg for Assessment Vote
7 - 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
9 - 1:00pm Bethell Circle
10 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
11- 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry– Rm 19– Rhonda
12-14 - Youth Conference
13 – 8:30am Men’s Breakfast – Kit – Adam 230-6848
13 – 9:30am All church work day – Mike 691-1441
14 – 12:15pm– Mission/Schools Comm Mtg– Lib– Jim G
15- 7pm Finance Comm Mtg– Lib– Dan 892-8213
17 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach– Jonathan 813-2505
18 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch – Betty 244-5949
21 – Begin SF Homeless Cold Weather Gear Collections
22 – *November Celebrate articles due to Dave*
26 – 11:30-3:30pm Scott Lane Carnival – Kim
27 – ABW Coastal Valley Fall Rally at Antioch
31 – 6pm “Trunk or Treat” Event

NOVEMBER

Mission Emphasis:

Bethlehem Saturday work days:

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

Cold weather clothes for SF Homeless

1-2 8am Not For Sale Human Trafficking Conference
3 – 8am Oakland Seafarer’s Ditty Bag packing
3 - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg– Lib– Barbara C 739-2935
3 – 10am Bethlehem Costumes work
3 - Start Saturday Bethlehem work – Jerry 615-1690
4 – 6pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service– Sanctuary
6 – Presidential Election Day
7 - 10am White Cross– Lobby– Virginia N.266-1734
8 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry– Rhonda 246-2242
10 – 8:30am Men’s Breakfast– Kit– Adam 230-6848
11 - 12noon- Mission/Schools Comm Mtg– Lib– Jim G
13 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle
14– 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor
15 - 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch– Betty 244-5949
17 – 10am– 2pm Manna food prep– kitchen- Adam
18 – 12pm- Quarterly Business Mtg– budget vote/ lunch
18 – 4pm SF Homeless Outreach– Jerry 615-1690
19- 7pm Finance Comm Mtg– Lib– Dan 892-8213
21 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach– Jonathan 813-2505
22 - **Thanksgiving Holiday – Office Closed**
26 – *December Celebrate articles due to Dave*



Rummage Sale to Benefit "Bethlehem"

SET UP on October 3 & 4 10:00am to 6:00pm
SALE on Friday, October 5 9:00am to 5:00pm
SALE on Saturday, October 6 9:00am. to 3:00pm

The Fall Rummage Sale that benefits our Bethlehem and the American Baptist Women's Missions Projects is scheduled for the first weekend in October. Please bring your clean, usable items to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 30 (before or after morning worship) or on the Wednesday or Thursday set up days at the times listed above. No clothing please but good, clean shoes and coats/jackets are okay.

As in the past, anything appropriate for any of our mission projects (Scott Lane School, Mexico, Operation Christmas Child, Seafarers, Bethlehem, Homeless Outreach, the SCFBC library, etc.) are set aside before the sale.

Many volunteers are needed for these four days so please check your calendars and contact Maxine Darknell at 408-241-7567 to let her know when you can help. As usual, lunch is provided and helping in this fundraiser is a good time of fellowship and early shopping opportunities!



Start gathering your items now for easy drop-off or pickup for this event!

Christmas At Sea 2012

Many thanks to all who donated to this ministry, the crews will certainly be pleased with your offerings. All who can are invited to help with packing Ditty bags on Saturday, September 15th at 10:30AM in the Lobby and Parlor.

For additional information contact Virginia Newcomb at 408-266-1734.

Scott Lane Elementary School Aluminum Can & Plastic Bottle Collection Drive

Update: For the months of July and August SCFBC collected \$78.25 for Scott Lane from the cans and bottles that many of you have given. Our collection drive is continuing, during the months of September and October all proceeds will go to benefit SCFBC's Library.

Thanks to Peggy Shalloe for coordinating this project!



Youth News



Reflect High School Group

In August, we completed our series based on the subject of LOVE. We also spent one Wednesday at the beach, enjoying the sun, good food, and the water! After we spent the day at the beach, we made our traditional stop at Marianne's for ice cream. We are beginning a new year, and with that we are beginning a new series on the prophet Hosea.



The Element Jr. High Group

In August we finished up our series on Parables and are now starting our Fruit of the Spirit series. We had an awesome Boat Blast retreat at Clear Lake and the kids had fun riding the tube behind the boat and even being able to drive the boat around the lake. Sean Krack was our guest speaker and shared about owning our beliefs, around the campfire.



We also had Big Buddy Day and had a great time with the Impact Young Adult group who were the Big Buddies to the Jr High kids. Activities included: the circus, miniature golf, laser tag, eating, video games, swimming, and more. Hopefully these relationships can mature between the buddies.

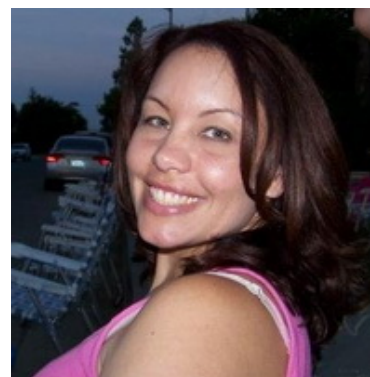
Committed

Our Sunday morning group which meets at 9:15am in the youth room is currently going through the book of Acts.

Pastor Jenny Comes On-Board

With Pastor Jenny returning to full time work in September at the church, one of her responsibilities will again be overseeing youth ministry. The youth staff is excited to have Pastor Jenny joining us on a weekly basis! Additionally, she is kicking off parental seminars monthly, where we will be discussing issues and providing parents with tools for raising teens. Appropriately enough, these seminars are called **Raising Teens**.

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



Upcoming EVENTS

Sept 13th - Raising Teens - Teens and Technology
Sept 21st—22nd - Beach Boardwalk Blitz
Sept 26th - Reflect Laser Quest
Sept 27th - Chaos Game Night

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



Book Nook and Library Corner

New Leadership Summit materials - it is great to see that some of you have already been reading or viewing them. As you can see, another year of informative materials! The 2012 Summit DVD with all the presentations, won’t be here until later this year.

Books: *The Call to Lead* by Bill Hybels
Courageous Leadership by Bill Hybels
Leadership Axioms by Bill Hybels
Great by Choice by Jim Collins - best business practices to make a great establishment
Half the Sky by Kristof & WuDunn - about female abuse and human trafficking
Soul Detox by Craig Groeschel
The Advantage by Patrick Lencioni
Who is this Man? By John Ortberg

DVD’s: Take Ten volume 2 - 10 minute leadership lessons for teams
Best of Defining Moments - Willow Creek presentations and interviews about various subjects

Book Nook - The books displayed this month coordinate with the Pastors sermon series and includes books and DVD’s from the Leadership Summit. As Pastor Rich repeatedly reminds us all - leadership is about influence, so this is all good information.

The look of the library is changing... and changing... and changing. Thank you for everyone who is making labels, helping catalogue the books and reorganizing them in a usable order. If you can’t find what you are looking from the chart on the wall, ask Peggy Shalloe, Jenny Gregg, Unice Chang or Trudy Kroll. Maybe they can help you look in the computer to locate the materials. Or I am sure if you want to serve by volunteering to help do any of the above items that they will be glad to plug you into a task.

Returning library materials: Thank you for returning materials in a timely manner to the red box in the lobby so that others can enjoy the books and movies too!

Recyclables: lease continue saving all you recyclable cans and bottles during September and October,. Peggy Shalloe says the proceeds for these two months will be going toward the Library fund. Every little bit helps.

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

Missions Mexico House Build

The “Mexico House Build” project has been generously supported. Thank you to all who donated to this special need! The house was built on September 1st and shipped via trailer to Ensenada for the end of this month. On September 27th-30th, a team of workers will travel to Mexico with tools for reassembling it, as well as a special housewarming gift package. Contribute as you feel led for the housewarming gift throughout September. There will be information in the lobby on what items we need. If you’d like to be a part of the team traveling to Ensenada, contact Jerry Cintas at 408-390-4696.

The Family

We have worked with Pastor Oscar from the village of Ojos Negros who identified a family that is in need of an improved shelter in which to live. Ojos Negros is an agricultural community located 30 minutes east of Ensenada and the population is made up from mostly an indigenous tribe who are discriminated against in Mexico. Many of the kids who attend the Life Bridge school (which our church helped build at Rancho el Refugio), come from this village. The Perez family was chosen to receive the new house and two of their children; Diana 7 and Sabastiana 6 years old both attend the school that SCFBC worked so diligently to complete. This mission project is worthy of the highest praise, Halleluiah!

The Perez Family



Pablo - Diana - Sabastiana -Daniel & Mom Sabastiana

A prayer from Pastor Oscar: For the salvation of Pablo and that Daniel who is 4 years old *will become a pastor.*



The Perez’s family Village



Approximate location where the new house will be reassembled.

Additional Missions Activities

Donations will be collected for Seafarers’ Christmas at Sea and , Scott Lane School supplies/jackets, Operation Christmas Child, and the SF Homeless Outreach (cold weather clothes/blankets) between now and the end of the year. Each individual collection will be announced in a phased manner. This is to give you a heads up that those collections are continually ongoing and to thank you in advance for your generosity as you see something to contribute while shopping or look for useful items among your possessions.

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

Jerry Cintas - coordinator of the House Build Project