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Our Mission: ***What are we here for?***

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2nd Amber & Ashley Harrell
5th Mark Reiley
8th Greg Robbins
11th Jason Hammar
11th Jim Powell
12th Joe Lasher
13th Bill Wright
16th Danny Youngs
16th Larry Van Groningen
18th Betty Hastings
19th Gail Bock
20th Susi Reaves
23rd Ruth Porspakka
24th Summer Slay
25th Wilma Wright
26th Rusty Webber

27th Angela Esquibel
27th Sally Youngs
28th Helen Rodolari
28th Angelina Bravo
29th Robert Ramer
31st Ashlee Ramer

Anniversaries

10th Gordon & Nancy Beatty
10th Andrew & Mary Wong
12th Len & Bev Walz

The Celebrate!

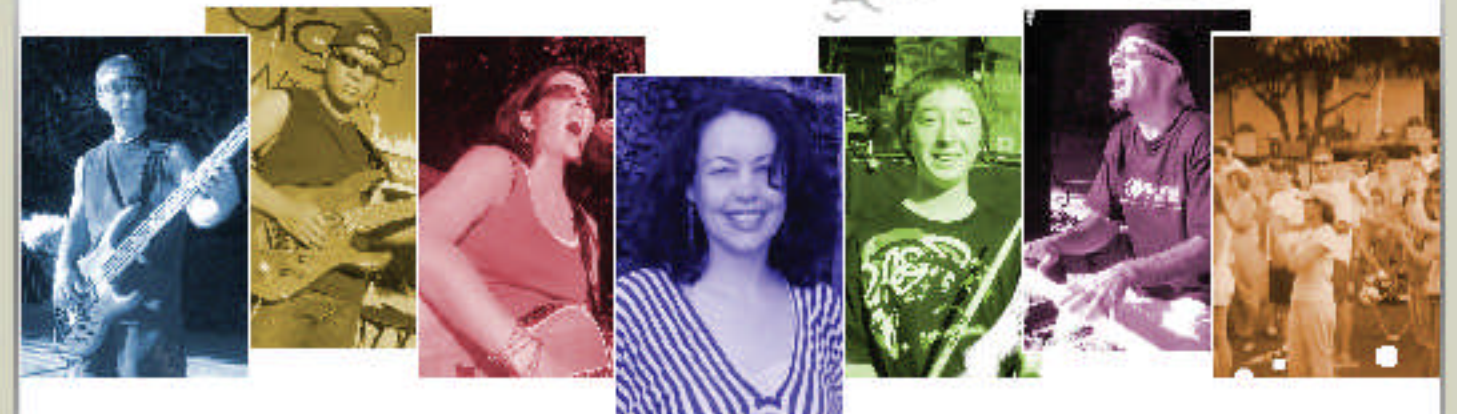
Santa Clara First Baptist Church

August 2008

Come join us for some fun in the sun at...

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

**LOCATED AT THE
CENTRAL PARK PAVILION.**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2008

3:00PM - GAMES FOR ALL AGES

4:00PM - BBQ

**5:00PM - CHILDREN'S
WATER GAMES**

5:30PM - EDGE WORSHIP

FYI- Information Update!

Last Sunday over 60 people gathered after our worship services to hear the latest in our church's progress in two important areas. For those of you who couldn't attend here is a brief synopsis of what was presented.

Youth Director Search

The Search Team has completed its work on writing a job description. We are looking for someone to work full time overseeing our Middle High, Senior High, and College Career groups. The salary/housing package spans between \$40,000 to \$50,000 and will be determined by the candidate's actual qualifications. As a minimum requirement this person needs to have already led a church youth ministry in another setting. He/She may or may not have seminary training.

You may pick up a copy of the job description in the church office during regular office hours. The members of the team are: **Denise Stephens, Tim McLenegan, Mary Wong, Jerry Cintas, Michelle Lasher, Gladys McFarland and Jesse Hawkins.**

Renovation Progress

The architect's revised plans have been submitted to the city for final approval. We should expect them back to us any day. The City has required us to install a mechanical lift to give wheelchair access to our sanctuary platform. To do this we'll install the lift in the Choir Room and place a door between the room and the right wall of the platform area. We'll also install hand rails along the stairs situated on both sides of the platform.

The Capital Fund Raising Team is ready to meet with David Bennett from our regional office. He is our consultant who has vast experience with helping the churches of our region raise funds for ministry and mission. What's exciting to me is that the fee for his services will go to help plant another church in our region. This fits perfectly with our church's vision to plant churches and expand the Kingdom!

Fellowship Hall

Due to a surplus of funds from last year we've been able to upgrade our Fellowship Hall with new, high quality carpeting and a new paint job. As of this writing the painting of the Hall and the adjoining three classrooms should be completed by next week. Special thanks to **Steve Erling** of Carpet One for such a great deal on the carpeting. If you haven't seen the improvements, check them out!

Thanks to all of you who continue to empower our church's ministry through your service, generous giving, and prayer support.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Vacation Bible School!

July 14th— July 18th



Thank you to all who made this year's VBS a success, without you it would not have been possible to accommodate the blessing of so many children. Nightly attendance averaged more than 85 children.

For VBS Sunday service there were 260 people in attendance and each family received a commemorative DVD of each night's activity.



Again, Thank you all,

Children's Ministry Director,
Tammy A. Catterton



2008 Leadership Summit - August 7th and 8th

You may want to consider attending the 2008 Leadership Summit August 7th and 8th. This is a fantastic opportunity to hone your leadership skills as you witness for the Lord. It will be held at Church on the Hill in San Jose again this year. Last year over thirty people represented SCFBC at the Summit. It's an incredibly uplifting experience!

Today is the last chance to register with Susi Reaves; you may reach her at 379-8494 or angelchild2053@aol.com. The cost is \$165 per person. You may also register the day of the event. The countdown is on: there are only eleven days to go!

EDGE Worship Summer Sermon Series Continues

“Come Follow Me”

Go deeper in your spiritual walk as we learn how to be followers of Christ. Apply Jesus' teachings in your life and be challenged every Sunday at 5:30 pm. *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. (Mark 8:34-35)*

The Upper Room

Join the **The Upper Room** church-wide prayer gathering at SCFBC sanctuary on **Wednesday, August 13 at 7:30 pm**. This time of reflection is to pray for our church, community, and the nations. Come expecting the power of the Holy Spirit to pour out! Contact Jonathan Fung for details at 408.813.2505. *Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

CityTeam Outreach

Please join us on Wednesday, August 20th from 6:00-7:15pm at the CityTeam Rescue Shelter. The address is 580 Charles St. in San Jose, off Hwy 101 and Oakland Rd. Meet in the CityTeam lobby at 6:00 pm to pray before we reach out to the men. This is a chapel service. So come ready to serve and watch the Spirit of the Lord bring encouragement and transformation. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

A Note from the Diaconate Chairman

Formal church business meetings extended to include those who attend the EDGE service.

We have been holding our regular church business meetings immediately after the morning service. This schedule has made it easier for individuals to participate immediately after the service. Previously the morning service was considered the “official” meeting as long as we had a quorum. We would then hold an information only meeting with the EDGE service. Our resident parliamentarian noted that we can make both of these meetings official or for the record, by having ballots at the morning meeting for any votes. We would suspend that meeting, reconvene after the Edge service with another vote on any formal business. The final decision would include the tally of ballots from the morning meeting and votes from the evening service. This will be the format for formal church business meetings in the future. For any questions or comments – please contact Steve McLenegan (steve.mclenegan@gmail.com)

Mission Team Update

“For I was hungry...I was thirsty....I was a stranger...I needed clothes...I was sick...I was in prison...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”
Matt. 25:35 - 36:40

Thank you to all that came to Santa Clara First Baptist Church (SCFBC) on the **4th of July** to help or watch the fireworks. It was a great opportunity for us to open our church to the community to use our parking lot, to use the facility, or just get a drink of water. In addition thanks for donating supplies for CityTeams for the **Adopt a Student** program. It is more important during this time of economic uncertainty to give Back-to-school supplies for the children of our community.

Thank you to the Nguyens and Robinsons for hosting our Costa Rican friends, Alvira, Luzmilda, and Flor this year. These women came up from our sister church in Limon, Costa Rica to support our VBS. It was a good chance for us to meet some of the members of New Hope Baptist church in Limon and hope that you were able to take advantage of extending a warm welcome to our guests.

We look forward to hearing from our 2008 Costa Rica team when they return to share about what they saw God doing during their trip. The team is there to do some construction for the school there and to continue relationships with our sister church. Please remember to keep this team in your prayers.

Finances- We are half way through the year and our missions giving is about 25% below the goal that was set for 2008. Please remember in your *giving to SCFBC to designate 10% of your giving to missions* to support the various local, national, and international ministries that SCFBC supports.

SCFBC Missions Deacon
Karen Fong

Women-In-Motion

Have you been thinking of improving your health, losing a few of those unwanted inches and having fun doing it? For those ladies new to our church and those ladies who have been here for more years than you can remember, come and check out the WIM Exercise Ministry. Exercise on our circuit training equipment in a clean, safe environment. The equipment is available for you to workout on at your own pace and at a time convenient for your schedule.

We also have exercise videos that you can check out to supplement your workout. The workout room is located next to the Choir Room and each member can access the room through a lock box.

To become a member you must be over sixteen (or over twelve if accompanied by an adult), sign a waiver form, and pay a \$10/month donation fee. As a ministry, each year we participate in the Diabetes Walk-a-thon, and support various ministries financially at our church through our monthly donation fee.

To find out more about our ministry You can email Marlies Almendarez at marlies777@sbcglobal.net or Christine Raines at auntdish13@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

2008 Women's Retreat

This year the 2008 Women's Retreat will take place from September 12th - 14th. We have a fantastic Guest Speaker lined up, Crystal Newton. Crystal is the immediate past president of the American Baptist Women of the West. The theme this year is, *Survivor at the Edge: A Retreat Experience*; from the Scripture Matthew 4:16.

Our goals for this retreat are to enable each participant to discover Christ's light within and how that light may help her meet challenges in life and experience peace and refreshment through fun, worship, and sharing with others.

Cristina Jackson is in charge of the 2008 Women's Retreat and can be reached at 390-4155 for more information. The registration fee is \$180 and forms are at the Information Desk in the Narthex. You may register through August 31st. The 2008 Women's Retreat is a great way to grow closer to God and friends in a peaceful setting at Redwood Glen.

Senior/Birthday Lunch Bunch

Have you heard of the Senior/Birthday Lunch Bunch, we invite you to join us for our monthly events. Our next event is Thursday, August 21st, 11:45am at Hometown Buffet on the El Camino Real. Please come and join us for wonderful Christian fellowship. Contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

Human Interest Features

Ms. Betty Hastings



Born in a small Kansas town, which was formerly an Osage Indian winter camping ground, gave Betty a real appreciation of the wisdom of Indians.

Betty's dad loved history, so they all listened to his stories. Betty was the third of four girls. Betty's mother was Baptist so the whole family became Baptists. From the age of five until she was nineteen this was her home church. Betty read her Bible every night before going to bed. At seventeen she asked God to send her a life's partner and that she would know him when she met him.

A classmate asked Betty to double date with a Marine friend named Jim. They went to see the movie *Sands of Iwo Jima* on Lincoln's birthday, February 14, 1950. Jim proposed on the first date and on the third date gave her an engagement ring. They were married four months later. Things move fast when God answers prayers.

The Korean War broke out in July 1950 and Jim was called to active duty in December. Jim's enlistment was for four years. Betty decided to live in California until Jim was discharged. His attended boot camp in San Diego and had duties as a corporal at the office at Oceanside.

In January 1952 Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas was hiring veterans. Jim and Betty were hired and worked until 1956. They moved back to California and Jim was hired by Lockheed at Ontario Airport. Betty began working at Edison Electric. Jim accepted a management position at Lockheed Missile & Space Corp. in Sunnyvale. He worked in the planning department, and had a high security clearance and secret classification. Jim never discussed his work at home.

Jim and Betty prayed to God for children; they were blessed with their two adopted daughters, Lorrie and Vicki. Betty's girls are grown and successful Christians. Lorrie, their older daughter, works with the San Jose Police Dept. and has two daughters. Vicki is a manager with Nation Aviation Corp. in Arizona and she has two sons and two grandsons. Betty says her girls have been a blessing to her.

Betty and Jim joined SCFBC in 1960. Dr. Miller, Pastor of the church at that time, encouraged Jim to take the job as choir director; he served for six years. Dr. Miller encouraged Betty to become the church social chairperson, to cook; Betty served for nine years. Back in those days the Hastings family did all of the work. They would cook, set the tables, serve, and wash the dishes. They would bake the potatoes at home.

Betty now lives in Campbell and is happy to be the Prayer Chain Captain. She calls and prays with the church prayer team. She still enjoys baking and sharing her goodies with family and friends. She is also a cancer survivor and recovering from major surgery. Betty totally depended on God and never once complained. She loves Jesus and this church.

Betty, we are so blessed that God directed you to SCFBC!

Youth News!!

The Element Jr. High Group

In July, several Element members spent a week at Redwood Glen, enjoying creek stomping, swimming, and even a rare appearance of "The Jerry". **Carmen** beat out the boys by winning the canon ball contest, and **Spencer** became "El Banano" for the Talent Show. Also in July, many Element members were crew leaders for the VBS "Power Lab". We have also started our new series on Parables and began with Christine sharing



with us on the prodigal son.

Reflect High School Group

At the end of June, we spent a week in Ensenada, Mexico running a Vacation Bible School program for the local children, and working on the roof of the church. It was awesome to see God working through us and touching the lives of the community, Libertad. We began a new series, studying

the parables of Jesus, and Andrew began by teaching the parable of the sower, and how it applies to us reaching out to others, and ourselves personally. Reflect also went on their annual summer retreat, this time to Lake Berryessa. **Danijela** taught about the Faith, Hope, and Love, and how the greatest of these is Love. While at the lake, we went wakeboarding (**Jesse** and Andrew were able to get all the way up), tubing (with some nasty looking crashes with **Victoria and Ashley**), and swimming. Special thanks to **Alex and Lucy Oliveira** for going with us on the trip!!



Sunday Groups

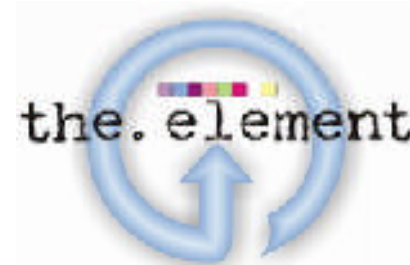
Committed is in the middle of a study on the *Nooma* Video series. We have recently talked about living for today, and not letting our anger get the best of us. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet and discuss the *Gilmore Girls* series.

~**Youth Staff** *Danijela, Sean, Fion, Amy, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew*

Upcoming EVENTS

Aug 7th – Element Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk Night
Aug 13^h – Reflect A's Game Night
Aug 15th – 17th Element Summer Retreat
Aug 23rd – Element Buddy Day with College Group
Aug 27th – Reflect Back to Church Night
Aug 28th – Element Back to Church Night

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



*Do you love God and like teenagers?
 Be part of the Youth Ministry Team!*

Three ways to be part of this awesome ministry:

Resource Team – Support us by providing much needed supplies. We provide snacks for our students during group on Wednesday and Thursday Nights. Our youth love treats and have bottomless stomachs. We also need supplies for camps and retreats. Lastly, some of our youth need financial assistance for events like snow camp, Mexico Mission, and summer retreat.

Prayer Team - Support our youth by praying for them. We can send you a weekly e-mail of the prayer needs of our students as well as the ministry's.

Minister Team – Support us by being a minister to our youth. Youth of today urgently need God loving adults to guide and mentor them. There are many ways to get involve. You can be part of the midweek meeting (Wednesday or Thursday) – hang out with students, play games, worship and lead a small group. If teaching and bible study is your passion, join us for Committed during the Sunday school hour. Do you like to watch TV or movie shows? Join the discussions in AB Girls and G.U.Y.S. groups on Sundays at 4. We are currently discussing the TV shows *Gilmore Girls* and *Lost*. If you don't like large groups, you can minister one on one. In addition, there are monthly exciting events that you can attend.

How can you get started?

1. Pray about it. Listen for God's calling.
2. Don't make excuses. God can use everyone.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

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