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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

### *September Birthdays & Anniversaries*

#### *September Birthday's*

5<sup>th</sup> Guerin White  
7<sup>th</sup> Andrew Wong  
10<sup>th</sup> Andrea Robichaud Murray  
13<sup>th</sup> Richard Reaves  
14<sup>th</sup> Gordon Beatty  
15<sup>th</sup> Helen Hawkins  
17<sup>th</sup> Gladys McFarland  
17<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Starnes  
20<sup>th</sup> Bill Ash  
21<sup>st</sup> Al Carlson  
21<sup>st</sup> Kelli Hawkins  
21<sup>st</sup> Nikki Hawkins  
27<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Brown  
29<sup>th</sup> Ron Martin

#### *Anniversaries*

8<sup>th</sup> Jess & Denise Stephens  
10<sup>th</sup> Ron & Lynne Martin  
10<sup>th</sup> Alex & Lucy Oliveira  
26<sup>th</sup> Adam & Shari Burdick

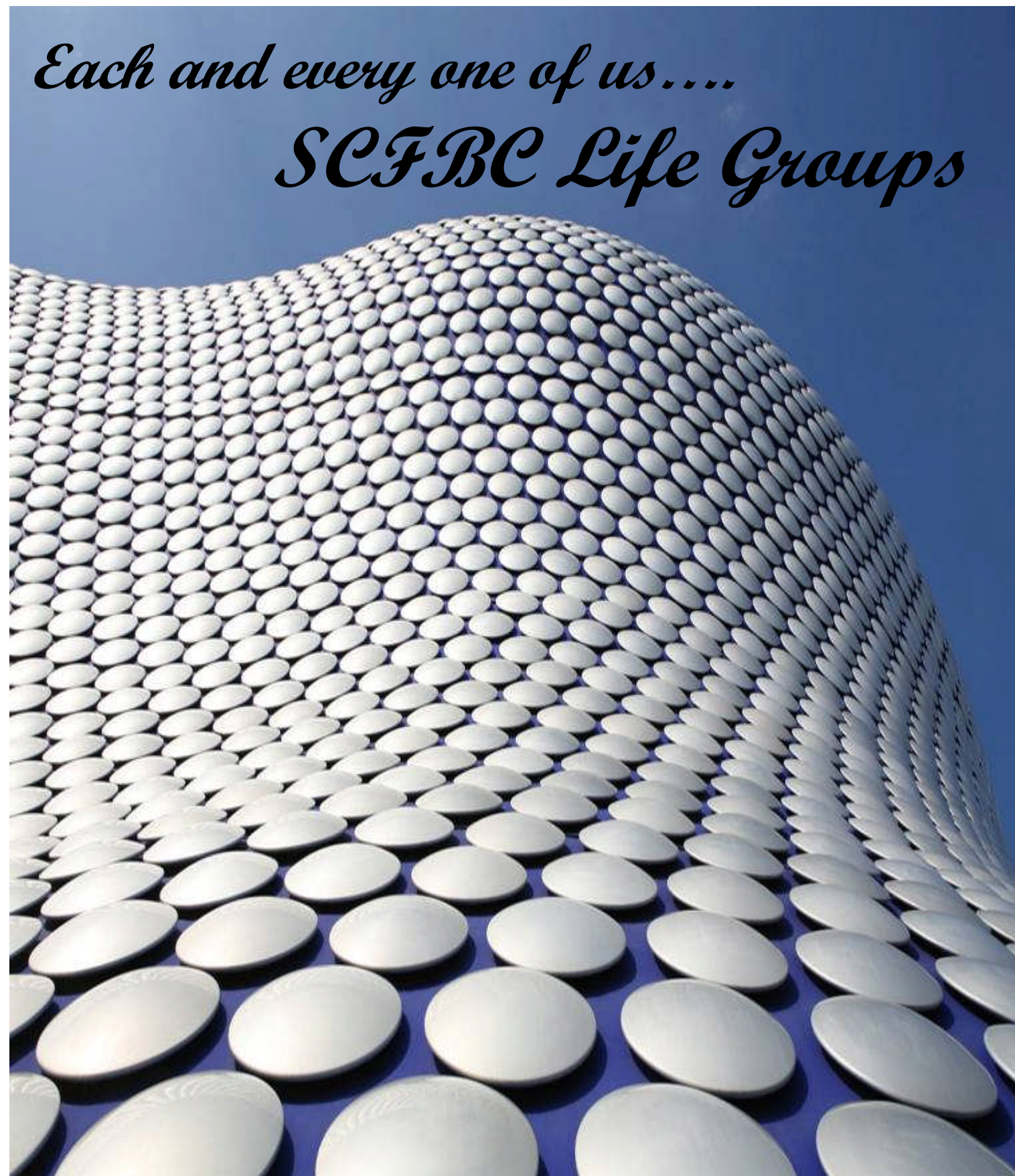
# *The Celebrate!*

*Santa Clara First Baptist Church*

*September 2008*

*Each and every one of us....*

*SCFBC Life Groups*





## Life Groups

Santa Clara First Baptist Church invites you to be part of our ever-growing Life Groups that meet weekly. This is where life happens and spiritual growth occurs because of the family environment and unity they encourage.

Life Groups are designed to help people to know Jesus Christ and each another in authentic community in a small group setting. These settings promote life-transformation through relationships, studying of God's Word, serving others and prayer. Our goal is to support SCFBC's mission to evangelize and disciple the people of Santa Clara Valley as God's kingdom agents.

Our Lord knew the value of small groups. He chose the small group format to train the first twelve leaders of the church. God calls us into community with other believers. The church in Acts epitomizes this:

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals including the Lord's Supper and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” Acts 2:42-47

Come try out our exciting Life Groups. Each group is diverse, unique and friendly. There will be one that will fit your schedule and personality. This will be one of the best decisions that you make for your life.

Many Blessings,

Jonathan Fung  
Life Group Ministries Director

## Life Groups listing

### Grow Group I

The GROW acronym stands for:

- \*G\*row in our understanding and application of God's word
- \*R\*elate positively to other believers
- \*O\*verflow with God's love to those without Jesus
- \*W\*orship God whole-heartedly

Our group time is composed of worship, Bible study discussion and prayer. We are just beginning a book study of the gospel of John. Our current location is at the Reaves' home in Campbell near the San Tomas Expressway. For more information contact Rich and Susi Reaves at 379-8494.

### Grow Group II

We are a seeker friendly life group desiring to GROW in our relationships with one another, our community, and most importantly in Christ. We spend our time in worship, scripture study, sharing, and prayer. We will begin a Bible book study soon. For more information contact Rudy DuBord at 496-6393.

### Family Life Group

This home group is for parents and their children to attend together. While the adults study and fellowship, the children play together in a child-friendly environment. We meet on Friday nights at 6:30pm at the home of Jon and Jenny Hammar. We will begin meeting again on Friday, September 5th. Our study focus will be the book of Genesis. For information contact Jenny at 248-2078.

### Impact Group

The Impact group meets at Jerry and Sharon's house on Tuesday nights. The group is made up of around 12 college-aged young adults. We are currently studying Romans, a chapter a week. We have activities on Sunday nights after EDGE. For more information contact Jerry or Sharon at 615-1690

## SEPTEMBER Calendar Events

### World Missions Offering

**Monday, Sept. 1**

**Labor Day - Office Closed**

**Saturday, Sept. 6**

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry- Rm 19 - Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

10am Manna Kitchen Prep-Adam 249-5903

1pm –Lucy's Baby Shower-Peggy 410-8933

**Sunday, Sept. 7**

12pm Choir Practice-Sue 741-8757

3-7pm **Worship in the Park**

**Monday, Sept. 8**

10:30am Sr. Life Group starts

**Wednesday, Sept. 10**

10am-ABW Bd Mtg-Parlor-Barbara

**Thursday, Sept. 11**

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19 - Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

**Thursday, Sept. 11-14**

Mexico Mission Work trip

**Friday Sept. 12-14**

Women's Retreat - Cristina J. 390-4155

**Sunday, Sept. 14**

12pm Choir Practice-Sue 741-8757

12pm - Hallelujah Night Planning Mtg - Tammy 348-3271

12-3pm Capital Fund Raising Team - Lib

5:30pm - AWANA begins-FH-Jon 248-2078

**Monday, Sept. 15**

7pm -Finance Comm-Lib - Allyson 241-2989

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**

10am Seafarers Packing Party - Narthex - Barbara 739-2935

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**

6pm - CityTeam Outreach-Jonathan-246-2979

**Thursday, Sept. 18**

11:45am Sr/Birthday Lunch Bunch-Sizzler near Bowers/Hwy 101 - Betty 244-5949

**Saturday, Sept. 20**

8:30-4pm Offsite Diaconate Planning Mtg - Steve 249-4621

1pm Diana's Bridal Shower - Fireside - Susi 379-8494

**Sunday, Sept. 21**

12pm Quarterly Business Mtg-International

Potluck - Adam 249-5903

7pm Quarterly Business Mtg

**Friday, Sept. 26**

2pm - YouthQuake-FH - Jerry 615-1690

**Saturday, Sept. 27**

8-10am Brothers In Christ-Adam 249-5903

9am - ABW Coastal Valley Rally – all church - Barbara 739-2935

**Sunday, Sept. 28**

9:15am Ministry SHAPE Class #1-Parlor - Rudy 496-6393

12pm-Getting to Know You w/lunch - Library Pastor Rich

## OCTOBER

1st - 10a White Cross- Virginia N.

4th - 10a Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19

5th - 9:15a Ministry SHAPE Class #2

5th -12p Choir Practice

8th - 12:30p Baits/Turley Circle

9th - 10a Prayer Quilt Ministry-Rm 19

10/12th - Youth Leaders Convention

11th-**Church Work Day** Mike 691-1441

12th- 9:15a Ministry SHAPE Class #3

12th-12p Choir Practice

12th-12p Children's Ministry Mtg- FH

13th- 7pm - Finance Committee - Lib

14th - 12:30pm Bethell Circle

15/16th -10-6pm Rummage Sale Set-up

15th -6pm CityTeam Outreach- Jonathan

16th-11:45am Sr/Birthday Lunch Bunch

17/18th - 8:30 Rummage Sale - FH

18th - 8:30am Diaconate Mtg - Lib

18th -10- 12pm Leadership Training-Lib

18th 5:30pm-Youth Corn Maze

19th - 9:15am Ministry SHAPE Class #4

19<sup>th</sup> – 12-3pm Capital Fund Raising Team

25th - 8-10am Brothers In Christ

25th -7-10pm Hallowed in SJ-Jonathan

26th - 12pm - Getting to Know You w/lunch - Lib - Pastor Rich

31st - 5:30pm Hallelujah Night Outreach

## 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, September 18th, 11:45am at Sizzler Restaurant located at Bowers & Augustine in Santa Clara. Please come and join us for wonderful Christian fellowship. For more information contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

## Ministry Class

If you have not yet discovered your S-H-A-P-E for Ministry (or it has been awhile), I would encourage you to sign-up for the upcoming Ministry Class. This course will focus on identifying your Spiritual gifts, Heart for service, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences for service in ministry. This course will explore scripture and use tools such as the Wagner-Modified Houts questionnaire and Keirsey Temperament Sorter, along with past experiences to learn more about yourself and determine where you can best serve in ministry. This four-week course begins on September 28<sup>th</sup> and runs through October 19th during the Sunday school hour at 9:15 AM in the Parlor. The course will be lead by Rudy DuBord and Pastor Rich. For more information or to sign-up, contact Rudy at (408) 496-6393 or via email at [radubord@aol.com](mailto:radubord@aol.com).

## Greetings from the Membership Department

**Food Pantry:** Thank you to the people who have been regularly donating food items (ex: tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables) and paper bags for the Food Pantry. We are blessed to be able to help several families each month. If you or someone you know needs a little extra food at the end of the month, let them know they can come by the church office Monday - Thursday (8:30-5:30pm) the last week of the month and ask for a couple of bags of groceries.

**Prayer Chain:** There is a need for a person to be temporary captain of the telephone prayer chain. If God puts it on your heart to serve in this way, please let me know. Many of you are connected to the email prayer chain. Jim Lovelace is the captain of the email prayer chain and if you want to be added to the email list him at [deloys@aol.com](mailto:deloys@aol.com).

**Fellowship Fund:** Through God's grace and your generosity, SCFBC is able to help out people when unexpected financial needs. If you find your family having this need you can call Pastor Rich, Pastor Jenny or Dave Wilson in the office at 241-7635 or Jerri Cooper, Membership Deacon at 984-0908 or [jerri@scfbc.org](mailto:jerri@scfbc.org).

## Community Outflow Project by the Garcia Life Group

Do you have old cell phones and cell phone equipment that you are not using and don't know how to get rid of them? If so please bring them to the church and drop them in the box in the Narthex. The Garcia Life Group is collecting them until the middle of October as part of a Permanent project that donates them to a battered women's shelter. The phones and chargers are then distributed for FREE so these women can have instant communication when they are in danger. Please donate the following items:

- old cell phones and cases
- house cell phone chargers
- car cell phone chargers

If you have any questions call Dawn Hunter at 984-4811, Chelsea Trigg at 733-2812, or Jerri Cooper at 984-0908. Thank you for helping us "outflow" and show God's love to the community.

Blessings,

Jerri Cooper, Membership Deacon

## Life Groups listings continued

### X-Factor

X-Factor lays strong emphasis upon being a missional expression in the culture, time and place in which we live. Within the context of community we can begin to understand the nature of following Jesus. We explore and express our spirituality through prayer, serving others, applying Jesus' teachings, and incorporating various genres of art to create and preserve an open environment where we can connect deeply with one another in spiritual conversation and love. X-Factor meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm at Mission City Coffeehouse, 2221 The Alameda in Santa Clara. We welcome you to join our casual atmosphere and relevant, keep-it-real teaching. Contact Jonathan Fung for more information at 408.813.2505.

### Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study

1st and 2nd Saturdays of the month, 9-11 a.m. Continuing focus: OUTFLOW book and study. Held at the home of Denise Stephens.

### Chicks Home Bible Study

You are invited to join us for an informal, informative and inspirational Bible study. We are currently studying the rise and decline of King David, second king of Israel, as recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel. In addition to serious Bible study, we enjoy fun, fellowship and occasional feasting. The study is structured to make new comers feel at home on their first visit. We begin with a social time, including refreshments. Chuck then leads the Bible study, followed by Dave White leading a time of sharing of praises and concerns, and concluding with a closing prayer. We meet Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to about 9:00 at the home of Chuck and Barbara Chicks, 925 Kamsack Court, Sunnyvale. For more information or directions contact Chuck or Barbara at 739-2935 or Dave White at 725-1432. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday.

### Lindsey Life Group

The Lindsey Life Group will begin meeting again Monday, September 8th at 7:00pm. The meetings will be held at Coy and Tracey Lindsey's house. You may contact them at 241-4510. Come for a great time of fellowship and learning.

## Moms Life Group

The Moms life group focuses on how we can become Godly wives and mothers. We hold each other accountable, support each other and pray for each other. We also aim to incorporate community service and prayer with our children as a group. We meet Saturdays at 3PM at Daena's home. For more information contact Daena at 774-9350.

## Brothers In Christ

Last Saturday of the month. A time for men to get together for prayer and support. Meets in the church Fellowship Hall from 8am to 10am. For more information contact Adam at 249-5903.

## Young Marrieds

The Young Marrieds group has been meeting since early 2007. Although most people in the group are married and have small children, our group is open to anyone. We plan on finishing a study on Job in the fall. As is our custom, we decide as a group what we will study, so we don't know what we will study after Job. For more information contact Joel E. at 624-1078 or Andrew at 278-1996. The group usually meet at the home of Joel and Rebecca Ebel in Sunnyvale.

## Resonate

The Resonate Life Group is ideal for adults who desire to 'resonate' with God's love. We strive for this through in-depth Bible study, prayer, service and fellowship. This year, group members are encouraged to 'stretch' themselves by:

- Having regular prayer time
- Having regular devotional time
- Leading a study
- Sharing Christ's love through everyday activities
- Inviting a friend to the group

Contact Joel or Lisa Robinson for more information at 554-1728.

## Seniors

This group of senior citizens meet in the church parlor for a time of study and prayer led by Pastor Richard Reaves. For more information contact Doris Smith at 554-1728.



## Renovation Updates

We continue to make progress despite seeming obstacles. Our current situation is this:

### City Permits

The city has decided to hold up approval of our architectural plans until certain power issues are resolved. Currently we have two cell sites located on our property (Sprint and T-Mobile) with a third provider (Verizon) wanting to get on board. The city recently informed us that until all three of these providers design a unified and approved plan for accessing electricity from Silicon Valley Power, they will not approve our plans. Thus we have had to take the responsibility to get all three companies together to get these plans drawn up and approved.

Dave Wilson Jr., our Executive Administrative Assistant is “leading the charge” on this one. I ask for your prayers as he continues to work with all three carriers and the city to move this issue to completion. All participants will be meeting on Thursday, September 4 to begin this work.

### Capital Fundraising- Background -Future Plans

Did you know our worship center was built in 1970? Since then considerable technological advances have been developed to improve the worship experience: hearing devices connected directly to the sound system allowing those with hearing impairments to enjoy the worship experience more fully, central air conditioning to break the heat, rear-projection technology which can improve the visibility of our song slides, sermon notes and videos, enhanced cluster speaker systems to eliminate audio “dead” and “hot” spots, and flexible seating that no longer limits the way we can arrange our sanctuary. A lot has changed. Some of these changes we've already been able to incorporate into our worship center, but many still need to be implemented.

Additionally a great deal of legislation has been passed in recent years describing how we should equip our facility to provide for maximum accessibility by all people. Various electrical codes and fire safety requirements have also changed. While we've certainly made some updates along the way, it's time once again for us to renovate the space where we worship and praise our Lord each week. Over the past two years, the Renovation Team has

prayerfully developed a comprehensive plan to bring our facility up to date in terms of accessibility, safety, functionality and aesthetics. Our plans now lay in the hands of the city. The next phase of the renovation was the formation of a Capital Fundraising Team. This team, with guidance from Growing Healthy Churches (ABC of the West) Regional Consultants will develop the plan for us to finance the Renovation Project.

I was very thankful for the wisdom, experience, and insight we gained from these regional resource people. David Bennett is no stranger to our church. He has preached here and led various financial seminars for us. Bud Swank is a long-time staffer for our Region with extensive experience in church fundraising. Prince Altom (yes, Prince is his first name) has served as the senior pastor of Hillside Church of Marin for over 30 years. We are very fortunate to have such men guiding us in the achievement of God's goals for us.

After meeting with the regional consultants this past Sunday, the Capital Fundraising Team (*Jerry Cintas, Karen Fong, Nikki Hawkins, Michelle Lasher, Steve McLenegan, Jay Nordgaard, Lisa Robinson, and Jess Stephens*) is considering a two-year fundraising campaign. Pledges would be made and then fulfilled as soon as possible but not to exceed two years in length. In order to begin the project in a timely manner (pending city approval), the church would take out a loan to cover the necessary costs then repay the loan as pledges are fulfilled. Should this ultimately be the course of action the team determines to be best, it would bring a formal proposal regarding the loan details to the congregation for approval of the loan and the renovation it would underwrite.

### Youth Director Search

The youth director search team is now in the process of collecting and reviewing applications for the position. They will keep us up to date about their progress.

I will continue to share progress reports as details become available. In the meantime, please pray with me, *"God, what would you have me do for You today? How can I be part of this renovation and the rest of the Kingdom work You would have me do?"*

Blessings,  
Pastor Rich



***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. The Youth of today urgently need God loving adults to guide and mentor them. There are many ways to get involved. You can be part of the mid-week 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.
3. Talk to a youth mentor. (Jerry Cintas, Jasmine Jackson, Fion Cheng, Amy Victorson, Christine Robbins,

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Jerry Cintas at [jerry@scfbc.org](mailto:jerry@scfbc.org) or at (408) 390-4696

Mary Wong at [mary@scfbc.org](mailto:mary@scfbc.org) or at (408) 858-7558

Andrew Wong at [andrew@scfbc.org](mailto:andrew@scfbc.org) or at (408) 858-7572





# Youth News!!

## The Element Jr. High Group

In August, Element members were again super busy. One Thursday night, we went to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, where some of the girls rode the log ride at least 7 times, in the cool Santa Cruz evening.



We also went on our annual summer retreat camping at Lake Berryessa, enjoying a weekend of wakeboarding and tubing. Fion taught us how to Love, Worship, Believe, and Stand as a “Jesus Freak”.

Element members were also partnered with an IMPACT member on a Saturday as part of the annual Big Buddy Day. Various groups went to Raging Waters, Great America, Laser Quest, while others spent the day shopping or miniature golfing with their Big Buddy. After the day was over, everyone met over at Jerry's house for pizza and swimming.



We have been studying various parables in the Bible over the past month. Jerry taught on building your house on the rock, and Mary taught about the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector.

## Reflect High School Group



In August, Reflect once again attended an A's game and saw our name on the scoreboard. **Victoria** also made it on the scoreboard for her awesome dance moves!! Reflect also made a day trip to Manresa state beach where we swam, had an awesome lunch, and just relaxed before heading back to school.

We have continued our study of the parables. Andrew taught about judgment through the parable of the Unmerciful Servant, and about prayer through the parable of the Persistent Widow. Mary taught about the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.



## Sunday Groups

Committed has completed a study on the *Nooma* Video series. We are now going to study the book of Mark. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet in the youth room and discuss the *Gilmore Girls* series.

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

## *Greetings from Pastor Jenny*

Hello everyone,

The summer months are coming to an end, which means my Sabbatical is concluding as well. Looking back over the past 3 months, I can think of only one word to describe my summer experience – amazing. This has been an amazing summer for me and my family. Through your generosity, we were able to enjoy each other in a way that just isn't possible when both parents are working full time. We took several family vacations, spent many days at Raging Waters, stayed up too late, slept in too much, played lots of games, took lots of pictures, and made lots of memories. And the most noteworthy result of the summer - my house is clean and organized, and I've been cooking! Seriously. Of course, I benefitted greatly from this extended time of rest and renewal. However, my family gained just as much and we are all so grateful for this opportunity. My children loved having their mom home with them this summer without schedules to follow, and without any agenda other than being together. My husband enjoyed having his wife relaxed, and I think he even enjoyed my cooking. You'll have to ask him.

This Sabbatical was also a great time of learning. I had the opportunity to attend two conferences at Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois. The first conference was on Worship Arts and the second was the Leadership Summit. Both were awesome. I also spent the summer traveling to visit other churches. I was able to visit and worship with 9 different churches, including churches in Minnesota, Washington, Torrance, Berkeley, Bakersfield and the South Bay. My family attended all but 1 of these services with me, so Jon and I enjoyed being “church spies” together. We enlisted our kids to spy on the children's ministry for cool ideas. The worship styles of the churches we visited varied from contemporary, to post-modern, to charismatic, to liturgical. The venues varied from high schools, to old sanctuaries, to renovated buildings, to art centers. These churches differed from each other in style, music, worship order, and location. However, as many differences as they had, I was comforted that every church we visited seemed to be struggling with volunteer recruitment (it's not just us), and I was encouraged that each church took their community impact efforts seriously. Most of all, I was blessed to witness the joy these different congregations had in worshipping together. Although the worship elements were different, the elements didn't seem to be the most important aspect of worship. The people of the congregation found joy in being together, and that joy was reflected in their worship.

As Jon and I and our children return to SCFBC in September, we look forward to finding that sense of joy in community once again. As much as we enjoyed worshipping in other churches, we missed worshipping with our church family. Plus, we really, really missed the music at SCFBC. So we will see you all again on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for the wonderful way you have blessed my family this summer.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jenny





# Human Interest Features

Fred Marshall was born in Macon, Georgia on March 31, 1923 on the campus of Mercer University, a Baptist college. His father was a senior at that school and had rented rooms there in a Victorian home in which Fred was born. His father studied for the ministry and began a career that lasted 46 years serving numerous Baptist churches in Georgia and in the Army as a Chaplain in World War II. Fred grew up in Louisville, GA, along with two sisters and a brother. At the age of 10, his father became pastor in Tennille, GA, where Fred also attended high school. In the middle of his senior year in 1939, his father took a pastorate in LaGrange, GA, a step which greatly changed Fred’s life. Within a few weeks he met the most beautiful girl he had ever seen, Nell McCluskey, and it was love at first sight for them both. He then entered Mercer University and found that separation from Nell was too much and they were married in 1942. On graduation, Fred enlisted in the U. S. Navy and Fred, Jr was born during Fred’s Navy training as an Electronics Technician. Fred served on a mine sweeper in the Pacific and was based in Japan following their surrender in 1945, clearing mines in the South China Sea. On returning home in 1946, he taught at Mercer University for a year before entering the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received a Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1949. He then worked for the Bendix Radio Corporation in Baltimore, MD on missile guidance systems. His daughter, Betsy, was born there. He returned to Georgia Tech in 1952 where he spent 8 years in continued research for the Navy. His sons, Bob and David, were born in Atlanta, GA. The family was active in the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, where both Fred, Jr and Betsy were baptized.



In 1960, with school segregation a major issue, the governor of Georgia vowed to close Georgia Tech if any African American was admitted to the school. Fred strongly opposed segregation and he was offered a job in California at Stanford University, which he accepted. Moving his family to Sunnyvale, they sought a Baptist church and found this church. Among those welcoming them here were LeRoy and Dottie Reaves, also Georgia natives, and they continued as their closest friends. Fred became a member of the Diaconate and also taught Sunday School. In 1964, Ken Longmore became the pastor and Fred served as Chairman of the Diaconate, as the deacon for the Department of Membership, and as chairman of a committee to rewrite the church constitution.

In his position with Stanford University, Fred was engaged in research for the Air Force and Navy on missile defense systems. In 1970 his group moved to Stanford Research Institute because of the classified nature of that research. During his 31 years at Stanford and SRI, he traveled around the world, including Japan, England, Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland, Denmark, Germany and the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, where he installed and tested long-range radar systems. Fred retired in 1991 at the age of 68 but has continued to travel the world as a tourist and an avid photographer.

Santa Clara First Baptist Church has played an important role in Fred’s family. His sons, Bob and David, were baptized here and all four of his children were married here. Those marriages produced 9 grandchildren. His wife, Nell, was also very active in the church and was beloved by all who knew her. Sadly, she suffered a heart attack in December 1985 and passed away following surgery in February 1986 at the young age of 61 after 43 years of marriage. She left written plans for her funeral, asking that a single daffodil from her garden be placed on her casket. That was done and each year since then for 22 years, that same clump of daffodils has bloomed near the date of her death and one of those blossoms has been placed in the sanctuary here in her memory.

Fred says that his greatest legacy will be his large family, which now numbers 24 members, including 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. God has richly blessed his life.



The time has come for another amazing, exciting and all-around extraordinary AWANA season. Under the leadership of Commander Jon Hammar, the AWANA staff is prepared to take your children on a fun-filled, Scripture-led journey towards Jesus.

## AWANA BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

AWANA evenings are divided into three parts – Games, Handbook Time, and Council Time. The games are high-energy and lots of fun. This is an opportunity for children to play hard, laugh out loud and simply have fun together. During Handbook Time, the children work on memorizing Bible verses. With the help of trained leaders, the children work through their books, committing Scripture to memory and planting God’s word in their hearts. Council time is when the Bible comes to life through child-targeted lessons, teaching the children how to apply all the wonderful words of God they have been learning.

The AWANA team would love to have your child be a part of this year’s adventure. Here’s what you need to know to get your AWANA journey started:

### Time and Place

**When:** Sundays, 5:15-6:45pm (During EDGE Worship)  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall and Education Wing

### Age Groups

**Cubbies:** Ages 3-5 (not yet in Kindergarten)  
**Sparks:** Grades K-2  
**Truth & Training:** Grades 3-5

### Registration

AWANA registration forms can be found on the church website on the AWANA page, in the children’s classrooms used on Sunday mornings, or you can come to AWANA and register there.

### Volunteers

AWANA is run completely through volunteers. We have a wonderful team of trained volunteers, but we can always use more. If you feel God’s tug on your heart to be a part of this ministry, contact Commander Jon.

AWANA begins on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, call Commander Jon Hammar at 248-2078 or contact him through email at [jhammar@jbear.org](mailto:jhammar@jbear.org).



## Children's Ministry

School is back in session and Promotion Sunday for our kids is September 7<sup>th</sup>! Children entering kindergarten will be moving up to the K/1 class and joining the main worship service with their parent/caregiver until they are dismissed after the Children's Moment. Those entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be moving on to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

We are also in the process of registering all the kids for the 2008/2009 school year. Please see your teacher to get a new registration form or fill one out in the Fellowship Hall when you pick up your children from Kids Worship after the service.

We would like to welcome Varina Chambers and Kim Barnett to the Children's Ministry. They will both be working with the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This is an answer to prayer! The children's ministry is still in need of workers on a regular and substitute basis during both the Sunday School Hour and the Worship Hour. Please contact me if you would like more information or are interested in joining our team. You are also welcome to attend our next Children's Ministry Meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) program will be starting up on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 PM – 6:45 PM during the EDGE service. Jon Hammar will be our Commander this year and we look forward to seeing all he has planned

Hallelujah Night is October 31<sup>st</sup> and I am recruiting volunteers and in the planning process. Anyone interested in being a part of this fun and safe alternative to Trick Or Treating, please contact me. We will meet on September 14<sup>th</sup> after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who make the week to week programs possible, as well as those that contribute their time and energy to the annual events. An investment in our children is an investment in the future.

Together in Service for Him,

Tammy Altizer Catterton  
Children's Ministry Director

## 2008 Fall Rummage Sale

The rummage sale to benefit "Bethlehem" and the Women's Missions Projects is coming up on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please start saving clean, usable items (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay) to benefit these special ministries. Because we have no storage space available, items cannot be brought to the Fellowship Hall until Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, before or after the Morning and EDGE Worship Services. You may also bring items during our set-up days on Wednesday or Thursday before the sale from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Lots of volunteers will be needed. Contact Maxine (241-7567) if you have questions or can help with this special benefit!

## 2008 Costa Rica Mission

This year's team had another great experience in Limon, Costa Rica, with our brothers and sisters of New Hope Baptist Church. Despite the weather (rain and electrical storms) we managed to put the roof on the new kitchen, paint furniture, organize the library, play with kids, encourage teachers and staff, worship, eat, and eat, and enjoy the beauty of Costa Rica.



The new walkway back to the Kindergarten classroom gives Jay Nordgaard and the kids a chance to play tag.



Lunch was quickly moved under cover after the storm started peeling pieces of the old tin roof onto the patio.

It was wonderful to have a family new to the church step out and agree to host this year. Jerri Cooper and Danijela Tomic had a great time with Amelia and Ricardo who live in Pueblo Nuevo, the neighborhood where the school is located. Every night we were with people in the church who hosted us for dinner and shared their lives with us.

And it wasn't all work, either!

We were hosted for a trip to the beach on Saturday, driving down the coastline to see some of the other Caribbean towns. We were able to join in the Wednesday evening Bible study and for worship on Sunday morning where Joan Friesen preached.



Our work almost finished! The team with contractors Oliver and Henry and student Harold.

Next year our ninth team will help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the school--Baptist Educational Center of the Caribbean. We will finally dedicate the library which our second team started constructing in 2002. And our hope will be to finish the kitchen. Thinking about joining us? Talk with Lisa Robinson or Joan Friesen.



Using the computers in the library.

## Property Corner

Hi everyone..... With summer winding down I hope that everyone has enjoyed the past few months!

### Fellowship Hall

Painting has been completed in rooms 11,12 & 13 as well as the Fireside Room. Also completed is the entrance hallway as well as the inside trim. The Fireside Room also has seen the removal of the wall heater as it wasn't in operating condition. New doors for rooms 11 & 12 have also been installed. Please give Adam Burdick and Ken Harold a big "THANK YOU" when you see them! New carpet and base trim were installed in rooms 11,12,13 and also looks GREAT!

### Church Work Day – October 11, 2008

The next church work day is quickly approaching and is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008. Please mark your calendars to spend the day with our church family to help in various projects around our property. Some of the scheduled projects to be completed are: Slocum Garden: Chain link fence to be trimmed and re-fastened, rear safety light at rear of church office, new florescent lighting to be replaced in rooms 11,12 & 13, and additional projects are being planned as well. We will meet @ 9:00AM in the office parking lot, with lunch being served @ 12:00PM and ending our day at 3:00PM.

***Please contact Dave Wilson or myself on your availability for the gifts of your talents and time on this big day!***

### Church Van

A 15 passenger van was purchased, from a donation from 2 church members, on August 4, 2008 by Jerry Cintas. Small repairs have been completed and safety equipment is now installed as well. Van stenciling should be completed within the next week or so by Joe Lasher.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jerry Cintas and Andrew Wong who both have passed the DMV written test and will be taking the driving tests very soon! The last step will be the Dept. of Consumer Affairs issuing us a carrier permit. After this is completed, the church will be free to use the van.

**Note:** Anyone who is interested in becoming a "qualified" driver should please contact me or the church office for details. A "Class B" driver's license is required.

Blessings,

Mike Depew, Property Deacon

## Packing Party

Women, have you seen the large box in the narthex for the Seamen's Mission? People have been bringing Christmas gifts suitable for men at sea. Have you wondered what happens to all those items? Come to the church narthex on Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. and help pack ditty bags for the seamen. No experience necessary! We hope to pack 100 bags so we need lots of help! Please bring something to share for a potluck lunch! Come and enjoy a time of fellowship as we work together in a mission project!

## Missions 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."* Matthew 25:35 -36;40

It's hard to believe that summer is over and fall is upon us. I hope and pray that you have taken some time to slow down to spend time with each other and to experience God's blessings for you.

Thank you all who attend Santa Clara First Baptist Church (SCFBC) for supporting the Seafarers ministry and bringing in supplies for the folks on ships. In addition, thank you for your support of the special offering on One Great Hour of Sharing. This year half of this offering was designated to support the Midwest flood areas. We have received a little over \$2600 for this offering.

In September we will be collecting a special offering for the World Missions Organization. The goal this year is to collect \$5000 for this offering. Please ask God what you should contribute toward this offering that will help so many around the world. Watch for more information in your Sunday bulletins.

**Finances** - We are more than 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.

May we work together and look forward to the adventure Our Lord has for us!

SCFBC Missions Deacon, Karen Fong

## Outreach Opportunity

Please join us on Wednesday, September 17th from 6:00-7:15 pm 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. For more information contact Jonathan Fung at 813-2505.



## Prayer Requests



### Prayer Requests for

- **Esperanza Marquez** has been diagnosed with a bleeding ulcer and is undergoing more testing; she also must move in two weeks; pray that Esperanza will feel God's loving presence.
- **Vera Masters'** husband, **Pete**, who is feeling better and is in physical therapy; **Pete** is at Good Samaritan Hospital.
- **Betty Lou Carlson** who is at Amberwood semi-permanently.
- **MaryAnn Fairall's** granddaughter, **Autumn**, as she recovers from leukemia treatments; please pray for **Autumn's** family.

### Praise Report

- **Betty Hastings**, recovering from a broken ankle, is back at San Tomas Convalescent Hospital and feeling better. Praise the Lord.
- **Beth Kroll** who is at home recovering from foot surgeries; please pray for God's healing touch.

### Renovation Prayer Requests, Pray That

- **SCFBC will be a united and stronger church through the Renovation.**
- **We would recognize that God has and will give us all we need** for resources, people and commitment toward outreach into our community.
- **The City of Santa Clara would approve and return** our architectural drawings.