

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

April 2013



What you believe...

About yourself

About your life

About God

Just how important is it...

To you now?

To you later, after you die?

To those around you?

Come and find out

Five Sundays from April 21-May 19

Moving Forward

A few weekends ago a group of seven people from SCFBC met with Dr. Bill Hoyt to create a new set of belief statements based on what God's word, the Bible, tells us. This group, called an Envisioning Team, logged about 30 hours from a Friday morning to a Sunday afternoon. Through a lot of concentrated work and a lot of reliance on the Holy Spirit it was able to complete its work in one weekend rather than the two that had been scheduled for the process.

Below are the "We Believe" statements that emerged from its deliberations. Each one highlights a basic understanding of the nature and work of God in our lives and our response to Him. Along with each belief is an action statement. Because we believe, we will act on the basis of those beliefs.

Read each over a few times and reflect on its meaning for our church and our personal lives.

We believe...	Therefore we will...
We believe in the one creative and loving God revealed to the world as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	Therefore we will demonstrate God's love to all people.
We believe God the Father rules with perfect mercy, compassion and wisdom.	Therefore we will trust God and submit to His authority.
We believe God the Son, Jesus, became human, providing the only way to reconcile imperfect people with the perfect God.	Therefore we will share Jesus, who is the only way to reconciliation with God.
We believe God the Holy Spirit teaches and empowers followers of Jesus to know and obey God.	Therefore we will rely on the Holy Spirit to empower us to obey God.
We believe the Bible is God's unchanging truth, essential for teaching, correcting and training for living out God's plan.	Therefore the Bible will be the basis of our public teaching, individual study and personal living.
We believe the Church, a diverse community formed and led by Jesus, works together to continue His work in the world.	Therefore we will work together, each doing our part to continue Jesus' work.
We believe God is worthy of and delighted by a life lived in worship, honoring Him in everything we do.	Therefore we will honor God in everything we think, say and do.
We believe prayer deepens our relationship with God, aligns us with His will, and leads to God releasing His power.	Therefore we will live a life of prayer, trusting God's wisdom and power.

The members of the Envisioning Team are as follows: Chuck Chicks, MaryAnn Fairall, Jenny Gregg, Tim McLenegan, Greg Robbins, Joel Robinson, and myself. Please take the time to thank these dedicated laymen when you have a moment.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Property Corner

Happy Spring Everyone!

Church Work Day:

We had a great turnout for the Spring Work Day on March 23rd. I am so very thankful and blessed to have many of our church family spend part of their day helping improve and repair our campus. Those who participated included:

Steve Victorson – demolition of the boys' restroom (Ed Wing)

Greg, Nathan & Sammy Robbins – cleaning and organizing the furnace room (Fellowship Hall), demolition of the boys' restroom, drinking fountain cleaning.

Craig Johnson, Jim Powell – weeds pulled (Fellowship Hall & parking lot garden)

Jerry Cintas – organization, lights, security cameras

Susi Reaves & Denise Stephens – weed pulling (playground), general cleaning

Adam & Shari Burdick, Karen Pusateri, Trudy Kroll – kitchen prep for Easter breakfast

John Pusateri – door repair, drinking fountain cleaning, restroom cleanup

Additional Project Performed:

Fellowship Hall furnace filters changed

Current Project:

The process of remodeling both of the restrooms in the Ed Wing has begun. This project will include installing new lighting, painting and replacing flooring, partitions, sinks, plumbing fixtures and counters.

Future Projects:

The Property Department is looking to complete the following projects this year:

Bethlehem Building painting with the color choices for all campus buildings

Nursery exterior wall repair

Roof repair of the breezeway of the Fellowship Hall

Architectural and Cost Studies:

1) Replacing the exterior wood siding of the Sanctuary building with stucco and tile/stone

Accents and adding tile accents at soffit area in front of Ed Wing

2) Remodeling of the playground area

3) Remodeling of Ed Wing classrooms (new windows, counters, flooring, paint, heating)

4) Remodeling of Fellowship Hall rooms and electrical upgrades

General Repairs:

If you see something that is broken or not working correctly, please contact Dave Wilson in the church office (408-241-7635) or me at the number below so it can be repaired.

Doors & Locks:

Please be very aware of when you are exiting a building to make sure the doors completely close and lock. Please always double check when leaving a building or classroom.

Your Brother In Christ,

Michael Depew

Property Deacon

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Highlights from the *SPEED*way

Palm Sunday Hoopla—All our *SPEED*way kids, from babies to 5th graders, helped kick off our Palm Sunday worship. The kids waved their palms as they led the procession. As an extra bonus, the preschool and elementary kids went up on stage and became the rhythm section for the praise band. The kids did a great job playing shakers, maracas, tambourines and drums with the band!

Easter Celebration—On Easter Sunday, our families will enjoy the Family Breakfast which will include a waffle bar for the kiddos. Another new addition will be egg coloring in the Fireside Room! After worship, we'll once again enjoy the big egg hunt.

Teaching Little Arms to Reach Out—Beginning April 21st, our entire church family will be going through a series on Evangelism. This series will include Sunday mornings, all Bible studies, and all age groups. As the church family, we will focus on our calling to reach out and share Christ's love with those around us. At the *SPEED*way, we will be using Kids' Worship to teach our children why evangelism is important, how to talk to others about Jesus, and how to invite others to church.

Upcoming Fun—

- * June 2nd—Children's Sunday
- * June 9th—Summer Spectacular Kick-Off and Water Play, Church Picnic



Youth News

Reflect High School Group

In March, we continued a series on the Sermon on the Mount, hoping to answer questions we have about Jesus and his teachings. We will be completing the Beatitudes soon, and will move into the rest of the Sermon on the Mount. It has been interesting and challenging to cover each Beatitude in depth.

Also in March, we teamed with the Jr. High group for our annual **30 Hour Famine**. We collected food from the neighborhood, picked up trash on Benton and Kiely, fed the homeless in San Jose, learned about poverty, and went without food for 30 hours. It was awesome to see over 30 youth involved throughout the weekend. Together with the Jr. High group, we raised over **\$4000!**

The Element Jr. High Group

We are continuing our Basics series to re-enforce basic Christian principles into our students' lives. We are continuing our studying of One God, One Word, One Line, One Church, and One Way with the kids.

Committed

Our Sunday morning group which meets at 9:15am in the youth room is continuing its study on the book of Psalms.

PlanetWisdom

On April 26-27 we are taking the youth to the PlanetWisdom conference in Brentwood. The PlanetWisdom conference is a 2 day real, paradigm-shifting event that takes teens from a student point of view and gets them looking at their world from God's perspective. We are leaving Friday at 3:30pm and will be back Saturday night at 6pm. The cost is \$45 and we only have 12 spots, so let Jerry know ASAP if we should hold a ticket for your youth.

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



Upcoming EVENTS

Apr 4th - Jr High Game Night 6:30pm
Apr 13th - Mexico Outreach Meeting #2 10am
Apr 23rd - Armadillo Willy's Fundraiser
Apr 26-27th - Planet Wisdom

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

Multiple Happenings

White Cross

Many thanks to those of you who have faithfully shown up for White Cross workdays. Our bandage project is complete. The 95 rolled bandages, triangular bandages, and surgical caps and masks will be on display in the Sanctuary Lobby in April. Many thanks to Lynn Cooley, who made three bandage rollers for our use. The materials will be sent to the Congo to be used in a hospital there.

Our next project will be to make cloth bags for Christmas at Sea. We will be working on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00am in the Parlor or Room 19. Please join us! It is fun to get together and work on these significant mission projects. See you there! If you have questions, please call Virginia Newcomb at 408-266-1734.

Birthday Lunch Bunch

Come on out and join with us in celebration of birthdays ,good fellowship and food at various locations each month. For the month of April, we'll meet on the 25th at Marie Calendars located on the El Camino Real in Sunnyvale. For more information contact Betty Downing at 408-244-5949.

Missions Department

The next Missions and Missions to Schools & Students will be April 21st following worship. All are welcome to these meetings.

For the upcoming Silicon Valley BBQ Championship (28-29 June) and the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival (14-15 September), we will need:

- Bottled water
- Lego bricks (standard)

The concept is we will open our parking lot and rest rooms to the public and offer water, popcorn, cotton candy, or similar – at the church. We will also have a booth and volunteers at the events themselves in Central Park. So, we're making this like the Independence Day support we did in years past and taking it up a notch at the events themselves. Start getting excited and thinking of how you want to be involved.

Upcoming Mission events include:

- 24 May – Scott Lane Carnival
- 1 June – Redwood Glen workday
- 21-29 June – Youth Mexico VBS in Ensenada
- 28-29 June – SVBBQ Championship in Central Park

Thanks for your help and support of these mission outreach events.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 3rd 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday, May 4th 9:00am to 3:30pm

The Spring Rummage Sale will benefit the Youth Mexico Mission Team, the Mexico House or Mission School Project, and the Women's (ABW) Mission Projects. We accept clean, usable items (no regular clothing please, but clean coats and shoes in good condition are welcomed) to benefit these special ministries. Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations as well. Tax receipts are available upon request.

Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall after the Morning Service on Sunday, April 28. Since the Fellowship Hall is used for many other functions, we ask that if at all possible you not bring furniture or other large items until our setup/collection days on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale, May 1 and 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Many volunteers will be needed to help put items on the tables, help run the sale and pack up any unsold items for the Salvation Army. Please contact Maxine Darknell at 408-241-7567 if you have questions or can help with this special benefit!

Thank you notes from Missions recipients

Thank you for the wonderful generosity you have shown to the ministry of **Redwood Glen**. We appreciate your ongoing support and commitment.

Mike Socia
Executive Director

Dear Jim and friends at SCFBC

Thank you for your gift of \$189.54 to **Sacred Heart** Community Service, which we received on March 14, 2013. Your financial support of Sacred Heart supports programs like La Mesa Verde and also creates community leaders who help their own families and neighbors.

Jay Pecot
Development Director

Dear SCFBC

Your gifts have helped to transform lives, feed poor struggling families, cloth those in need, and put radiant smiles on the faces of young children who were happy to receive gifts. Single moms and dads received encouragement as they picked up their emergency food boxes. What an amazing season we all experienced in reaching out to those in need right here in Santa Clara County.

*Thank you all at SCFBC, you are Gods hands and feet to the people we serve at **CityTeam**!*

Dear SCFBC,

Below are but a few of the beautiful prayers written by a few of the more than 30 women inmates located at Elmwood Correctional Facility.

- ♦ I pray for new beginnings and blessings on all those who pass through here.
- ♦ I pray for the light you bring even in moments of darkness and despair. We are thankful for hope, love and forgiveness.
- ♦ Lord bring life to the destruction and destroyed. Resurrect, bring us back to fullness. Resurrect, color our grayness and wrap us in your forgiveness and grace.

This amazing celebration of faith is made possible through your support of **CIC Ministries** and the volunteers who provide a myriad opportunities to connect with the Spirit through the creative arts, bible study and individuals.

Elaine Bondonno
Board Member

Moving Forward

Happy Easter! This Sunday we are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is the greatest event in the history of the church! Without the resurrection, where would we be? We serve a risen Lord! Hallelujah!

This coming month we will be looking again at the prescriptions we accepted last summer as our goals for 2013. We are working on a system of Assimilation, which is one of the prescriptions. Also a small committee is working on a new set of By-laws for the church, to be adopted later this year. You will be hearing more about that before too long.

One area we really need to work on is bringing in more members, especially new Christians, as we seek to grow God's kingdom. Please be praying about whom you can invite to one of our church events. Ask God to let you know the person, or persons you should be talking to about accepting Jesus as their Lord and savior.

Book Nook and Library Corner

As you go into 2013 what are your plans? Have you included reading a certain number of books or listening to audiobooks as a goal? Check out the church library or book area in the lobby to get your resources. The Church Library offers a collection of materials not available in the public library or in secular bookstores. So start your new year's habit of being a lifelong learner using books from the SCFBC Library.

Lobby - The books displayed this month in the Lobby coordinate with the sermon series of "Who Is This Man?", beginning January 6 through February 10. New DVDs are available and are listed below.

DVD's in the Library:

The Encounter- Paradise Lost (2012) - This is the second Encounter movie - a powerful suspenseful dramatic message of redemption and hope.

Run On (2010) - Another Pure Flix Entertainment DVD. Three comedians team up to tell their own prodigal journeys - each a unique personal experience.

Me Again (2011) - Another Pure Flix Entertainment DVD- This movie is about the funny side of a wake up call for the main character... it's about having a good friend and God who loves us anyway.

Eyes To See- Haiti's Ongoing Needs - (2012) Inspired by the personal experiences of the filmmakers, this drama carries a moving faith based servants heart about Haiti's devastation after the earth quake.

Pivot Point (2011) - The decisions we make create a pivot point in our lives - life changing decision that could dramatically alter your future. Thoughts...dreams...interconnections...consequences...what could have been done?

Under Jacob's Ladder (2012) - Based on a true story about a German-Russian living out his faith during World War II in the Soviet Union prison during 1938.

Standing Firm (2010) - Grief is powerful and unexplainable sometimes. Prayer and God's love can see us through it.

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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 3 – 10:00am White Cross-Room 19
- 6 – 8:30am Diaconate Meeting-Library
- 6 – 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19
- 7 – 6:00pm 1st Sunday Praise and Prayer Service
- 9 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle Pot luck-Ellen's home
- 10 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle-Gladys' home
- 11 – 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19
- 13 – 8:30am Men's Breakfast-FH
- 13 – 10:00am Mexico Team Training Meeting-FH
- 15 – 7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting-Library
- 17 – 6:00pm - CityTeam Outreach
- 19 – 12:00noon - Card Event Prep
- 20 – 9:00-11:30am - Intro to SCFBC-Parlor
- 20 – 3-8:30pm Card Making Event-FH
- 21 – 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Meeting-Library
- 22 – *May Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 23 – Youth Fundraiser at Armadillo Willy's
- 25 – 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch-TBA
- 26-27 – Planet Wisdom Youth Conference (away)
- 27 – Winter Trimester Life Groups End
- 28 – 9:00am – Evangelism Emphasis Classes Begin
- 30 – 8:00pm Rummage Sale Set-up

MAY

- 1 – 10:00am White Cross-Room 19
- 1-2 – 10:00am-6:00pm Rummage Sale setup-FH
- 3-4 – 8:30am Rummage Sale-FH
- 3 – **National Day of Prayer**
- 4 – 8:30am Diaconate Meeting-Library
- 4 – 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19
- 5 – 9:00am Evangelism Emphasis Classes
- 5 – 6:00pm 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 8 – 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle-Parlor
- 9 – 10:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19
- 9 – 8:30am Men's Breakfast-FH
- 11 – 7:00-9:00pm - Newcomers Social-Pastor Rich's home
- 12 – **Happy Mother's Day**
- 12 – 12:15pm Mission/Schools Meeting-Library
- 14 – 1:00pm Bethell Circle-Jean Rund's home
- 15 – 6:00pm CityTeam Outreach
- 16 – 11:30am SR/BD Lunch Bunch-TBA
- 18 – 9:00am All Day Youth Mountain Thrash
- 18 – 10:00am Manna Prep for QFG meal
- 19 – 12:00pm – Quarterly Lunch and Business Meeting-FH
- 20 – *June Celebrate articles due to Dave by noon*
- 20 – 7:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting-Library
- 24 – Scott Lane Carnival
- 25 – 10:00am–1:00pm - ABW Coastal Valley Mtg-Parlor
- 26 – 2nd Trimester Life Groups Begins
- 27 – **Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed**

JUNE

Mission Emphasis: One Great Hour of Sharing

- 1 – 8:30am - Diaconate Meeting-Library
- 1 – Annual Redwood Glen Work Day
- 1 – 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19
- 1 – 9:00am - Sanctuary Set-up for Children's Sunday
- 2 – **Children's Sunday Service**
- 2 – 6:00pm - 1st Sunday Praise & Prayer Service
- 4 – Primary Election Day
- 5 – 10:00am - White Cross-Room 19
- 6 – 10:00am - Prayer Quilt Ministry-Room 19
- 8 – 8:30am - Men's Breakfast-FH
- 8 – 9:00-11:30am - Intro to SCFBC-Parlor
- 8 – 10:00am - Mexico Training Meeting-FH
- 9 – **Graduation Sunday**
- 9 – 12:00pm - All-Church Picnic on site
- 12 – 11:00am - ABW Annual Picnic Potluck Installation
- 16 – 12:15pm - Mission/Schools Meeting-Library
- 16 – **Happy Father's Day**
- 17 – 7:00pm - Finance Committee Meeting-Library
- 19 – 6:00pm - CityTeam Outreach
- 20 – 11:30am - SR/BD Lunch Bunch-TBA
- 21-28 – Youth Mexico Mission Trip
- 24 – *July Celebrate articles due to Dave*
- 28-29 – **Community Outreach - SVBBQ@Central Park**
- 29 – Redwood Glen Open House





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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

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

3 rd	Renee Esquibel
4 th	Jerri Cooper
5 th	Danijela Tomic
5 th	Trudy Kroll
5 th	Matthew Juarez
6 th	Rachael Erling
7 th	Karla Hagan
12 th	LCpl Jon-Michael Stephens USMC
16 th	Ken Leisten
17 th	Mariah Borgonia
18 th	Sharon Cintas

18 th	Brandy Turk
18 th	Will Gregg
23 rd	Sarah Esquibel
23 rd	Sadiye Yuksel
26 th	Raissa Mbassa
26 th	Matthew McLenegan
26 th	Judy Sohm
26 th	Robert Webber
28 th	Bev Walz
28 th	Kelsey Hagan

Anniversaries

11 th	Rudy & Michele DuBord
20 th	Jerry & Bonnie Brenner