

3111 Benton Street Santa Clara, CA 95051

Phone: 408-241-7635 **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

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd Renee Esquibel
- **4**th Gary Youngs
- $\mathbf{4}^{\mathsf{th}}$ Jerri Cooper
- 5^{th} Danijela Tomic
- 5^{th} Matthew Juarez
- 7^{th} Karla Hagan
- 7th Rose Johnson
- **9**th Theodore Barife
- 12th Jon-Michael Stephens
- 18th Will Gregg
- 18th Sharon Cintas
- 23rd Sarah Esquibel
- 26th Matthew McLenegan
- 26th Judy Sohm
- 26th Robert Webber
- 28th Bev Walz

1st Jay Nordgaard & Joan Friesen

The Celebrate Santa Clara First Baptist Church

EASTER CELEBRATION 9am Breakfast **10:30am Family Service** Experience the joy of the resurrection!



April 2009 HOLYWEEK at SCFBC **Journey to the Cross**

Good Friday Prayer Walk April 9th - 6pm - 9pm April 10th - 10am - 9pm **Experience** the journey of Christ from the Last Supper to the tomb.



Capital Fund Raising-Breaking News!

Thanks be to God for His bountiful gifts to us!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church has never witnessed such a generous one-day offering in its history. On Sunday, March 29, our people acted on God's answer to their prayer, "Lord, what would you have me do?" with respect to their gifts for our Renovation Campaign.

During a special worship moment our people came forward in both services and presented their First Gifts to the Lord's work. The next day our counters announced that day's total:

\$162,923!!

And this followed the most successful fund raising drive this church has experienced. On Saturday night at our Harvest Dinner our people joined the church leaders in presenting their two-year pledges for the campaign. Additional pledges were added on Sunday with the total amount pledged amounting to:

\$326.085!!

And it's quite possible that these totals will increase with the addition of more pledges and gifts from those who weren't able to be present this weekend. We also need to be aware that this total will be added to what has already been given by folks over the past two years that we have been preparing to launch this renovation.

God has been good to SCFBC. He has so transformed our hearts that we would open up our pocketbooks in these tough economic times and give generously to His work. Our prayer now needs to center on the wise and effective use of these funds towards the improvement and upgrading of these worship facilities.

But, remember, the goal of this campaign is not simply to put a better-looking face on an aging building. It's to demonstrate to a Christ-less valley that the message of the gospel is relevant to a new generation. It's to provide an up-to-date environment in which skeptical seekers will be welcomed and drawn in to experience the presence of the Lord and hear the changeless gospel that will save their souls.

In response to God's goodness it was fitting that we sang the Doxology in the morning service after presenting our First Gifts. Why not sing it again?

> Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

April Calendar of Events

Wednesday April 1 **Thursday April 23** 10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N. 11:45am Sr./Birthday Lunch Bunch – Betty 7:30p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary – Jona-Friday April 24 than 813-2505 6-10pm June Mexico Trip Trng – FH – Tim **Saturday April 4** Friday – Saturday April 24-25 8:30am April Diaconate Meeting – Library Rummage Sale –FH –Maxine 241-7567 10am Leadership training-MaryAnn - Library Saturday April 25 10-3pm June Mexico Trip Trng – FH - Tim 8am Brothers in Christ – Kitchen – Adam 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19- Rhonda 246-Thursday April 30 – May 3 2242/Gladys 243-6828 Mexico Mission Work Trip – Jerry 615-1690 2p–Wong's Baby shower–FH–Sharon 615-1690 Sunday April 5 MAY Palm Sunday Service- Celebration Sunday 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg. - Rm 19 - Pastor 1 - 6-10pm June Mexico Trip Trng – FH - Tim 2 - 8:30am Diaconate Meeting–Lib–Steve Jenny Wednesday April 8 2 - 10am Leadership training - Library 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle –Gladys's home 2 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 **Thursday April 9** 3 - 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg. - Rm 19 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 6pm – 9pm "Journey To The Cross" - Sanctuary 3 – 12pm Choir practice – choir room - Sue Friday April 10 6 - 10am White Cross – narthex – Virginia N. Good Friday Holiday - office closed 6 - 7:30p – Upper Room Prayer Service – 10am – 9pm"Journey To the Cross" – Sanctuary 7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Rm 19 -Saturday April 11 8 – 6pm June Mexico Trip Training – FH – Tim 10–3pm Manna Easter Breakfast Food Prep – Kitchen – 8 – 7pm Napa 1st Baptist Church Youth - FH Adam 230-6848 Sunday April 12 bara C. 739-2935 9am Easter Sunday Breakfast 10 –915am Back to Basics#2–rm 19–Pastor Rich 10 – Mother's Day – Kid's Sunday – Tammy 9:45am Choir Practice – Sanctuary - Sue 10-12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen 12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen **Tuesday April 14** 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Gloria's home 13 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor Wednesday April 15 15-17 – ABW Mt.Herman Conf. – Barbara C. 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan Saturday April 18 17-9:45am Choir practice – choir room - Sue All Church Work Day-Michael-691-1441 17 –12pm Quarterly Business Meeting/lunch 18/19 – Salvation Army Donation Van in FH Lot Sunday April 19 - Youth Sunday Service 17 – 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting/dessert 12pm Sight singing/piano class – choir room 18-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Steve E. 5:15pm AWANA parents' night 20 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan Monday April 20 23 - 8-10am Brothers in Christ – Adam 230-6848 7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg-Lib-Steve E. Tuesday – Thursday April 21-23

10-6pm Rummage Set up–FH–Maxine

- 3 915am Back to Basics #1-rm 19-Pastor Rich

- 9-1-4pm ABW Spring Tea/Fashion Show FH Bar-
- 12 12:30pm Bethell Circle Jean Rund's home 17–9:15am Back to Basics 3–rm 19–Pastor Rich 17 –12pm Sight singing/piano class – choir room

- 23 10–3pm June Mexico Trip Trng– FH Tim
- 24-9:15am Back to Basics#4-rm 19-Pastor Rich
- 24 12pm Choir practice choir room Sue
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday Office Closed
- 28 11:45am Sr./Birthday Lunch Bunch –Betty

Property Corner

Fellowship Hall & Ed Wing: Here is a reminder for all of those who work/volunteer/help/use the rooms in the Ed Wing and Fellowship Hall. When leaving the room or building please observe the following:

Room or Building Check Lists:

- All lights are turned off
- Heater/AC is turned off
- Windows closed and locked
- Doors closed and locked

If there is anything that is broken or in need of repair please report it to the office.

Church Work Day: The first church work day has been set for April 18, 2009. We will be doing some "light" maintenance in and around our church property. Please join us for breakfast in the morning (8-9am) and then proceed to our work day from 9-3 pm. Lunch will be served around 12 pm.

Needs: Lunch Coordinator All those who are interested please contact Dave Wilson or myself (691-1441 cell, 270-4832 hm).

Here are a few of the workday items that are Scheduled: Fellowship Hall Cabin Hardware Replacement, Heater Vents straightened and Garden Planter Boxes (set up & fill), Cleaning, Dusting.

If you have a project that you would like to have completed and put on the work lists, please let me know!

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike D. – Property Deacon

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Since 2006 when this ministry began we have touched many lives with our prayers through the quilts that are made. These quilts go to Christians and non-Christians, church members and non-church members. Our congregation tied and put prayers into quilts that reached approximately 25 people in 2008! That's a lot of quilts for our very small ministry.

These quilts have been known to open the door for hope and conversation to non-believers, bringing reassurance to believers. It has unlocked the eyes of many to God's love and presence!

Remember to keep your heart prayerfully approachable for anyone in your life that could benefit from knowing of God's love or need some reassurance, comfort and strength in their time of need.

ANYONE can serve in this ministry! There are many non-sewing ways that you can participate. If interested call Rhonda Starnes at 246-2242 or come by one of our meetings. We meet the first Saturday of every month from 10-1pm in Rooms 19 –20 and on the following Thursday. Except April 4th as we took a field trip to The Santa Clara Convention Center for a quilt show being sponsored by Santa Clara Valley Quilt Association.

Next Prayer Quilt Ministry meeting is Thursday, April 9th from 10-1pm.

Seniors' Luncheon & **Birthday Bunch**

If you've not attended one of our monthly gatherings for birthday celebrations and Seniors' luncheons, you're invited to join us for our very next celebration.

It is a wonderful time of fellowship, good food and creating memories for a life-time. The next date is Thursday, April 23rd, at 11:45am at the Hometown Buffet located on the El Camino Real. For information contact Betty Downing at 408-244-5949.

Missions

"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

Missions opportunity here at Santa Clara. As we are approach Easter may we celebrate our relationship with Jesus and the love and hope that He gives each of us. P.S. Pastor Miguel was a little surprised that with the Would you prayerfully consider someone you know to state of the current economy we would even consider bring to church this Easter? We can ask God to help us sending a team this year. However, with the special recognize, and then take action by extending the school anniversary and dedication ceremony for the invitation to have them join us for Easter service. This is library built in partnership with our church, we feel they one of the 2 times of year that people are more open to need our presence for encouragement and support. coming to church so let's give it try and see what God Is God calling you to go this year? can do!

Upcoming missions trip:

Friday, April 24th, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mission Costa Rica - This years trip will be in the July 20 -31^{st} time frame for 7 – 8 days. This trip is to work Saturday, April 25th, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with our sister church New Hope in Limon, Costa The mission trip is open to any adult in the Rica. church and minor children who are accompanied by their parent(s). You do not have to speak any The rummage sale to benefit the Costa Rica and Spanish. If you have any questions please contact Jay Mexico Mission Teams and the Women's Mission Nordgaard at jay@redwoodglen.com or Lisa Robinson at Projects is coming soon. We hope you have already jlrobinson5@comcast.net. been saving clean, usable items (no clothing please, good, clean shoes are okay) to benefit these ministries.

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

SCFBC Missions Deacon,

Karen Fong

Mission Costa Rica- -*Time to sign up now!*

Plans are underway for this year's celebration of the 10th anniversary of the school in Limon, Costa Rica, and our tables, etc., and help run the sale. annual visit to our brothers and sisters at New Hope Baptist Church. The tentative dates for the trip are Please contact Maxine at 241-7567 if you have departure from the Bay Area on Thursday, July 23rd, questions or if you can help with this special benefit! with a return on Thursday, July 31st.

The cost, including airfare, lodging, food, and work supplies while in Costa Rica, is \$1300.00. A deposit of \$300.00 is needed with a completed application form by

Easter Sunday, April 12th. Once the group is firmed up, we will make flight arrangements and confirm other arrangements.

Any questions? Please talk with Joan Friesen, 650-879-9469, joan@redwoodglen.com or Lisa Robinson, 554-1728, jlrobinson5@comcast.net.

Rummage Sale

Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations, also. Tax receipts are given when requested. Because we have no storage space available, things cannot be brought to the Fellowship Hall before Sunday, April 19th, before or after the Morning and Edge Worship Services. Since the Fellowship Hall is being used a lot for other functions, we ask that you not bring furniture or other large items until our setup/collection days on the Wednesday or Thursday before the sale, April 22nd and 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help put things out on the

Youth News

Reflect High School Group

Reflect continued the Because it's Time series. Alexandra Brandon taught about how



we should be living out the fruit of the Spirit rather than the desires of the flesh. Another week, **Pastor Rich** led a special discussion on the Capital Fundraising Drive. One week Reflect enjoyed jumping on the trampolines at Sky High. Additionally, Reflect welcomed another leader into the fold. **Eric Hughes** joined us, and has already built relationships with some of the high school youth.



The Element Jr. High Group

Element piled into the church van and went on their annual winter retreat to Sierra Pines near Tahoe. Along with the usual snow fun of snow ball fights, sledding, snowmen, and



games, the Jr. High students were challenged to begin or continue their relationship climb with God. It was a great joy to see **Torey Seavers** and **Jon Tomasian** go up during one of the sessions and dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ in front of everyone.

This month we were also sad to see **Andrew and Mary Wong** step down from Jr High Ministry as they focus more on High School Ministry and their expected child. At the same time we welcome **Kimberly Barnett** as a new Jr High leader on Thursday nights.

Thursday nights we have been focusing on lessons learned from the Because it's Time series and it has been great to see all the new kids that our students are inviting to group.

Sunday Groups

Committed is completing our study of the book of Mark, reading the first teachings of Jesus and how they still apply in our lives today. In addition, the youth are helping in the drama for the children's ministry Holy Land Family Adventure. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet in the youth room with Mary to watch and discuss the *Gilmore Girls* series.

~Youth Staff Danijela, Eric, Alexandra, Liz, Fion, Amy, Kim, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew



Upcoming EVENTS Apr 22nd - Mexico Outreach Bowl-a-Thon Apr 26th - Youth Sunday

More events at <u>www.scfbc.org/element</u> & <u>www.scfbc.org/reflect</u>

Mexico Outreach 2009

Plans are already underway for our annual weeklong trip to Ensenada, Mexico. This year's trip will be from June 19th to June 27th. This trip, a life changing trip for many, will be led this year by **Fion Cheng** and **Tim McLenegan**. The cost of the trip will be \$400, but many fundraisers will be held leading up to the trip. This trip is open to anyone completing 8th grade or higher, and adults are welcome as well.



Women's Ministries

Spring Tea

All women and girls are cordially invited to attend the annual Spring Tea, May 9th at 1 p.m. Tea will be served plus lots of "goodies". There will be a fashion show, with fashions from Designer's Corner. Please put this on your calendar. There will be more information in the May Celebrate and in the Sunday bulletins.

Scholarship Luncheon

A big thank you to all who supported the annual scholarship luncheon on March 21st. The final proceeds have not been tabulated, but the profit from the sale of lunch tickets, the sale of raffle tickets and the silent auction netted close to \$400 which will be sent to support the Scholarship fund of American Baptist Women's Ministries of the West.



The 2009 Biennial Convention of American Baptist Churches in the USA will be held at the convention center in Pasadena, CA, June 26 -28. This convention is held in the western United States about once every 8 years. Many of you may remember the convention in San Jose in 1993. This is described as a multi-ethnic, cross-cultural celebration of American Baptists from all regions.

A Mission Fair will feature activities for all ages, including Mission projects in conjunction with Church World Service. Learning opportunities will provide practical advice on issues such as local church issues/ resolutions, women and children at risk, publishing opportunities and inter-faith/cross cultural relationships. There will be music, worship, praise and performances throughout the days, a special multi-ethnic dinner and missionaries bringing indigenous items for sale from their mission field.

A brochure telling more about the convention, how to register for the convention and special meals, plus information on hotels in the area is available in the church office.

If you want more information on the convention, call Chuck and Barbara Chicks at 739-2935. They are planning to go and have attended several biennial conventions.

Good & Godly Humor

Welcome to our Godly humor section: A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Proverbs 17:22 (KJV)

Everyone is invited to send in your best material, it can include illustration or simply text but no more than 150 word count, email to davew@scfbc.org. Here you go!

A business man approached the Pope and made this offer:

Change the last line of the Lord's Prayer from "give us this day our daily bread" to give us this day our daily chicken." and KFC will donate 10 million dollars to Catholic charities. The Pope declined.

Two weeks later the man approached the Pope again. This time with a 50 million dollar offer. Again the Pope declined.

A month later the man offered 100 million, this time the Pope accepted. At a meeting of the Cardinals, The Pope announces his decision in the good news/bad news format. "The good news is... that we have 100 million dollars for charities."

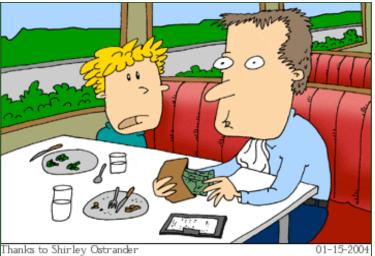
The bad news is that we lost the Wonder Bread account!



STRONGER IN THE WINTER



That sermon did me so much good I won't need to come back for six weeks!



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Sunday School Party

At the Sunday School party, the pastor was watching the children as they partook of the food. One little boy was attempting to take more than his share of the biscuits. On seeing this, the pastor announced, "Only one biscuit please - God is watching". Further along the line was a plate of cookies. A little girl whispered, "How many cookies can we take?" "Take as many as you want", replied the boy, God's watching the biscuits!!!

Contributors for this edition: Peggy Shalloe, Susi Reaves and Chelsea Trigg.

Children's Ministry

SHALOM CHAVERIM

Thank you to all who have participated in the Holy Land Family Adventure. I hope you enjoyed learning about another time and culture and spending some quality time with your children.

Easter Sunday will be a family worship service with everyone staying in the main service during the worship hour followed by our traditional Easter Egg Hunt after the service. Ages 6 and under will be "hunting" inside the fenced area around the playground and ages 7 through 5th grade will be "hunting" in the grassy areas outside the fence. There will be an Easter Breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.

On April 19th we will resume our regular program and classes for the children. I hope many of you who have joined us during the Sunday school hour during Lent will continue to attend during the 9:15 Sunday school hour. We hope to be offering on-going options for the adults during the Sunday school hour as well.

We are again in need of teachers and helpers from the nursery up through the 5th grade age level during both the Sunday school and Worship hour services. If God has been speaking to your heart about this need and you just haven't stepped forward yet, now is the time. Please contact me ASAP. Our children are the future and need loving direction to develop their hearts and minds. Please consider the difference you could make in

4/1/09 Classified Ads...

The next meeting of the Job Search Ministry meets Saturday April 11th at 9:30am in the church Library. Please call Steve McLenegan at 249-4621 or email to steve.mclenegan@gmail.com if you would like to help or join this group. If you know companies which are hiring please let the church know so the information can be added to this sheet and to a job bulletin board. If you can give leads or a job to these people listed below please call them directly. Bless you for helping.

- Safeway may be hiring

-Census Bureau—1-866-861-2010 - www.2010censusjobs.gov

People looking for employment:

Adam Burdick – Facilities Maintenance/handyman – 230-6848 Tom Caldwell - Painter - 230-7460 Dorothy Depew – office work – 270-4832 Michael Depew - Estimator/Project Manager - 691-1441 Dan Harrell - Manufacturing/Food Service/Clerical -910-7370 Ken Harrell - Food/Light Labor/Retail/vard work - 910-7370 Steve McLenegan – IT/Help desk – 249-4621 Barbara McLenegan - clerical support - 249-4621 Lisa Schauble - accounts receivable - 241-5746 Dave White - Engineer - 725-1432 Dave Wilson—AC/Heating Install & Maintenance—510-331-5223 Daena Yuksel—piano lessons \$20—774-9350

Library Book Corner – Grand Opening

Because it's time... for the library to open!

April 19th – 12pm to 1pm after morning service and 4:15 to 5:15pm before EDGE service

If you would like to be part of the library committee to process books into the library, keep books organized and occasionally be available for "library hours", please join the Library Committee on the first Thursday afternoon each month starting at 12pm...in the library.

"Library week" is scheduled each month following communion Sunday – beginning in May so we can have open library hours. Tentatively "Library open hours" will be one hour after Sunday AM service, one hour before EDGE service, one hour before 'The Upper Room' on the first Wednesday, and on every Thursday afternoon when the Library Committee is processing books from noon to about 4pm.

We are accepting Christian book donations for the Library anytime – they can be dropped off at the office or you can put them in the Book Return Box in the narthex on Sundays. Donated books will either be put on the library shelves, donated to the Costa Rica School Library or if they are duplicates with what we have, we are tentatively planning on having a Book sale in June.

If you have any questions about book donations call Peggy Shalloe at 410-8933 or email at appey2many@att.net if you have additional ideas or want to volunteer contact Beth Kroll at unklebeth@sbcglobal.net or at 248-6610. What books are YOU looking for? Commentaries... Christian novels... biographies... devotionals... kids books... various Bible translations... Bible Dictionaries? Books by Billy Graham or others in his family? There are copies of a variety of books for all ages in the church library.

Book Review

Martin Luther King Jr. - American Hero - This is a very good book about Martin King Jr.'s life written for youth, and can be read by all ages It starts out when he was a young child focusing on being a preacher like his father and grandfather. He began practicing in front of the mirror after school every day. It ends up by detailing his work and the people he worked with in the Civil Rights movement.

Early History of Troop 14 at SCFBC

Frank Pierce and Len Walz became good friends, after working there years as co-leaders in the Gray-Y(YMCA) programs. A group of young boys that they had worked with in the Gray-Y program wanted to go into Boy Scouting. Frank and Len searched other Scout Troops in the local area that would take a group of young boys together in their existing troop. They were unable to find a single troop, that would take the group of boys (the boys wanted to stay together) at one time, even though Frank and Len offered to help in the troop. Frank and Len decided maybe they could start a new troop. They checked with the local Boy Scout office for requirements to start a new Scout Troop. They were given charter papers to fill out, and they needed an organization as a sponsor, plus an Institutional Representative from the sponsoring organization. When Len asked his church (Santa Clara First Baptist) if they would sponsor a Scout Troop: he learned that the church had sponsored a Troop in the past (Troop 14), but it had been dissolved a few years earlier. Frank and Len had a meeting with the church diaconate Frank Pierce Len Walz and presented the proposal for starting a new Boy Scout Troop. They were very enthusiastic about the idea of starting a new troop. After meeting again with the Scout office, they were able to reinstate Troop 14.

The Church Diaconate appointed Al Kieser to serve as the first Institutional Representative. After meeting with parents who were interested in their sons joining the Scouts and the Group of boys from Gray-Y, Troop 14 was re-activated in September 1967 with thirteen boys. The boys were as follows: Armand D'Alo, Reney Boisvert, Tom Dalrymple, Malcolm Hillan, John Kieser, Mike Kinser, Ron Kuka, Wick Loeswick, Steve Masdon, Greg Paape, Steve Painter, Frank Pierce and Gary Walz.





Mr. Glenn Stowell receives a 40 Year Scouts Service award.

Mr. Stowell has provided exceptional support to the Boy Scouts of America during his many years here at SCFBC. But Glenn began this journey many years ago in his native home state of Boston, MA. When Glenn became part of the Boy Scout program a SCFBC. There existed not only Troop 14 BSA, but Cub Scout Pack 78 and since he had a son of Cub Scout age and as Glenn was the Churches' representative to Scouting, they both were soon involved with the Pack. In Glenn's position as a member and Ex Officio of the Adult Pack Committee which met monthly and he also attended the monthly Pack Meetings.



By October 1970, Troop 14 had 60 Scouts, two Eagle Scouts, 8 Life Scouts, 7 Star Scouts, 10 1st Class Scouts, 17 2nd Class Scouts, and 18 Tenderfoot Scouts. Troop 14 also had two Scouts working on the God and Country Award, 30 Scouts had earned the Historical Trails Award, 15 Scouts had earned the Fifty Miler Award, and, from September 1967 to October 1970, the Scouts had earned a total of 140 Merit badges. By 1971, the Troop had 12 Eagle Scouts and in 1972, added 2 more.



Eagle Scouts, Gary Walz & Steve Masdon with

The Pack meeting consisted of The Dens, their Adult Leaders, Their Families, and was led by the Cub Master.