



**Santa Clara  
First Baptist**

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### ***Our Mission: Why are we here?***

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

### ***July Birthdays***

2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Harrell	15 <sup>th</sup>	Maryanne Savedra
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nathanial Robbins	16 <sup>th</sup>	Maxine Darknell
4 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Burdick	18 <sup>th</sup>	Darlene Slay
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jonathan Fung	20 <sup>th</sup>	Chris McLenegan
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Ebel	21 <sup>st</sup>	Evelyn Wendel
6 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Fong	21 <sup>st</sup>	Harold Wright
8 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Slay	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Carolyn Elbert
9 <sup>th</sup>	Carrie Patterakis	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Depew
11 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Altman	26 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Caldwell
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tim McLenegan	28 <sup>th</sup>	Lizbeth Rogel
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Carmen Cintas
		31 <sup>st</sup>	Camille Cintas

# ***The Celebrate!***

***Santa Clara First Baptist Church***

***July 2010***

**LEAD WHERE YOU ARE**

**THE GLOBAL  
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

**August 5-6, 2010 | [willowcreek.com/summit](http://willowcreek.com/summit)**

# The Global Leadership Summit 2010

## August 5-6

Effective leaders are the agents of transformation. They call out what’s wrong, set goals, launch initiatives, motivate, challenge and move people to get on the solution side of solving our worst problems.

Designed for all who desire to follow Christ, The Global Leadership Summit is far more than an annual training event. It has become an organic movement connecting hundreds of thousands as one Church. Not limited to denominations, church buildings or geography, the Summit is uniting God’s people across racial, cultural and denominational divides.

As in past years we will attend the simulcast presentation at Church on the Hill located in San Jose. We still have places available at the most discounted tickets at \$135 each. Students and college faculty can attend for only \$75; active military for \$95. Contact Susi Reaves at 375-7294 to reserve your place as soon as possible!

To see this year’s lineup of speakers use this link to the Summit website: [www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit).

## New Pictorial Directory Coming

Dear SCFBC Family and Friends,

We are excited to announce that the creation of a new pictorial directory of our church family, a family album if you will. The directory will help us connect names with faces, capture the history of our church congregation and be an ideal outreach tool.

Please participate!!! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant in the Sanctuary Lobby during one of the sitting dates. For the next several weeks we will be making appointments before and after the worship services and other church gatherings. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8X10 photo.
- You will only need to be present one time for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no-cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time - a great Christmas gift idea!!.
- If you wish to purchase extra pictures, the portraits come with a 100% satisfaction guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

### The photography dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 17th - 2:00pm to 9:20pm
- Wednesday, August 18th - 12Noon to 7:20pm
- Wednesday, September 22nd - 2:00pm to 9:20pm

We look forward to seeing you in our new pictorial directory!  
Doris Smith and Jerri Cooper

For further details contact Doris Smith at 408-241-5299 or Jerri Cooper at 408-984-0908.

## Calendar Events

### JULY

3 – 10:30am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20  
4 - 9am Christology - Choir Room  
4 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
4 – 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
4 - **5pm Independence Day Outreach**  
5 - **Independence Day Holiday - Office closed**  
7 - 10am White Cross - Lobby-Virginia N. - 266-1734  
8 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20  
10 - 2pm Memorial for Elizabeth Smithson - Sanctuary  
11 - 9am Christology - Choir Room  
11 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
11 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
11 - 12 Noon Mission Team Meeting - Library  
11 - 9am Life Group Leaders Meeting - Room 19/20  
14 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle Potluck - Altman’s  
16-18 Jr. High School Retreat - Jerry C. - 615-1690  
17 - 9am **All Church Work Day** - Mike - 691-1441  
18 - 9am Christology - Choir Room  
18 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
18 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
19 -7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting - Library  
21 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan - 813-2505  
22 - 11:45am SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty - 244-5949  
24 - 8:30am Men’s Breakfast-FH-Adam - 230-6848  
25 - 9am Christology - Choir Room  
25 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
25 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
31 - 8:30am August Diaconate Meeting - Library.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

1 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
1 – 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
1 - 12 Noon Life Group Leaders Mtg - Room 19/20  
4 - 10am White Cross–Rm 19-Virginia N.-266-1734  
7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20  
5-6 - 9-5pm **Leadership Summit** - Church on the Hill  
8 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
8 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
8 -12pm Mission Team Meeting - Library  
11-12:30p Baits/Turley Cir Potluck - Webber’s home  
12 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20  
15 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
15 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
16 - 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting - Library  
17 - 2pm - 9pm **Olan Mills Photo Appointments**  
18 - 12pm - 7pm **Olan Mills Photo Appointments**  
18 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan - 813-2505  
22 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor

22 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book - Room 19/20  
26 - 11:45am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty - 244-5949  
28 - 8:30am Men’s Breakfast-FH-Adam - 230-6848  
28 - 8:30am September Diaconate Meeting - Library  
28 - 10am *Manna Worship in the Park* prep - Kitchen  
29 - 9am *Love Languages of Children* Book - Parlor  
29 - 9am *This Present Darkness* Book Club-Rm 19/20  
29 - 2pm - 7pm **Worship in the Park** - Central Park

### SEPTEMBER - World Missions Emphasis

1 - 10am White Cross - Room 19/20  
4 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20  
5 - 9am Life Group Leaders Meeting - Room 19/20  
6 - **Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed**  
8 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle  
9 -10am Prayer Quilt Ministry - Room 19/20  
12 - 12pm Mission Team Meeting - Library  
12 - 5:15pm AWANA begins - Jon - 248-2078  
14 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle  
15 - 6pm CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan - 813-2505  
16-19 - Mexico Mission Work Trip-Jerry C.-615-1690  
19 - 12pm Quarterly Business Meeting/Lunch  
20 - 7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting - Library  
22 - 2pm - 9pm **Olan Mills Photo Appointments**  
23 - Tentative 12-7pm Olan Mills Photo Appts  
23 - 11:45am Sr/BD Lunch Bunch–Betty - 244-5949  
25 - 8:30am Men’s Breakfast-FH-Adam - 230-6848



# Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

## Prayer Requests for...

- **Dave Wilson Jr.** who had prostate cancer surgery June 25th. Please pray for his speedy recovery and health and peace for **Wilson Family**.
- **Austin Duniphin, Mike and Dorothy Depew's** grandson, for spiritual guidance as he settles in a new residence facility in Turlock. Pray for peace for his mother, **Melissa**.
- **Ruth Porspakka's** friend, **Mimi**, who has terminal cancer. Pray that **Mimi** is open to receiving God's love and forgiveness.
- **Dottie Haas** for full recovery after recent cancer surgery and wisdom in choosing future treatment.
- **Tina Mulford's** niece, **Carolyn**, as she begins chemotherapy.
- **Jean Rund** as she continues with chemotherapy.
- **Candy Martinez's** relief from pain during her chemotherapy.
- **Raymond Frescas** for strength and encouragement as he serves in Afghanistan. Pray for his wife, **Geri** and daughter, **Raychelle**.

## Praise Report

- **Matt McLenegan** arrived home safely from Iraq!
- **AJ Pascuiti** arrived home safely from Afghanistan!

## Renovation Prayer Requests

- That we will each seek to answer the question, “**What does Jesus want me to do** for the renovation?”
- That **SCFBC will be a united and stronger church** through this experience **and that our hearts will also be renovated**.
- For **wisdom** for the renovation committee and **safety** for the workers.
- For the **favor** of SCFBC **with the City of Santa Clara**.

# Operation: Mmilitary Relief Essentials

Ray Frescas, who attends SCFBC, and 85 of his companions are currently deployed to the Middle East. They are not in an area with military facilities where they can secure food and buy essential items. Their families are literally sending food to them weekly for their survival. SCFBC would like to help - once now and again as often as we have items to send. Someone has already donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for this first shipment, so they are not needed at this time.

### The needs are:

Jerky   Eye drops   Dried fruit   Protein Bars   Nasal spray   Baby wipes   Zip-lock bags  
Gold bond powder   Shelled nuts   Peanut butter in plastic jars   Gatorade powered drink mix  
Sun screen with highest UVA available   Tuna in pouches/water

If you are donating money for food and shipping, please designate Fellowship Fund/MRE or Operation MRE on your envelope and the most essential items will be purchased in volume at the least expensive location. Please give as the Lord leads you. The first shipment will be sent in mid-July.

### On-going ways you can help:

- Prayer for the men and women in the armed forces overseas and their families.
- Buy items and donate them - deliver items to the Information Table in the Lobby or the church office.
- Donate money to buy items and pay shipping costs.
- Help pack the bags and boxes to be sent.

For additional information contact Jerri Cooper at 408-984-0908 or email jerri123@aol.com.

# Welcome to our new Director of Student Ministries

Last Sunday our congregation overwhelmingly approved the hiring of Erik Meyer as our new Director of Student Ministries. We welcome him, his wife Christy, and their 6-month old son, Jake to our church family. Erik's last position was the Youth Director at First Baptist Church of Orangevale, CA. He served there while he finished his BA in Youth Ministry, Bible and Theology at William Jessup University.

Erik began his service with us this past Monday, and we anticipate a long and productive ministry here. His primary duties will involve ministry to the Middle School and High School youth and their families. He is also responsible for overseeing our church's ministry with our College-Career group (Impact). Included in this work will be giving support and direction to the work of our volunteer mentors.

Let me take this moment to thank our volunteer mentors who have given so generously and accomplished so much in their service over these past six years while we had no paid staff for youth ministry. God has a special jewel for your crowns!



For this church to hire Erik in these uncertain economic times makes a strong statement concerning our ministry values. We just don't say we value the youth and families of our church and community; we are willing to give generously to make this kind of ministry happen. This says to me that we are serious about fulfilling The Great Commission. We are serious about making a difference in this needy valley. We are serious about serving others and not just taking care of ourselves.

It's another reason why I find it so gratifying to serve this church family as your pastor.

Many blessings,  
Pastor Rich

# Financial Update

At the May Quarterly Meeting, it was presented to the membership that our church was in a very precarious position financially. At that time, financial information indicated that we were operating at a net loss of \$23,373.00 as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Although expenses have been well-managed, the primary cause of the loss was a decrease in giving. As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, (compared to April 30, 2009), giving was down by \$24,398.05. The membership was advised of our condition and each was asked to consider their individual giving towards the ministries of SCFBC. We were each asked to consider increasing our giving.

Your church leadership is quite pleased to share with you that in May giving was up significantly! Contributions in May totaled \$49,126.97! Thanks to the generosity of our membership and others who worship with us, nearly 90% of our net loss was erased. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, we are still operating at a net loss, but that loss has been reduced to \$2,502.40. We all should be encouraged by this positive change in our financial position. At the same time, we still need to remain cautious not to become complacent in serving God through our giving. We need to stay aware of the continuous financial challenges that remain a constant for Santa Clara First Baptist Church.

Steve Erling,  
Deacon of Finance

# Renovation Update

Work is continuing on the new sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary. Adam Burdick and Duane Esquibel have been working hard on the construction of the walls and floor. We have the siding up and the drywall sanded and are working on the final painting of the outside. At the time of this publication, the inside is still waiting for carpet, paneling, counters and handrails. As soon as we get the finishing touches done, we will be moving the existing sound equipment in and tearing down the old booth.

We have also been experimenting with finding a cost effective large ceiling pendant that we can hang in the sanctuary to provide more lighting on the congregation seating area. We have a sample in the back that we are evaluating for brightness and aesthetics. Our goal is to reduce the amount of fluorescent fixtures by placing eight dimmable ceiling pendants in the room.

A revised set of architectural plans are at the city offices right now being reviewed which shows updates to the stage area and rear projection screens. The updates add a second screen to the right side of the stage to help bring symmetry to the stage and also provide easier viewing of sermon and song slides. The update also improves on the stairs to access the stage by moving them in towards the center a little more and rounding the stair wells to match the stage front arc. The city also wanted to see better detail on the fire ratings of all of our walls in the sanctuary building, so we produced better documentation in the revised set.

Your continued donations and pledges to this project are what is keeping all this going and we hope you have seen what a remarkable transformation has taken place already in the lobby, parlor, and restrooms. We plan to continue with the same quality of workmanship and design as we continue to work on the sanctuary interior. Keep those donations coming so we can fully complete the work we have started.

Your Building Committee  
Joe Lasher, Lloyd Darknell, Mike Depew, Jerry Cintas



## ABW Ministries S.H.A.R.E.S. Report

The third quarter of this year, July through September, the S.H.A.R.E.S. money will be going to support the construction of the Bethlehem storage facility. By using your S.H.A.R.E. cards, 3% of your purchase total at Lucky's or SaveMart will come back to SCFBC **but** only if you use a S.H.A.R.E. card issued to SCFBC. There are additional cards available at the information table in the lobby. Pick up some extras for your family and friends or anyone willing to help Bethlehem.

We received a very nice thank you from Second Harvest Food Bank for the money we sent them from our last quarter earnings. They feed over 236,650 homeless and seniors a month in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties besides helping supply other facilities with food.

American Baptist Women Representative,  
Jean Rund

# Library Corner and Book Nook

## LIBRARY MISSION OUTREACH FOR MEXICO

Thank you for your contributions for school supplies that we sent to the Ensenada Orphanage School at the Ranch, the same place the Mexico Mission Team and the Mexico Mission Trip Work Teams go during the year. If you still are wanting to help, we are still collecting items; they will be taken down when the Mexico Mission Work Team goes again this Fall . We are collecting English/Spanish books for pre-school to first grade because they are opening their first classroom for twenty students for Fall 2011. In addition to books, we are colleting the following items: craft materials, pencils, erasers, color crayons, colored pencils, rulers, writing tablets, phonics cards, glue sticks and school supplies. If you have donations, please mark them for this project and take them to the Information Desk in the Sanctuary Lobby on Sundays or drop them off at the church office during the week. Thank you to Andrew and the June Mexico Mission Trip for transporting boxes to the school.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

If you have a passion for books and literacy, please let us know. Maybe you would like to review books or DVDs for this page. Or maybe you would like to join us at the next meeting of the Library Committee which is 10:30am on Thursday, July 8. Please contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908, if you have any questions or need a ride to the meeting.

## LIBRARY HOURS

The library can be visited any time during regular church office hours. Check with the office personnel and someone will unlock it for you. You can browse there until 5:45pm Monday - Thursday and use the self-check to obtain books. Just remember to notify the office when you are done.

## BOOK NOOK

Please check out the books in the Sanctuary Lobby BOOK NOOK each Sunday. During the sanctuary construction it will be located on the end of the Information Table. The books and DVDs are frequently refreshed with current sermon themes and lifeApps topics. Thank you for returning borrowed items to the red bin in the Lobby.

## DVD REVIEW

One of my (Jerri) awesome tasks on the Library Committee is to review the DVDs that are bought or donated for the library. This past month has been GREAT viewing:

- *Flywheel* - about a man learning to honor God through his business
- *The Bible, Jesus of Nazareth* - Charleston Heston’s research and presentation about Jesus
- *Though None Go With Me*—a story of a woman who’s inner strength and faith is tested
- *Grace is Gone*—a man learns how to be connected and understand others
- *Veggie Tales*—there are a variety of stories on DVD
- *How I Saved The President* - doing the right thing isn’t always easy but it is right!
- *Leadership Summit DVDs* - watch these and you will see the excellent quality of presenters at the Summit.

I could go on and on about the eighty plus movies, but this is it for this month. Come peruse the many movie possibilities and share them with your family.

The Library Committee  
Bev Walz, Marlene Goldman, Peggy Shalloe, and Jerri Cooper

## *Person of Interest, JERILYN LIGHTFOOT*



Jerilyn Lightfoot was born and raised in California as part of a 4th generation San Francisco family. She received her BA degree in Fine Arts with minors in Psychology and Language from San Jose State University. Jerilyn studied abroad in Italy for a year and a half and can still speak some Italian. She worked in the high tech industry for nine years, creating top-secret visual flight simulators for the military. She is currently employed by the Sunnyvale-Cupertino School District as a Publication Specialist and Analyst. She has also owned an art gallery and a custom frame shop and currently is an apprentice sky painter. She enjoys caring for her friends, quilting, cooking, holding tea parties and making gifts for others. And Jerilyn loves her Cocker Spaniels!

Jerilyn's son, AJ Pasciuti, is what she calls a "911 Marine". A Homecoming King and an Eagle Scout, AJ graduated from Fremont High School in Sunnyvale in 2002. No sooner did he graduate and he was off to Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego for boot camp and was then deployed to Iraq at the age of 18. AJ was there during the first push of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, fought hard during the Battle for Fallujah, and returned to Iraq a third time in 2006. AJ recently returned from Afghanistan, his fourth active combat tour. Being a family member of a Special Forces Marine means Jerilyn doesn't get many calls or letters, and emails are a very rare treat. She makes comfort/memorial quilts for families of Marines who have died in the war on terrorism. Many of Jerilyn's friends and members of SCFBC have also helped make the quilts.

Jerilyn's house is always full of all sorts of community projects, whether it is making a raffle item, gift baskets, stockings or care packages. She never really knows what she'll be working on next. Her husband, George Garcia, is always by her side; he never questions the projects understanding her creative talents are a gift from God. In addition to SCFBC, Jerilyn supports many non-profit organizations with her energy and talents, South Bay Blue Star Moms, San Jose Marine Corps League, Patriot Guard Riders, Red Cross' Operation Care and Comfort and, of course, the unit who directly serves with AJ. In her spare time, Jerilyn loves to cuddle on the couch with her loving hubby and Tobey and Tilley (their Cocker Spaniels) and watch old movies.

Jerilyn and George say they have been blessed to have SCFBC as their next-door neighbor for the past eleven years. SCFBC is blessed to have them represent God so well in our community!

## *Property Corner*

### **Volunteers:**

The Property Department would like to thank everyone who gives of their time and talents that often go unnoticed. All that you do is very much appreciated for helping to keep our expenses to a minimum. Thank You Very Much!

### **Landscaping:**

The landscaping project required by the City of Santa Clara at the end of the west parking lot is now complete and looks fantastic. I would like to thank Mr. Lee of the Korean congregation for providing the labor and materials for this beautification project. The project was designed around our Bethlehem program and should look great with the construction sets.

This past Saturday, the following volunteers helped me finish the project: John Pusateri, Steve McLenegan, Adam Burdick, Will Reaves, Jerry Cintas and Pastor Rich.

### **Kitchen Storage Areas:**

Work is in progress to repair the kitchen storage areas. Abandoned electrical/telephone lines have been removed. Walls have been patched and prep work is beginning for a new coat of paint. We are also replacing four light fixtures in these areas to offer not only better lighting but to also save on electricity. New storage shelves are also being planned.

**Renovation Report:** For more information please read the article from Jerry Cintas.

**General:** Please contact Dave Wilson or me should you see something that needs to be repaired or fixed around the church property!

**Reminder:** Please make sure that when you leave a building, classroom, etc. that all the doors are locked, windows closed, and all lights and air/heat are turned off.

**Next Church Work Day:** Please mark your calendars and availability for the next upcoming church work day on July 17, 2010. We will be having a day of cleaning and repairing our church property. Stay tuned for more details and contact the church office or me to let us know of your availability to help. Our day will start at 9:00am and continue until 3:00pm. Lunch will be served. Come join us for whatever time you can that day.

Mike Depew  
Property Deacon



*Egypt's "plague of frogs" invades kids' worship!*



*Smiles and laughs are always apart of our Sunday mornings.*

School may have just recently ended, but summer at *SPEEDway* is well underway! During the next several weeks, our K-5 graders will be rehearsing for their presentation of our summer musical, "O Me, O My, O Nehemiah!" on September 5th. There will be much fun at *SPEEDway* during July and August as we learn music, drama and dance for the musical. This is a great time to invite kids you know to come to *SPEEDway*. **Trisha Cooley, Susi Reaves** and **Peg Shalloe** are joining me in preparing the kids for their presentation at the end of the summer. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss this special event!

Our younger children are experiencing great Bible stories and lots of love each Sunday morning as well. **Rebecca Ebel** is teaching our toddlers in the Nursery with a new topic each month. She is assisted by a wonderful group of volunteer caregiver staff. **Michelle Ramer** oversees the loving, dedicated preschool team that includes **Kari Hana** and **Emily Ramer**.

Each Sunday, our rotating staff of the Registration Team welcomes the children and their parents as they arrive for *SPEEDway*. This team includes **Barbara Blanks, Jane Bush, Dorothy Depew, Kate Douglas, Michele DuBord, Judy Eshelman, Nancy Gregoire, Beth Kroll, Trudy Kroll, Barbara McLenegan** and **Amy Su**.

**A reminder that all *SPEEDway* classes start at 9:00am each and every Sunday.** So you parents who are wondering what's available for you at that time will be pleased to know that there is a special lifeApps book study club this summer discussing Gary Chapman's book, The Five Love Languages of Children. Join **Jerri Cooper** as she leads parents and other interested adults in a spirited discussion of how to better communicate with children. The group meets in the Parlor on Sunday mornings before worship. If you would rather be a part of another book club this summer, **Allison Fung** is leading a group of readers of This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti. That group meets in Room 19/20.

*SPEEDway* always has room for adults who love kids and want to make a difference in their lives for eternity. Whether you like to supply snacks, set up games and classrooms, help welcome kids, hold babies, lead a small group, or teach, there is a place for you! Contact me if you would like to put your gifts and talents to good use at *SPEEDway*.



*Locusts devour our popcorn*

Blessings,  
Pastor Jenny  
jennifer@scfbc.org  
(408) 248-2078

## Youth News

### Reflect High School Group

In June, our seniors graduated from Reflect after many years and crazy adventures with the group. We celebrated with our annual senior jubilee breakfast at Stacks restaurant. We want to congratulate: **Megan Swartzwelder, Larissa Bertos, Kayla Grizzle, Tabitha Soden, and Melissa Powers, and Keith Willcox.** We will miss you guys.

We welcomed in the new 8th graders with a big pool party at Jerry's, with our start-of-summer BBQ, and hot tub challenge.

The end of June, our Mexico team returned to Ensenada for ministry to a small church called Rayo de Luz in the poor part of that city.

### The Element Jr. High Group

The Jr High group also had many graduates as our large 8th grade class moved up to the High School group. Most of the 8th graders



8th Graders after 5:30am Wakeup



Jr High Hot Tub Challenge (15)

were unexpectedly kidnapped from their beds by the Jr High leaders at 5:30am on the Saturday morning after graduation and taken to Denny's. Our graduating class is:

**Amber Harrell, Camille Cintas, Carmen Cintas, Charlie Parry, Chrysta Rangel, Emily Ramer, Faith LeRoy, Josh Lombrozo, Laura Gregg, Mark Reiley, Mikayla Miyasaki, Spencer Davis, Torey Seavers, Travis Martinez, and Trevor Hersh.**

But with the moving on of the 8th graders we also welcome a whole new bunch of youth. The graduating 5th graders moved up into the youth group in June and we had a big pool party at Jerry's to celebrate. The eight new 6th graders had to be properly initiated into the group by performing a belly flop. Everyone did a great job and made a big splash. It is great to see new faces at Element.

### Committed

Committed, led by Liz, has continued to meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Youth Room.

### Youth Director

We want to welcome Erik and Christy Meyer as Erik has accepted the job as full time Director of Student Ministries. We look forward to working with Erik.

### Upcoming EVENTS

July 16th-18th - Element Summer Retreat, \$50

July 23rd-25th - Reflect Beach Camping \$50

More events at [www.scfbc.org/element](http://www.scfbc.org/element) &  
[www.scfbc.org/reflect](http://www.scfbc.org/reflect)



Mexico Team



High School Hot Tub Challenge (16)



Erik, Christy, and Jake

### Youth Staff

*Danijela, Liz, Karena, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew, Fion, Amy, Kimberly, Jerry*