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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

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

February 2008

OUTFLOW

everyday outreach for everyday people

All-Church Lenten Series February 3 - March 23

See full story inside

Life Groups & the Lenten Emphasis



Participation in a Life Group is key to seeing life change happen through this Outflow study. The Life Groups will be studying these same topics, and exploring how to put the lessons into practice. Along with a more in-depth study of the topics, Life Groups offer support and accountability for each person who wants to see their life fill up with the grace, joy and hope of Christ. We are encouraging every person to find a Life Group to participate in during this series. You can find a list of our Life Groups on the next page, and in the bulletin.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

3rd Bea Sturtevant
5th Steve Victorson
6th Billie McPherson
7th Doris Smith
9th Bernice Schauble
11th Lois Lovelace
13th Alex Oliveira
16th Barbara Chicks
22nd Michael Depew
22nd Gary White
23rd Virginia Gehman
28th Joe Soares
28th Geri Frecas

Anniversaries

14th Jon & Jennifer Hammar
14th Steve & Patti Victorson
20th Richard & Pat Graham

A note from the Finance Department

Just a reminder. Should you need reimbursement, please submit any receipts along with a completed voucher for expenses incurred on behalf of SCFBC within 30 days.

Thank you.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

As we continue thru the winter season keep in mind your family and friends that may be in need of God's love, expressed thru a "Prayer Quilt". This could be someones FIRST experience with God! Please remember us in your giving as well, we greatly appreciate your donations. If you are interested in a Prayer Quilt call Rhonda Starnes @ 246-2242 or Gladys McFarland @ 243-6828

Outflow (continued from cover page)

If what the Bible says is true, then your life isn't meant to be anything like a glass that's half empty. God created you to be so perpetually full of rich experiences, rewarding relationships, and abundant blessings that you can afford to pour out huge amounts of hope, comfort and refreshment on others—and still have more than you'll ever need! "Outflow" introduces us to principles for enjoying a life that's filled to the brim with God's love, joy, and hope. It starts with a deep relationship with God, and flows out to touch your family and friends. Your neighbors. Your world. As the grace of God flows out of our lives and into the lives of those around us, they'll notice a difference...and so will you.

As a church family, we will be exploring the lessons taught in the book Outflow. During the season of Lent we will cover the first two Chapters of the book. Over the next three months we will cover the last 3 chapters. Books are \$10 and can be purchased through your Life Group leader, or in the Narthex beginning February 3rd. Below are the themes that will be covered in the weeks leading up to Easter.

- February 3—Created to Be a Blessing
- March 2—Slowing Down to Listen
- February 10—Altars of God's Faithfulness
- March 9—Obedience in Everyday life

- February 17—Spiritual Warfare
- March 16—Commitment to a Life of service
- February 24—Getting to Know God



Available Life Groups (Continued from cover)

Monday

10:30am -Seniors' Life Group— Doris Smith - 241-5299

Tuesday

6:30pm -Resonate Home Life Group -Joel Robinson, 554-1728

7:00pm -Young Marrieds' Life Group-Joel Ebel, 624-1078

7:00pm -Lindsey Life Group - Tracey - 241-4510

7:00pm -IMPACT College Home Life Group - Sharon-615-1690

Wednesday

7:00pm Depew Home Life Group - Mike - 691-1441

7:00pm Chicks' Home Life Group-Chuck/Barbara-739-2935

Thursday

6:30pm Women's Life Group - Choir Rm. - Lynne--985-7179

Friday

6:30pm Family Life Group - Hammar's Home - 248-2078

Saturday

4:00pm Mothers' Life Group - Nursery - Daena - 774-9350

Prayer Requests



For Michelle Ramer's upcoming surgery February 8th.

For Nancy Gregoire's upcoming surgery on February 11th. *(Previously thought to be in January.)*

Dorothy Depew's comfort and support during her recovery process.

The growth of God's kingdom.

Wisdom in moving toward the Church Vision.

The Renovation Project progress.

For all of those who request prayer via our membership cards, please feel certain that your requests are in our hearts, minds and prayers.

Costa Rica 2008

Are you ready for the adventure?

Preparations are being made for our 8th team to head to Limon, Costa Rica, to partner with our sister church in their ministry at the Baptist School of the Caribbean. ***Is this your year?***

A team from New Hope Baptist Church will come up from Costa Rica in July to help us with Vacation Bible School. Our team will travel with them as they return to Costa Rica around July 21st. We'll be gone for approximately nine days, including travel.

The cost of \$1300.00 includes air travel, all expenses while in Costa Rica, and an overnight excursion to Tortuguero National Park. Applications and more information are available from group leader Joan Friesen via e-mail, joan@redwoodglen.com, or by phone at (650) 879-9469.



Awana gets a great start in 2008!

I am pleased to report that the Awana club at SCFBC is going strong! We are pulling together as a club, learning to care for each other, progressing in our handbooks and hearing the message of God's great love.

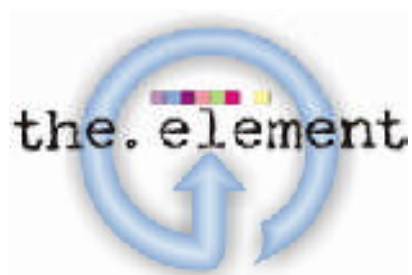
Upcoming regional events include Truth & Training Bible Quiz and the AwanaGames, both happening in March. We hope to take a T&T team (or perhaps 1.5 teams) to the AwanaGames. Our Game Time for the next 9 weeks will focus on the 10 games normally featured at the AwanaGames. Clubbers must have passed 10 handbook sections in order to attend. Also, three or four T&T clubbers are going to prepare to attend the Bible Quiz in Los Altos. Clubbers who attend the Bible Quiz must have a thorough knowledge of the first four Discoveries of Book I, plus the Start Zone. We are providing them with training and practice tools.

Through Bible quiz and AwanaGames, we hope to further our goal of attracting more people to Awana and our church. Relatives and friends of the participants will attend these events and hear the message of the gospel. They will see our group's involvement, and hopefully they will want to get involved, or tell someone else who might want to. Being involved will strengthen the bonds between us within our club, making it more of a "going concern." Kids will be more likely to return next year, and to tell other kids about the group. Please pray for our Awana clubbers and their leaders as they prepare in the coming months for the competitions that lay ahead.

Meanwhile of course we continue with our usual Awana calendar, including such favorites as Drive-In Movie Nite and the Awana Store. Every week clubbers earn points for wearing their uniforms, bringing their materials and Bibles, passing sections and bringing friends. We welcome more kids! We have this great leadership structure in place now, praise the Lord! Now we need the numbers to increase to test their training and justify their commitment. Thank you, SCFBC, for *your* commitment to us and to the goals of Awana: to bring kids to know, love and serve the Lord.

In Christ,

Commander Cathryn



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

Three ways to be part of this awesome ministry:

Resource Team – Support us by providing much needed supplies. We provide snacks for our students during group on Wednesday and Thursday Nights. Our youth love treats and have bottomless stomachs. We also need supplies for camps and retreats. Lastly, some of our youth need financial assistance for events like snow camp, Mexico Mission, and summer retreat. **Prayer Team** - Support our youth by praying for them. We can send you a weekly e-mail of the prayer needs of our students as well as the ministry's.

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

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Jerry Cintas at jerry@scfbc.org or at (408) 390-4696

Mary Wong at mary@scfbc.org or at (408) 858-7558

Andrew Wong at andrew@scfbc.org or at (408) 858-7572



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."
Matt. 25:35 -36;40

Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC) - On Thursday, January 3rd SCFBC hosted the homeless through EHC. It was a weekday, shortly after the holidays, and the church was still breaking down Bethlehem. Plus, it is now a requirement for food servers and preparers to be TB tested. These were great obstacles when it comes to resources so we decided to only provide shelter this year.

However, one person can make a difference. Beth Kroll wanted to provide a dinner so she organized a group of her co-workers from Kaiser and we were able to support the effort with a small contingency from SCFBC. The lesson is if we are open and available, God can use each one of us.

Prologue: It turned out to be one of the windiest and wettest nights and days. We extended the stay through Friday, January 4th because of the poor weather. The group went directly to the Presbyterian Church that evening and did not have to go into the elements during the day.

What's New in 2008?

EHC – We will no longer be organizing teams to serve breakfast at EHC each month. However, if some of you would like to still volunteer individually you can do that but you will need to have a current TB test when you go there to volunteer.

Habitat for Humanity – We plan to not only support financially this year but to organize some groups to go work on some houses.

Fourth of July Outreach project - We are planning an outreach project at the church this year as many of our neighbors utilize our facility on that date. More information will be coming to put this together.

Missions Trips

Mexico Outreach 2008- Reflect Missions Trip is forming. The dates are June 20 -28th. If you have any questions please contact Mary Wong 408-858-7558.

Costa Rica - Recruitment for a mission team to Costa Rica has started. There will be more information coming in the bulletin or you can contact Joan Friesen.

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

We received \$798 for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering in November and December.

Children's Ministry

We are off and running in the Children's Ministry for 2008. We have set our course and are looking forward to implementing some new ideas that will be exciting and fun for all. The 2nd through 5th graders will be following the same OUTFLOW program during the worship hour as the adults during the Lenten season and continuing until we get to the end of the series.

We enjoyed a potluck lunch with Marlies on January 13th after the Worship service and talked about new ideas and ways to streamline our efforts and make the program more effective. We also learned some things about each other.

Our next potluck style Children's Ministry meeting will be February 10th after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks and dessert are provided. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Children's Ministry is welcome to join us. We are still in need of dedicated workers willing to give a few hours of their time each week to help develop and nurture the lives of our children.

Several of the teachers and workers are planning to attend a training hosted by GROUP that is being offered here in San Jose on March 8th. We look forward to this time of fresh ideas and proven methods for relating to our children. Please contact me at tamcatbc@yahoo.com or 408/348-3271, if you feel you might like to attend this training.

I'd like to thank Lynne Martin for her generosity in providing the snacks for this ministry for the month of January.

I would also like to thank all of those who volunteered and helped out during the month of January while some of our regular teachers were away. We appreciate your time and willingness to be of service.

Please continue to pray for me and all those who serve in this ministry as we seek to train up our children in the way of the Lord.

In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton
Director of Children's Ministry

Renovation Update

As we enter into this New Year we anticipate the approval of our Renovation Plans by the City of Santa Clara. Today, January 22, I discussed where we are in the process with Alex Ross, our architect. He mentioned that the normal 6 week period of review should be just about over and we should hear from them soon.

Alex also mentioned there may be an issue or two that the city will insist we add to our plans. The two greatest possibilities are the installation of fire alarm stations at various locations within the Worship Center and the installation of a ramp to our front platform. We will just have to wait for the city's response.

After we finalize our plans we'll be able to send them out for bids from building contractors. This will finally give us a realistic estimation of the final cost of the Renovation.

I ask for your continued prayers as we move through this process. We are engaged in this Renovation to position our facilities to be more attractive and effective in reaching out to our community. As the apostle Paul became "*all things to all men so that he may by all means save some*" (1 Corinthians 9:22), we in kind need to create a sacred space that will provide a welcoming and effective atmosphere to the newer generations of seekers that are coming through our doors on a regular basis.

May we be committed to doing whatever it takes to fulfill God's Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) for God's glory.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Youth News!!

The Element Jr. High Group

Element has begun a series on 2nd Timothy, and are learning about how we should behave as young leaders.

Back in December, Element also had their Christmas party. We played some awesome games, including favorites like *Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer*, *Human Christmas Tree*, and of course the *Christmas Carol War*. Element also went ice skating to ring in the new year, with many 6th graders taking the ice for the first time.



Reflect High School Group



In January, Reflect began a series studying the book of Jonah. Though this story is very familiar, we are learning that even when we disobey God, he still can use us to do amazing things.

Back in December, Reflect again had their annual Christmas party. Fun was had by all, as we had a gift exchange, great food, and just a relaxing evening. Some of the High School youth ventured up to Napa First Baptist Church for their New Year's Party. **Katrina** and **Jesse** performed with **Liz** from the college group, and rocked the house!

Sunday Groups

Committed is finishing a series on Ecclesiastes, learning from Solomon's pursuit of meaning in his life, and how we need to stay focused on the one true meaning in our lives. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet and enjoy the **Gilmore Girls** series. The **GUYS** group continues to meet every Sunday at 4 PM, while trying to find God moments in the TV series **LOST**.

Upcoming EVENTS

February 6th– Reflect Country Night
February 14th– Element Valentine's Day Party
February 15th – February 18th – Reflect Winter Retreat
February 23rd– Generation Change
February 29th – March 2nd – Element Winter Retreat

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

~Youth Staff~

Danijela, Sean, Daniel, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew