

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

May 2008

SCFBC ALL-CHURCH Family Camp 2008

May 30—June 1

Location: Redwood Glen Camp & Conference Center
Cost: \$142/adult; \$127 ages 4-12; FREE for ages 0-3.

More details inside.....

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2nd Elianna Lageschulte
4th Shari Burdick
5th Jasmine Jackson
6th Tiah Esquibel
7th Mike Smith
8th Joel Robinson
10th April Starnes
11th Rudy DuBord IV
12th Doonu Barife
12th Bob Smithson
13th David Lageschulte
13th Glenn Stowell
14th Selena Marquez
20th Dave Wilson, Jr.
21st Rosanna Feldman

23rd Virginia Newcomb
26th Denise Stephens
27th Margery Torres
31st Bill Starnes

Anniversaries

1st Ron & Cherie Willcox
14th Duane & Rosemarie Esquibel
20th Michael & Dorothy Depew



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SCFBC Family Camp is a fun-filled adventure for the entire church family. Married, single, kids or no kids—come and have a blast with us! This year we’re once again staying in the comfortable accommodations of Redwood Glen’s Siden Center. Our weekend will be full of fun activities for all ages, and plenty of time to rest and relax.

If you’ve never been to an SCFBC All-Church Family Camp before, here’s a little of what goes on:

- Morning Worship for all ages
- Adult Worship and Study with childcare provided
- Hikes
- Creek Stomping
- Crafts
- Waterballoon Launching
- Kickball
- Photo Scavenger Hunt
- Crazy Campfires
- Special activities for small children
- Nap time
- Beach Trip

I hope you and your family will come and join us for a time of relaxation, worship and lots of laughs. For more information, find a brochure in the Narthex or contact Pastor Jenny at 248-2078.

Upcoming Sabbatical Plans for Pastor Jenny

As I am completing my 8th year of ministry here at SCFBC, the church has graciously offered me a 3-month Sabbatical which I will take this summer. For the months of June, July and August I will be away, using this time for both recreation and study. My study focus will be experiential worship in the Post-Modern church setting. I will be attending two conferences at Willow Creek – their Arts Conference in June and their Leadership Summit in August. I have also made plans to visit several Post-Modern churches and talk with their staff. My recreation focus will be reconnecting with my husband and children. We’ll have the opportunity to spend extended periods of time together, enjoying each other’s company. I’ll also have the rare opportunity to spend quality time with my extended family and old friends from my hometown. In my absence, lay leaders from the EDGE congregation will be stepping up to take over the different responsibilities. Jonathan Fung will be preaching at EDGE for most of the summer, with other weeks taken by Joel Robinson and Pastor Rich. Thank you so much for this opportunity of rest, study, and renewal. My entire family is looking forward to this special summer.

Pastor Jenny

Youth News!!

The Element Jr. High Group

Element is in the middle of trying to find answers for questions about our faith. Andrew shared about the area of forgiveness, and when and how we are forgiven. Jasmine then shared a condensed version of Genesis, describing some of the stories recorded at the beginning of the world.

Back at the end of March, Element joined with Reflect and led the congregation in an awesome Youth Sunday worship service. In April, Element participated with Reflect in an event not held for a while, Extreme Challenge. Students were challenged through such events as Extreme RockBand, Barfait, and Extreme Value Meal. A team led by **Brent Richofsky, Jacob Grizzle, Josh Lombrozo, Max Irving, Ashlee Ramer, Danijela Tomic, and Josh Tomasian** won the free tickets to the upcoming Great America Christian Music Day.



Reflect High School Group

Reflect is also in the middle of the series Living with Questions, where we are tackling questions of faith. Danijela taught about how to hear the voice of God and feel his presence, and Andrew taught about when we are forgiven, and how we should all forgive each other as God has forgiven us.

Reflect, with Element, led two worship services at the end of March. **Jesse Hawkins, Katie Martin, Vance Wirtz, and Wendy Gregg** all shared with the congregation their experiences within the youth group, and how they have experienced God in motion. Reflect students also braved Extreme Challenge 3 with the Jr. High students, showing how extreme they are.



Sunday Groups

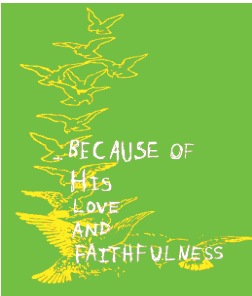
Committed is in the middle of a study on the *Nooma* Video series. We have recently talked about the noise in our lives, and want vs. need. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet and enjoy the *Gilmore Girls* series.

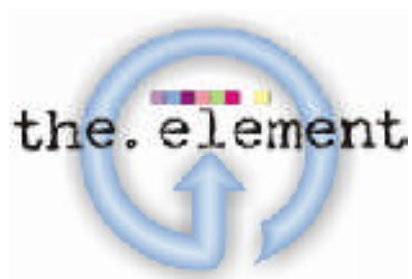
~**Youth Staff** Danijela, Sean, Daniel, Fion, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew

Upcoming EVENTS

- May 10th– Great America Christian Music Day
- May 16th– YouthQuake (Friday 3pm-7pm)
- May 28th– Reflect Mall Hunt
- May 29th– Element Sky High Night
- More events at www.scfbc.org/element & www.scfbc.org/reflect

Mexico Mission Trip 2008
Plans are underway for our June Trip. Consider joining with us on this life changing trip where we will partner with **Rayo de Luz** in Ensenada. Talk to Andrew or Mary for more details.





***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 involve. 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 monthly exciting events that you can attend.

How can you get started?

1. Pray about it. Listen for God's calling.
2. Don't make excuses. God can use everyone.
3. Talk to a youth mentor. (Jerry Cintas, Jasmine Jackson, Daniel, Howe, Christine Robbins, Danijela Tomic, Sean Grizzle, Andrew and Mary Wong)

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

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

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



Renovation Project Prayer Team

As some of you are aware, a couple of years have passed since a team of leaders from SCFBC originally met to discuss the renovation needs for our sanctuary building. Since they saw this as a serious undertaking, there were numerous meetings to consider the priorities and options available.

The past few months have been spent waiting for other parties to get pertinent information presented to the renovation planning team. Most recently, we have been waiting this year for approval from the City of Santa Clara. When that approval comes, there are bids to pursue, contractors to hire, and of course, funds to raise.

During the past few weeks, leaders have been chosen to head up various teams for the renovation's fundraising that will soon be needed to accomplish this important task.

That's when *the most important element* to this whole renovation business comes into play...our prayers. Without seeking God's face, without submitting ourselves to His direction and His will, we are doomed to do this all in our own strength. If that occurs, we do not fully rely on God for what we have and, in turn, fall for the lie that we can do this all on our own. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The prayer team for this renovation invites all who would be willing to bend the knee to God concerning this upcoming project to join together in a special prayer emphasis for the next few weeks.

Beginning April 27th, prayer meetings will be held on Sundays in Room 29 at both 9:55 AM and 4:55 PM. If you've not already done so, you are invited to attend one or both of these prayer times which will continue through June 15th. During each meeting, we will look at a passage of scripture from the book of Ezra and pray for specific needs of the renovation project.

If you have any questions regarding your personal prayer involvement, contact the Prayer Team's Chair, Karen Fong at kafong@aol.com or by calling 246-6253.

Spring Tea and Fashion Show

An early Mother's Day event is coming on May 3rd, 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our SCFBC ladies of all ages will model a new Spring line from *Gloria's Fine Fashions* in Sunnyvale. This will be a wonderful outreach time ~~ invite friends and neighbors and maybe a new lady you've recently seen at our services. This will be a lovely opportunity to help her get better acquainted. See you there!

For questions you may contact Ellen Imhof at 730-1150.

Seniors' & Birthday Lunch Bunch

Have you heard of the Seniors Birthday Lunch Bunch, we'd like you to join us for our monthly events. Our next event is May 22nd, 11:45am at Harry's Hofbrau; please come and join us for wonderful fellowship and good food!

Contact Betty Downing at 244-5949.

Rummage Sale Results

Thank you to all who helped make our "Spring" rummage sale a success. Our total was \$2800 to be divided as follows: \$1850 to help with the cost of bringing guests from Costa Rica to help in our Vacation Bible School; \$600 to help pay for the Impact College Career Group's Mexico trip last month; and \$350 to help with the ABW's (American Baptist Women) Mission Projects.

Start saving things for our next sale to benefit "Bethlehem", which will take place in October.

Thank you,

Maxine Darknell

Human Interest Stories

Periodically our newsletter include stories about an individual or group, our latest featured Gladys McFarland in the March *Celebrate* issue. I have received wonderful responses from some of you asking for more stories. To do this, we'll need your help and here's what you can do: submit an article and photo of someone you'd like featured in our upcoming newsletters.

Contact the church office at 241-7635.

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and will be here before we know it! We are now in the planning stages for this great outreach event which will be **July 14th – 18th** this year. Our theme: **Power Lab**. This is one of our large outreach ministries to the community and it takes many volunteers to prepare, organize and execute. If you are interested in being a part of this fun event, please contact me. We need people to help behind the scenes with decorations, set up, clean up, marketing, registration. We need people who can be there from 5:30 to 8:30 in the evening to help with story time, games, crafts, snacks. There is something for everyone. Thanks to all of you who signed up through the Ministry Fair or contacted me directly. There will be a meeting on May 18th after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall for everyone planning to be a part of this exciting, fun-filled event.

For anyone interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry on a regular basis, our next meeting will be May 4th after the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently looking for someone to work in the pre-school class during the Sunday School hour and helpers for the Worship Hour.

Thanks to Kelli and Nikki Hawkins, Karla Hagan and Jennifer Hammar for their contributions to the snack ministry in April and their willingness to serve in this area.

Your continued support and prayers are greatly appreciated as we seek God's direction in training our children to love and serve Him.

In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton
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Prayer Quilt Ministry

Four of us in the Prayer Quilt Ministry went to Texas for the Prayers & Squares convention on April 3-5, 2008. We met lots of others working in this wonderful ministry from all across the nation. A great time and learning experience was had by all. Thank you for helping make it possible!



Meeting of old friends
Virginia, Rose Rushin & Gladys



Gladys, Virginia, Rhonda & Gail



Meeting a new friend
Cherie & Gail

Property Corner

Hi everyone, this is the first monthly *Celebrate* issue for the Property Dept. In this column, we will be updating everyone on what's going on in and around the church property (projects& events).

Our first church work day is scheduled for June 14, 2008. Some of the projects being planned for completion on this day include: Children's Playground, General Cleaning. More details will follow! We need volunteers to help both with the work, help serve a "light lunch", and coordinate all of the activities. Those who are interested please contact Dave Wilson at the church office or Mike Depew at 691-1441 cell, or 270-4832 home.

Property Updates: Everyone will be happy to know that we will be removing and replacing the carpet in the Fellowship Hall & Fireside Room very soon. This will be a long overdue upgrade and will look very nice. The new water fountain will be installed outside the Ed Wing soon to help "quench" everyone's thirst as the weather gets warmer. A new church van will be purchased soon to help our church's transportation needs.

Blessings....

Mike Depew – Property Deacon



Prayer Requests



Fion Cheng's mother, Suk Man, is feeling better. Please pray that her doctors may soon have an answer. Also, please pray for salvation for Fion's mom.

Continued prayers for healing for Fran Van Groningen who is having breathing problems, pray for the doctor's care and wisdom to pinpoint the problem.

For a new commander(s) for the AWANA Ministry; pray for commitment of the leadership team.

Continued prayers for MaryAnn Fairall's granddaughter, Autumn, who is undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. Continued prayers for Billie McPherson's grandson, Joel, who is showing progress during his stay at Kaiser, Santa Teresa. The City of Santa Clara to find favor with our renovation plans and return them soon.

For God to call two more people to join the Renovation Capital Fundraising Team as Public Relations Chair & Focus Group Chair.

The growth of God's kingdom.

Wisdom in moving towards the Church Vision.

Praise Reports

Betty Lou Carlson is feeling much better; she has moved back to Pacific Gardens. Betty Lou and Al are now located in #240. Billie McPherson's ailing knee is responding to treatment and is healing slowly. Cristina Jackson's healing is going well!



A new Commander is needed for our AWANA clubs! Commander Cathryn is returning to Canada with her family permanently. The new Commander must be a **MEMBER** of SCFBC. He or she must be prepared to carry out administrative and leadership duties in connection with this important children's ministry. This job is best suited to someone who has about 4 hours a week to devote to it, who is good at organizing and delegating, and who truly believes that the Word of God makes a difference in the lives of those who devote themselves to learning it. There are already many dedicated leaders who are willing to work with you for the benefit of the children. Will we let them down?

PLEASE DON'T LET THIS MINISTRY DIE!!!

AWANA also needs two more leaders: one for Cubbies and one for Truth & Training. According to the AWANA mandate, all AWANA leaders should have these qualities:

- Faith in Jesus Christ as personal Savior — *John 6:40*
- A growing relationship with Jesus — *Hebrews 5:14*
- Love for children — *Mark 10:14-16*
- A teachable spirit — *Isaiah 66:2*
- Honesty — *Acts 5:1-10*
- Trustworthiness — *Proverbs 11:13*
- Responsibility — *Genesis 39:22-23*



Training is available and mandatory. There are only 5 weeks left in the AWANA year. Training begins in July. We want to be able to introduce our new leaders at the Awards meeting June 8th! Please pray about it and ask the Lord if he is leading you in this direction.

In Christ,

Commander Cathryn

