



Santa Clara
First Baptist
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Annual Report, Senior Pastor

This last year was a special one for me personally. In October we celebrated 15 years together as pastor and people. Also in that same month I celebrated the 30th anniversary of my ordination. Your special love gift to Susi and me was unexpected and deeply gratifying. How generous you are as a family of believers! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Last year was also gratifying in that our church took such a strong step forward in missions. One of our current goals is to learn “how to invest ourselves in others.” Reaching out in mission to others is a key part of this. We sent three different teams to various parts of our globe to give unselfishly to others: to our sister church in Costa Rica, to a struggling congregation in Mexico, and to the homeless survivors of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana. At home we opened our doors to the homeless on two different occasions and learned again that all people are precious to God.

All this was in addition to what we have done in mission outreach for years. We are continuing to grow into the image of Jesus Christ.

In the second area of developing our leadership base we have seen the creation of new leadership teams in EDGE and in our Deacon Board. Our Staff and Deacons received personal coaching to heighten their personal effectiveness. A record number of laity attended the Leadership Summit in August. Much work needs to be done here, but we are making progress.

A tremendous step forward occurred when Sharon Cintas agreed to become the Worship Director for both morning and evening services. God has gifted her in such wonderful ways and now both congregations will receive her blessing regularly. Special thanks go to Pastor Jenny for stepping up to help out with morning worship leadership for so long.

The death of my mother just days ago has provided me with a reminder of just how high the stakes are. All who knew her can rest in the thought that she is now with her Lord and Savior. Such comfort assuages my grief. But what of those people we know that haven't crossed the line of faith and entered into the Christian family? What is their eternal destiny? How can we rest if even one soul in the Santa Clara Valley could die and face an eternity without Christ?

The mission of Santa Clara First Baptist Church remains the same: to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley. May each of us recommit ourselves, our energies, and our resources to this greatest work possible.

**God bless you all,
Pastor Rich**

Annual Report , Associate Pastor

This past ministry year was one of team building. In line with the vision step of increasing the leadership base, I began to transition EDGE to being a lay-led congregation. Four new ministry teams were started in the areas of Worship, Maturity, Membership and Mission. While I head the worship team, the other teams are led by lay leaders from the EDGE congregation. I am genuinely thrilled with the leadership potential and amazing gifts represented in these teams. It's wonderful to watch people working in their area of passion.

Another step I took this year was to move the EDGE congregation towards a vision of growth through Mission and service. While EDGE has always been a group with a heart for mission, we have expanded on this to include using mission as a form of outreach. While we serve those in need, we will also invite our friends and family to join us in service. Just as we use fun outings as outreach, we will also be using service opportunities as well. I love the thought of growing through mission and service. Mission highlights for EDGE included the San Francisco homeless outreach, the Neighborhood Care Ministry, and the CityTeam Shoe Drive. We have also begun involvement with a monthly outreach to City Team's men's shelter.

In regards to Family Ministries, the Family Small Group started up again in the Spring during the Lent series. While we began as a temporary group, we have become a regular home Bible study. The children have benefited from this group as much as the parents. While the adults appreciate the opportunity to study and talk with each other, the children eagerly look forward to Bible study every week. They are thrilled to be together, and it's so great to see all ages playing together. Family Camp was a success again as well. This was our 4th year holding the camp, and once again our numbers grew. Everyone who attended enjoyed the weekend of worship, swimming, campfires, rock climbing, hiking, paintball, water balloon launching, and just laying around.

Thank you for being such a wonderful church to serve. You are such a blessing to me and my family.

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny

**In Christ's Service,
Pastor Jennifer Hammar
Associate Pastor**

Annual Report , Diaconate Chairman

Dear Congregation,

Pastor Rich is fond of reminding us that God is good all of the time and all of the time God is good. This was certainly true for 2006.

2006 started with an excellent, well attended orientation to the diaconate. This meeting was for current and new members to the board. I hope this initial diaconate retreat becomes a tradition for future years. It provides a great opportunity to get to know each other and for new board members to learn the ropes with regards to check requests, expenditure statements, department meetings and the monthly board meeting.

Richard set the theme for the year which would focus on leadership training for the diaconate and congregation. Along the lines of leadership development 28 individuals attended the Leadership summit in August and free, professional leadership coaching was made available to the members of the board and staff.

Also along the lines of leadership development – and developing community towards accomplishing the vision, we explored the concept of a “Cell Group” ministry. This is more of an enhanced, intentional home Bible study. We decided to evaluate this approach, changing the name to Grow groups. The first grow group was established and, as of early in February 2007, we are looking at establishing a second grow group. These Grow Groups could become the nucleus of future church fellowship and outreach.

Additionally Richard noted that to be successful in accomplishing the Vision - Becoming a Church that Plants Churches – also requires a strong sense of community.

This was the focus for the 40 Days Adventure held Feb 19 – April 9.

A major challenge during the year was to move the responsibility for the Church vision from the Transition team to being wholly owned by the Diaconate. This is still an ongoing process which I hope to have completed by July of 2007.

A precursor to accomplishing the vision is to upgrade the existing church facilities to assure that we can sustain the existing ministries while becoming more inviting for new members. The Renovation team, formed in 2005 continued to meet during 2006, with focus group meetings held and opportunities for members of the congregation to provide input or suggestions. In May we felt that it was time to actively pursue a capital funds campaign, bringing David Bennett in from the region to help plan this activity. Through prayer and circumstances it was evident that God was telling us to wait on this effort.

God has certainly blessed SCFBC during 2006 through a major bequeath from the Gloria Noble estate and another Cell site lease that will generate unexpected income for quite a few years to come.

Early in the year Greg Robbins needed to step down as Vice Chair with Jay Nordgaard coming on board to fill this position.

Lastly I want to commend the diligence of the church officers and members of the board for their work during 2006. They truly accomplished the bulk of the substantial work during 2006, as evidence by their excellent department reports.

**In Christ's Name,
Steve McLenegan, Chairman**

Annual Report, Vice Chairman Diaconate

The position of vice chair has given me the opportunity since my election in September to primarily support Pastor Rich and board chair Steve McLenegan over the past 5 months in their leadership of the Diaconate and First Baptist Church.

I have met with Richard and Steve monthly to prepare board agendas and to look ahead in order to maximize planning and preparation.

My other responsibilities included participating on the Transition Team working on strategies of moving forward with our new vision statement "to become a church that plants churches." I would bring information from the Transition Team to the Diaconate meetings.

I also worked with Ministry Deacon Rudy DuBord to work through with the rest of the Nominating Committee to discern and confirm nominees for the various deacon, officer, and committee member positions open for 2007.

As we enter 2007 I look forward to helping provide leadership within our church as we continue to fulfill God's vision for our church.

Blessings,

Jay

Jay E. Nordgaard

Vice Chairman, Santa Clara First Baptist Church

"To Become A Church That Plants Churches"

Annual Report , Ministry

- Assisted Jay Nordgaard and Joan Friesen in the planning of Go Deep II along with Michele DuBord.
 - Compiled and maintained a contact list of all known ministries with email and phone contact information.
 - Attended several 40 Days of Community planning committee meetings.
 - As part of the 40 Days of Community, planned a Ministry Fair and International Food Court (All-Church potluck) celebrating the ethnic diversity of the church which occurred in March after both the morning and EDGE services. Fifteen ministries were represented. Jerri Cooper together with Bonnie Williams and the Manna crew were instrumental in preparations and work at the International Food Court.
 - As a result of leadership building meetings with Joel Robinson and Susi Reaves, the Intro to Ministry Course was changed to a five weeks vs. one afternoon occurring during Sunday school hours. Additionally, Intro was dropped from the title.
 - The first Ministry Course of 2006 was led by Jay Nordgaard and Joan Friesen. Michele DuBord and I assisted.
 - Led a second Ministry Course with Michele DuBord in the fall of 2006.
 - Met with nominating committee to discuss nominees for open positions throughout the year.
 - Joan Friesen, Michele DuBord, Jerri Cooper, and I made up the planning committee for Go Deep III occurring in February, 2007. Joan Friesen prepared material for “What’s Next, God?” that she will present. A contract was drafted and a minimum deposit was paid for twenty-six participants.
- As Ministry Deacon, participated in several mentoring sessions by phone with Joan Friesen of Metamorphous.

Rudy Dubord

Annual Report, Maturity

The 2006 Lenten series encouraged our church to grow in relationships with each other through the *40 Days of Community* campaign. During the series, we added five new small groups to support all the new participants interested in the series and two of our established groups used this as an impetus to multiply. As the campaign came to a close, a couple of the new groups could not be maintained, but several, the Grow, Family, and Resonate groups, have been growing ever since.

Pastor Richard and Joel Robinson attended the Small Groups conference offered by the Willow Creek Association in late September. The conference was integral in moving towards coaching sessions for the small group leaders, creating small group guide, and updating the Intro to Maturity class.

Meetings were held every other month to provide encouragement and support for all of the small group leaders. Late in 2006, the department began exploring the transition from one large meeting with all leaders to coaching sessions, which will provide a smaller group setting for more personal support and guidance.

One of the ways Santa Clara First Baptist Church will move towards accomplishing the vision of being a church that plants new churches is through investing ourselves in others. The Maturity Department wants to see this be a driver behind the small group ministry. As Christians, investing ourselves in others is not a new idea, but implementing it in our daily lives and in our small groups may not be common. To give some direction to these ideas, the Maturity department created two documents that gave some guidelines for each group leader and group member. The central themes of the documents are: provide an open, inviting atmosphere so that all feel comfortable sharing; provide lessons that teach who God is and how we live our lives for Him; and provide support, encouragement, and love for your fellow group members.

The Life Classes are an out-growth of the Intro Classes that our church offered for several years. The Willow Creek conference emphasized that a Christian walk is just that – a walk not a sit. It requires movement and action. For the Maturity Class to be effective, it needs action and a time to practice. To provide time for the emphasis of practicing, each of the basics (prayer, bible reading, etc.) are given their own class. Pastor Jenny, Jarad Backlund, Jonathan Fung, and Joel Robinson are developing these classes. The first class will start after the 2007 Lenten series.

Joel Robinson,
Deacon of Maturity

Annual Report, Membership

The year of 2006 saw a number of changes in the total member count at SCFBC. Loved ones went home to be with the Lord, others moved to different areas, and some made changes for personal reasons. We also, have welcomed new neighbors and familiar faces to unite with the Church through Baptism and/or Christian experience. This movement has brought SCFBC membership count to 186, at the end of the year.

The department offers many Ministry opportunities. These ministries would not be as successful as they are without the many volunteers who graciously give of their time and energy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those volunteers. A special thanks goes to Maxine Cintas Darknell for her unending devotion to the members at Santa Clara First Baptist Church and her efforts and skills in coordinating many of the following Ministries.

Baptisms: Pastor Rich and Pastor Jenny

Bereavement/Illness Meals and Receptions: When there is a need, we try to help by offering meals, etc, coordinated by Doris Smith and Maxine Darknell. If anyone hears of an illness or death in our church and would like to take a meal to a family or participate in a Memorial Service/Funeral reception please contact Maxine or Doris.

Manna/ Church meal functions: coordinated by Bonnie Williams. This ministry provides for the churches meals during special functions. This is a challenging ministry and could not run without all the volunteers and the core team of Bonnie, Glen and Jess. Interested in getting involved? Contact Bonnie Williams.

Fellowship Fund: These funds help people in need of assistance, for purchasing prescriptions, glasses, counseling, utilities, rent and other things. Also the Food Pantry has helped feed families from church and the community. The volunteers for the pantry are Maxine Darknell and Harold Trathen. You can help support this ministry by writing "Fellowship Fund" and the amount you want to give on your offering envelope.

Good Samaritan Ministry: Coordinated by Maxine Darknell. This ministry's volunteers help families who are having difficulties with activities of daily living, such as; shopping, running errands, getting to appointments, house chores. If you are interested in this ministry please let Maxine Darknell know.

Prayer Chain: This service provides prayer support for our church family. In 2006 more than 197 prayer requests were sent out. If you would like to be added to the chain or have a request, please call Betty Hasting, telephone chain or Jim Lovelace, e-mail chain deloys@aol.com.

Shut in Visitation and Communion: Pastor Rich and Pastor Jenny alternated visits to serve communion to shut-ins, either in their homes or in the hospital, with Maxine Darknell who coordinates this ministry.

Shut in Tape Ministry: Service tapes and bulletins are provided to those who are not able to get out to the church services . The volunteers for this ministry are Gayle Wilson, Harold Trathen and Maxine Darknell.

Sermon Tapes: Each Sunday, the Pastor's sermon from the previous week is available on cassette to those who missed the previous week or would like to hear it again. Also, you may request a sermon or sermon series by writing a request on the back of your registration card or fill out a request from the Tape Request Box located on the Information Desk in the Narthex. These tapes are free and can be returned to reuse or you may keep them and if desired add \$1.00 each in your General Giving Offering.

Sunday morning fellowship: Thanks to all the Bible study groups and individuals for participating in providing refreshments after the morning/evening services. Maxine Darknell coordinates the morning fellowship and Michelle Lasher coordinates the evening time.

EDGE Membership Ministries: Jon Hammer is the coordinator for our EDGE Worship time.

First Time Visitors Ministries: As a special "thank you" for the first time visitor, in exchange for their filled out registration card, their given Star Bucks gift card . Later that week a SCFBC mug is delivered to their door. If you would be interested in volunteering to pass out gift cards or delivering mugs please contact Jon Hammer or Jane Bush.

**Respectfully,
Jane Bush
Membership Deacon**

Annual Report, Magnification

Upon being asked to accept the position of Magnification Deacon, I felt honored that our church leaders would see my potential to help "serve" our church family in a formal position of duty & responsibility.

I cannot thank our church Pastor's, Staff, Deacon's, and Friends for all their prayers and help during this "Spiritual Growth" for myself!

2006 Highlights:

- 1) Accepted Magnification Deacon position in June, 06.
Started learning about the duties & responsibilities associated with our church through Pastor Rich.
- 2) Attended first Deaconate meeting in July, 06. Met with Steve Mclenegan to discuss Deacon positions/layout for communion.
- 3) Started mentoring sessions with Jay Norgard.
- 4) Starting meeting with Pastor Rich, Pastor Jenny, Sharon Cintas on the wed. proceeding communion to discuss the following:
 - a) Service Needs
 - b) Type of communion each month
 - c) Sunday service outline
 - d) Usher duties & responsibilities
 - e) Greeters
- 5) Established the following:
 - a) Ushers: Duties and Responsibilities Outline Sheet
 - b) New Ushers Closet Contents
 - c) Greeters: Duties and Responsibilities Outline Sheet
- 6) Upon meeting with staff in Dec. 06, agreed on the idea to establish in 2007 a Greeter Program that would be operated by the Small Groups who provide our fellowship/refreshments on Sunday Morning (currently under development).

Blessings.....

Mike Depew

Annual Report, Worship

This has been a fulfilling year in the area of music and worship. We are committed to providing corporate worship opportunities in different styles to meet the needs of different people.

Edge Worship on Sunday nights continues to be a growing ministry. Each week we see people with no previous connection to our church drawn to this service for its informal style and commitment to worship God in a meaningful way. I would like to thank everyone who serves in this ministry for their time, commitment and hearts for worship.

One highlight for the year again was “Worship in the Park”. It was a wonderful time of worship and did a lot for building a sense of community between the people of both services. Thank you to Manna who fed over 300 people and the many people who brought friends and greeted people at the entrances to the park. All of your efforts helped to make a wonderful event for the church and community.

Sunday morning worship continues to be a mix of traditional and contemporary music. We feel that there is great value in both the richness and content of traditional music and the personal nature of contemporary worship choruses. The Shekinah! praise band continues to be thoroughly committed to worshipping our Lord and Savior. Pastor Jenny helped share responsibilities by designing and leading the worship service on a rotating basis. We have two teams who all have a heart to see the name of Jesus lifted up and serve faithfully leading us in worship through music. Those who run the slides and sound are the silent servants by allowing us to see and hear the words, music and sermon each week through their AV ministry. Thank you.

The choir ministered to us several times last year led by Susan Nguyen and grew in numbers under her leadership. Their voices helped deliver us into the presence of God as they sang praise to Him. Thank you to everyone who is committed to this important ministry.

From my perspective there is nothing more beautiful than to see God’s people glorify Him. We are created to worship and we will strive to provide a corporate experience that facilitates your worship of our Lord and King.

Sharon Cintas
Worship Director

Annual Report, Missions

During 2006 the Mission Department continued to build on many of the programs and outreach opportunities we had begun the year prior, as well as develop new areas for sharing.

In 2006 we sent out three missions teams. Our sixth annual trip to Limon, Costa Rica included: Jerri Cooper, Joan Friesen and Jay Nordgaard, Jasmine Jackson, Charlotte Robinson, Joel Robinson, Peg Shalloe and Rod Wionowsky. We also sent a team of youth and mentors to Mexico (*see Associate Pastor's Report for more information*) and a team of our college students to New Orleans, Louisiana to assist with the on-going Hurricane Katrina clean-up efforts (*see Associate Pastor's Report for more information*).

SCFBC continued its outreach to our local community by serving breakfast the first Saturday of each month at the EHC LifeBuilders' Boccardo Reception Center in San Jose and serving as host to LifeBuilders' Cold Weather Shelter Program. More than 100 homeless men and women spent the night in the fellowship hall one weekend each in February and April. Our guests were treated to hot meals, a warm place to sleep, toiletries, bus tokens, a devotional time, movie night, games and fellowship.

Over the summer we participated in CityTeam Ministries' Adopt-a-Student program. SCFBC members/attenders collected half a barrel full of new school supplies to help disadvantaged children in the bay area.

In late fall, members of the EDGE congregation coordinated a number of outreach activities including carrying dozens of bags of coats and blankets to San Francisco to distribute to the homeless; and helping four area families have a merrier Christmas by collecting needed items as part of the Neighborhood Care Ministry.

Thank you to all of you who once again gave generously toward programs to spread the Gospel of Christ and provide relief to those in need. While we fell a bit short of our goals for the special offerings, we exceeded our goal for giving to our various ministry partners. We received more than \$53,000 to support God's work locally, nationally and internationally.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>2006 Actual Giving</u>
Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child)		100
Correctional Institution Chaplaincy Ministries	\$2,500	2,773.42
CityTeam Ministries (San Jose)	\$3,500	3,977.79
Asociación Ministerios Bautistas Nueva Esperanza	\$3,000	3,849.11
EHC LifeBuilders	\$2,000	3,111.74
Redwood Glen Camp	\$3,000	3,978.11
Regional Ministries	\$5,250	5,824.18
International Ministries	\$5,250	5,824.18
National Ministries	\$5,250	5,824.18
Seafarer's Ministry	\$3,000	3,328.11
ABSW Operating Budget	\$1,750	1,941.39
Gary & Mylinda Baits	\$2,000	2,218.74
Lauran Bethell	\$2,000	2,218.74
Glen & Rita Chapman	\$2,000	2,266.31
TOTAL	\$ 40,500	46,763.99
<u>Special Offerings</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Actual Giving</u>
America for Christ	\$ 3,500	1,829.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 3,000	1,150.00
World Mission Offering	\$ 5,000	2,673.00
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$ 1,000	445.00

Thank you
gracious sup-
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Santa Clara First Baptist Church.

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mission activities of

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Robinson
Deacon of Missions (2003-2006)

Annual Report, Children's Ministries

2006 was a year of growth and change for Children's Ministries. After one year as the Director of this ministry, I have had the opportunity to really get to know the many volunteers in this ministry and the children of our church. Our staff has bonded as a team and we are working together to give our children our very best in teaching God's word and learning to be an example of God's love to others.

During the year, class curriculum was changed in several of our Sunday classes. Our 2nd and 3rd grade class is using a program called Innovative Tools (IT) and this has proven to be a very creative and fun way to teach our kids. Our 4th and 5th graders are experiencing their own learning adventure with Bible Blitz. The children get directly into the bible and this has given them new skills and confidence to navigate through the bible on their own. During the Lenten season the children experienced their own 40-day adventure similar to the same principles the adults were learning. Hands on Bibles were also purchased for all the children to use in each class.

We held our second annual Vacation Bible School with a FIESTA theme. We saw many new faces from the community who joined in the festivities. Once again our church family volunteered their time, money and prayers in support of this fantastic outreach program. Hallelujah night had a twist added to it this year with the theme, Heroes Unmasked. Our games and activities included the heroes of the bible with several volunteers dressing up in character. Our trick or treat alley was a big hit and for the first time we almost ran out of candy.

Our team used their talents to redecorate several of the classrooms. The fourth and fifth graders moved out of the Fireside room and made room 11 their class. With the help of our Tool Tyme Ministry, our second and third graders also have a new room to call their own.

Fourteen members of our team attended a workshop entitled "Faith that Sticks". Many practical ideas and teaching methods were shared. We were saddened to see several of our teachers leave our team but we were fortunate to have some great people to take their place. Alex and Lucy Oliveira and Fion Cheng now teach our Pre-K children and Tammy Catterton is our EDGE nursery provider. Cassie Harrell has also moved up to teach our 2nd and 3rd graders during worship hour. As an increased security measure, this year we enhanced our background check program with a more thorough program in screening each volunteer who works directly with the children.

Our AWANA program was revived with a new leader and with volunteers from our church and a fellow church. This program is having great success. Girl's of Joy is now supported under Children's ministry although it is still an ABW program. This is a great program for girls to build relationships and talk about issues that challenge them each day and how to deal with them in a way that honors God.

The year ended with the loss of one of our faithful volunteer servants going home to be with Our Lord. I mention this because it really impressed on my heart how little time we have to do God's work and to bring his message of salvation to all we can. Our children are our most precious gift and we are given the responsibility to teach them to know and love God and to share His message. Our ministry team shares the same vision that in all we do, we want to bring glory to God through serving his children.

Sincerely,

Marlies Almendarez
Director of Children's Ministry
& The Children's Ministry Team



This is a report on the Awana program at Santa Clara First Baptist Church, revived after one year of rest and 11 years previous to that of successful club activity.

We started with our first club meeting on Sept. 10, 2006. Despite the training that many of us had received, and the experience that some of us had, the first few meetings were chaotic to say the least! On a given Awana night, we usually have 16-26 Sparkies and 8-10 Cubbies from at least 5 different churches, 9 leaders, 2-4 Leaders-in-Training and 2-3 parent helpers. Gradually over the last four months we have got a better handle on the job. The learning curve has been pretty steep for some of us. However, I believe that the main benefits of the Awana program are being felt by leaders and children alike. These include:

- Hearing the Gospel of Christ frequently presented as truth relevant to all of our daily lives
- Learning the Word of God through memory work (memorizing Bible verses)
- Learning the importance of the Bible in the Christian daily life by modeling its regular use in the home and at club
- Connecting with other Christian adults and children in a safe, warm and friendly environment where talking about and to God is normal
- Providing rewards for hard work and accomplishment
- Having fun playing structured, organized games in a healthy competitive atmosphere
- Modeling service toward one another and others in our daily lives

Although the Awana program is working well at our church, there are of course several things which need addressing for the rest of the year, next year and the future of the program:

- Staffing is an ongoing concern. We have 9 leaders at the moment, and if even one is missing on a given night all of us have difficulty. We intend to offer the Truth & Training program next year for older children (we are only offering Sparkies and Cubbies at the moment) but cannot do so without at least 3 more leaders. In addition, there might be some shuffling of responsibility/roles next year. So the learning curve continues! Someone said that the Awana program has the largest volunteer staff in the world. We need to enlarge it by several more people.
- Finances are always a challenge. We are grateful to the church for covering some of our initial costs this year despite the fact that we were not in the budget, and for putting us in the budget for next year. But as we grow, money will become more of an issue. We are trying to be self-sufficient financially, however... (see learning curve note above.) Space. If we bring back T&T issues of space will become pertinent.

All 9 of our leaders have gone through the new Basic Training and Role Training specific to their jobs. We have all become certified Awana leaders and received our pins. Three of us attended the Awana conference in Cupertino at the end of September 2006. Several children have come to Awana once, been introduced to the Sparks Gate, and never returned; however, we know that the gospel was presented to them at that time, and that God will work in their hearts and minds to make that seed grow. Other children are avidly working through their handbooks. Some are absolutely unstoppable. This is quite something when you consider that the majority of our clubbers are kindergartners/non-readers. Our leaders have grown closer over the last few months, but we don't have enough time to spend together outside of dealing with the kids. I hope to remedy that in the next few months. And we have been in fairly close communication with Marlies Almendarez, the children's ministry coordinator at SCFBC, who is very helpful in addressing our financial and material needs and was once an Awana leader herself.

Sincerely,

Commander Cathryn Gunn

Annual Report, Youth Jr High & High School

2006 was a year of growth and outreach for the youth staff and students. Under the guidance of the 7 volunteer youth mentors, the groups had an action packed year full of fellowship, learning, and community.

One of the examples of how the group grew spiritually and was blessed was the addition of members to God's eternal dwelling place. **Ashley Harrell, Brent Richofsky, Rachel Richofsky, Jacob Grizzle, and Victoria Grizzle** all made decisions to follow Christ and **Marshall Varner** and **Kari Hana** rededicated their lives. At Worship in the Park **Rachel Richofsky, Victoria Grizzle, Alaina Hawkins, Amber Harrell, Jacob Grizzle,** and **Brent Richofsky** all were baptized under open skies at Central Park. **John Harrell** followed by being baptized by Pastor Jenny in the church.

Our Jr High and High School worship bands underwent some changes this year, but still faithfully lead worship every Wednesday and Thursday night. **Jerry Cintas** leads the Jr High worship band on electric guitar with **Jesse Hawkins** on drums, **Matt Juarez** and **Hayden Gregoire** on bass, and **Charlotte Gunn** on keyboard. The High School worship band is led by **Elizabeth Poche** on guitar, **Matt McLenegan** on guitar, **Katrina DuBord** on bass, and **Nick Seely** on drums. It is awesome to see the students using their musical abilities to glorify God, especially leading the entire congregation in worship as both groups did on Youth Sunday.

We have had many fun times together as we participated in: winter camps at Sierra Pines, summer camping retreats at Redwood Glen, YouthQuake, scavenger hunts, laser tag, 12 mile hikes (sort of), and many more fun events (a special thanks to the **Lindsey's** and **McLeneagan's** for the use of their vehicles over and over again). The highlight of the year however, had to be the Reflect **Mission Mexico Trip**. Five youth (**Ashlee Ramer, Joseph Juarez, Katrina DuBord, Kari Hana, and Elizabeth Poche**) challenged themselves by traveling to Ensenada, Mexico to host a Vacation Bible School (VBS) with *Rayo de Luz* in Colonia Libertad. These students, along with the high school mentors, and some other adults had an experience of a lifetime, running a VBS complete in Spanish, and building a relationship with Pastor Victor and his family, hopefully laying the foundation for a future partnership between Rayo de Luz and SCFBC.

The students were also challenged by adopting another Compassion International child, and fully supporting Ariel from Honduras and Lais from Brazil. Additionally some youth spent their Saturdays building Bethlehem, and then participating in the church's largest outreach event of the year.

Also in 2006, Andrew and Mary Wong started the **AB Girls** (American Baptist Girls In Relationship, Leadership, and Service) group and the **G.U.Y.S.** (God United Youth Sons) group which meet on Sundays at 4pm as a chance for the boys and girls to have there own time together for sharing, prayer and studying God's word.

Jerry Cintas	Jr High Mentor
Daniel Howe	Jr High Mentor
Danijela Tomic	High School Mentor

Jasmine Jackson	Jr. High Mentor
Christine Robbins	Jr High Mentor

Andrew & Mary Wong Jr. High and High School Mentors

Annual Report, Treasurer

Statement of Income and Expenses

(does not include Bethlehem funds)

	2006 Jan-Dec	2005 Jan-Dec
Income		
General Fund Income	415,961	385,932
Designated Fund Income	159,508	102,680
Memorials Fund Income	9,158	536
Missions Fund Income	51,198	53,040
Total Income	<u>635,825</u>	<u>542,188</u>
Expense		
General Fund Expense		
Payroll Expense	214,490	208,636
Staff Expense	40,954	41,565
Membership	2,306	813
Missions	15,013	11,734
Magnification	7,866	4,604
Property	72,383	59,119
Ministry	3,110	2,347
Maturity	29,767	23,603
Finance	14,953	13,458
Other Funds		
Designated Fund Expense	78,813	82,980
Missions Fund Expense	54,949	46,322
Total Expense	<u>534,606</u>	<u>495,181</u>
Net Income	<u>101,218</u>	<u>47,006</u>

Comments:

When preparing the budget for 2006, it was anticipated SCFBC would need to pull from the surplus from previous years. Fortunately, giving in December was extremely generous and allowed the church to end the year with net income of \$15,117.

Pastor Richard Reaves began 2007 with a series on stewardship. We are continuing to work toward raising funds for the sanctuary renovation. Once again, SCFBC is trusting God to continue to provide for the needs of the church by accepting a budget which stretches us.

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