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Annual Report, Senior Pastor

Once again God has been good to SCFBC!

General Fund

In the midst of one of our nation's worst financial downturns God has both resourced and motivated our church family members to give generously to the ministries of SCFBC. This fact combined with good financial prudence on the part of our staff and lay leadership meant that giving in 2009 to our General Fund **exceeded** our expenses by **\$6,786.80**.

As I have talked to other pastors in our region I've repeatedly heard of cutbacks, layoffs and a general decrease of ministry capacity. Not so with us. We continued to perform ministry at our normal pace and accomplished much for the Lord. The specific ministry leaders will tell their stories in the pages that follow.

Capital Fund-Raising Campaign/Renovation

In addition we decided to go all out with the Capital Funds Campaign we had begun planning for at the end of 2008. The initial response to our First Gifts Sunday and the three following Sundays saw **\$172,565** given in **cash**. Pledges given at that same time amounted to an additional **\$326,085**.

These pledges have continued to come in at a healthy rate. As of the end of January of this year we have only **\$105,348** remaining to be given. This has enabled us to move ahead with our improvements without interruption since we are able to "pay as we go."

Staffing Changes

Just as we entered 2010 there a few staff announcements that I need to mention.

At the end of January of this year Tammy Catterton stepped down from her position as **Children's Director**. Pastor Jenny has taken on her responsibilities and is working on a total makeover of this ministry. To shoulder this new role means she has relinquished some of her previous responsibilities. I will now share in the preaching at EDGE, assume staff responsibility for the Mission Team's work, and will help oversee our Life Group ministry. We will continue to work out the details as we proceed into this new year.

Also, we are beginning in earnest to find a **Director of Student Ministries**. This person will work with our Junior High, High School and College-Career groups with emphasis on the youth. While this will place an added burden on our General Fund expenses, we firmly believe it's time to add this vital ministry to SCFBC.

I look forward to seeing what new blessings God will give us to give to others in this new year.

Pastor Rich

Annual Report, Associate Pastor

In 2009 my responsibilities included leading our EDGE congregation, heading up our Life Group ministry, developing our lifeApps system, and oversight of Children, AWANA, Youth and Impact ministries. I also worked closely with the Deacons of Maturity, Mission and Magnification on their various responsibilities.

I spent the first part of 2009 preparing for and then recovering from surgery. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to the church for their support and care for me and my family during those difficult months. The surgery went very well, and I healed quickly. I'm happy to say that I spent the rest of 2009 healthy.

Life Groups continue to be an important part of the life of our church, and we continue to encourage everyone to join a Life Group. The Life Groups of our church for 2009 included: Seniors Life Group led by Pastor Rich, Lindsey Life Group led by Tracey Lindsey, Resonate Life Group led by Joel Robinson, IMPACT (College/ Career) life group led by Jerry and Sharon Cintas, Tim McLenegan, Dwight Whipple and Allyson Lageschulte, Homebuilders Life Group led by Rebecca Ebel, Gregoire Grow Group led by Joan Friesen, X-Factor led by Jonathan Fung, Ratcliff Life Group led by Mike Depew, Chicks Life Group led by Chuck Chicks, Family Life Group led by Pastor Jenny, Brothers in Christ led by Adam Burdick and the Mothers Life Group led by Daena Yuksel. Life Group leaders meet together each month for sharing, prayer and training.

lifeApps Wanting to assist our people in their growth towards maturity in Christ, a system of Life Classes for Sundays was developed and begun. The new Christian maturity program is called lifeApps, with multiple 5-week classes being offered each session. The lifeApps team includes Joel Robinson, Denise Stephens, Pastor Rich and Pastor Jenny. Classes offered this year included: *Who is God?* taught by Pastor Jenny, *Back to Basics* taught by Pastor Rich and Jerri Cooper, *Just Walk Across the Room* taught by Steve McLenegan and Karen Fong, *How to Study the Bible* taught by Pastor Jenny, *Prayer* taught by Joel Robinson and *Discovering Your SHAPE* taught by Pastor Rich and Rudy DuBord.

Library Ministry We witnessed a wonderful revival of the Library ministry this year due to the hard work and efforts of our Library Ministry team. Team members include: Peggy Shalloe, Jerri Cooper, Bev Walz and Marlene Goldman. The renewed ministry has opened up the Library for borrowing, and has installed a well-used book wheel in the Sanctuary.

Director of Student Ministries Search Due to the difficult financial situation, the search for a full-time Director of Student Ministries was put on hold. The search will resume in 2010.

Blessings, Rev. Jennifer Hammar

Annual Report, Diaconate Chairman

I usually try to find one or more scriptures that I feel summarize a particular year. 2008 was a year that I felt was over shadowed by anxiety over the economy and many personal challenges for the members of the congregation. I feel that in 2009 God demonstrated His faithfulness towards SCFBC in many different ways.

A scripture that I believe speaks to this is Ephesians 3:20 - 21:

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

The Capital Funds campaign was certainly a highlight early in 2009. This was long in planning, bathed in prayer and wonderfully executed. I really wasn't sure what to expect with a down economy and many people out of work. How much would be given for the initial gift? Individuals response to the question, "what would God have me do" led to initial gifts of over \$200,000. God certainly accomplished much more than I imagined.

The actual construction kicked off with the Renovation committee deciding to handle management of the project with existing church members. This approach saved a significant amount of money, and allowed for quick, low cost changes or upgrades to the finished project.

The middle part of 2009 seemed to be dominated with a concern about the fact that giving was below expectations with high expenses remaining. Our finance committee did an excellent job analyzing the situations and helping the church to manage expenses. Another sign of God exceeding our expectations is the fact that 2009 ended with almost a \$7000 surplus of income above expenses while earlier in the year we were anticipating an approximate \$20,000 - \$25,000 possible deficient.

Bethlehem was another blessing as we had extremely wet weather but over 11,000 visitors still attended.

2010 looks like it will have similar financial challenges. We need to construct a retaining wall behind the church and construct a facility to house the Bethlehem materials While these look like "how will we ever find the money?" kind of challenges, the lesson of 2009 is that God will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power working within us.

In His Name, Steve McLenegan Chairman - Diaconate

Annual Report, Finance

2009 will possibly be remembered as one of the most fiscally challenging times of our lives. It was a year, and for some continues to be, of economic uncertainty. So were the challenges for Santa Clara First Baptist Church. Throughout the year, our membership was reminded that the leadership of SCFBC was acting carefully to control the expenses relating to operating the church. Because of the blessings of God, the generosity of the membership and careful fiscal management, SCFBC ended the year with very few bumps and bruises.

The Statement of Income and Expense included in this report is divided into four categories: General Fund Income and Expense; Memorials Fund Income and Expense; Designated Fund Income and Expense; and Missions Fund Income and Expense.

General Fund: The General Fund is the money that is used to handle the day-to-day operations of the church. All expenses that are calculated into the annual budget come from the General Fund. General Fund income is derived from Envelope and Loose Giving, Cellular Antenna Income, Interest, Rent from the Korean Church and various miscellaneous sources. The total General Fund Income for 2009 was \$427,602. Despite the down economy, this was a modest increase in income of \$4,384 (+1.0%) above 2008 giving. General Fund spending was kept in check and total expenses for 2009 were \$420,815. This equates to a slight net income of \$6,787. This was a significant improvement compared to the prior year which experienced a net loss of -\$21,104.

Memorials Fund: These funds are given as memorials to SCFBC by members and/or families of members who have passed away. 2009 experienced \$5,328 in such gifts.

Designated Fund: Designated Funds is the money given to be used for specific ministries, programs or projects. Most notable for 2009 was the Renovation Building Fund. Because of the surge in giving for the Church Renovation, the Net Income for Designated Funds was \$112,516. As a caution, it must be recognized that next year (2010) the Designated Funds will most likely recognize a loss as the 2009 Renovation income will be expended throughout the year.

Missions Fund: Similar to Designated Funds, the Missions Fund is money that is given to be used specifically for missions. Total Missions Fund income for 2009 was \$45,408. Total Missions Funds distributed were \$43,241. The year-end Net Income for Missions was \$2,166. That amount will be distributed during 2010 as no Missions Funds are retained by SCFBC.

Looking Forward: It appears the challenges of 2009 will continue into this new year. The leadership of SCFBC will continue to be fiscally responsible throughout 2010. I have faith that God will continue to do His good works through SCFBC just as my faith in the generosity of all our membership remains strong.

Through Him all things are possible. Steve Erling, Deacon of Stewardship and Finance Annual Report, Finance (continued)

Statement of Income and Expense

	2009 January- December		2008 January- December	
General Fund Income and Expense				
General Fund Income	427,602		423,218	
General Fund Expense				
Payroll Expense	246,884		244,286	
Staff Expense	60,556		50,267	
Membership	3,395		3,465	
Missions	7,608		10,576	
Magnification	4,770		6,740	
Property	69,494		84,340	
Ministry	818		0	
Maturity	13,733		30,891	
Finance	13,557	420,815	13,756	444,321
General Fund Net Income (Loss)	-	6,787	-	(21,104)
Memorials Fund Income and Expense Memorials Fund Income Memorials Fund Expense	5,328 0_		5,333 0_	
Memorials Fund Net Income (Loss)	-	5,328	-	5,333
Designated Fund Income and Expense				
Designated Fund Income	314,798		122,027	
Designated Fund Expense	202,282		139,928	<u>.</u>
Designated Fund Net Income (Loss)	-	112,516	-	(17,901)
Missions Fund Income and Expense	15 100		10.10-	
Missions Fund Income	45,408		49,427	
Missions Fund Expense	43,241		44,587 _	
Missions Fund Net Income (Loss)	-	2,166	-	4,840

Annual Report, Membership

The Santa Clara First Baptist Church membership count at the end of the 2009 was 177. In addition to giving the Right Hand of Fellowship to many new members, changes in membership from the beginning of the year have been from loved ones going home to be with the Lord, some moving out of the area, and others making changes for personal reasons. God reminds us to share the gospel, including bringing our friends and family to worship and various outreach ministries so SCFBC can grow.

Thank you to the team members who have spent many hours volunteering with the following Membership ministries in 2009, ministries would not have been possible without you:

Baptisms: Pastor Rich, Pastor Jenny and Jane Bush

Bereavement/Illness meals: Life Groups, Doris Smith, Maxine Darknell, Tina Mulford

Church Meal Functions: Manna Coordinator - Adam Burdick, Shari Burdick, Amanda Morris, Ken Harrell, Mike and Dorothy Depew, Tom and Donna Caldwell, Gary and Pat White, Rudy and Michele DuBord, Greg Robbins, Peggy Shalloe, Jess and Denise Stephens, Pat Graham, Harvey Fong, Troy and Andrea Murray, Karena Bertos, Bill Starnes, and many others who help in the background.

Fellowship Fund: Due to your generosity through the "Fellowship Fund" the Membership Department was able to share \$12,747.96 for medical bills, bereavement expenses, counseling needs, necessary bills, housing and/or car expenses.

Food Pantry: Dave Wilson Jr. in the office gave out 148 sets of food bags this year to people who came to the church asking for food. Several church families were given food for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and/ or gifts. Thank you for your donations to the "Fellowship Fund" and to the Life Groups who participated in giving.

Hospital/Home Visitation: Pastor Rich, Pastor Jenny and Chelsea Trigg

Good Samaritans: Maxine Darknell, Coordinating, Dave Wilson Jr., IMPACT Life Group, XFactor Life Group, Lindsey Life Group, Ellen Imhof, Adam Burdick, Peggy Shalloe, Marlene Goldman, Virginia Newcomb, Virginia Gehman, Gladys McFarland

Membership Database updating: Peggy Shalloe, Chelsea Trigg and Pat Graham

Prayer Chains: Betty Hastings, with Gladys McFarland filling in for the telephone chain, and Jim Lovelace for the email prayer chain.

Shut-in Visitation and Communion: Pastor Rich, Pastor Jenny, and Maxine Darknell

Shut-in CD sermon Ministry: Dave Wilson Jr., Chelsea Trigg

Service Fellowship Refreshments: Maxine Darknell, Doris Smith, AM coordinators and Michelle Lasher, PM coordinator and all Life Group and Fellowship Group participants

Respectfully, Jerri Cooper, Membership Deacon

Annual Report, Missions

During 2009 the Mission Department continued to build on many of the programs and outreach opportunities started in previous years. We sent out four Mission Teams. Lisa Robinson and Joan Friesen went as delegates to Limón, Costa Rica for the new library dedication at a school run by our sister church, New Hope Baptist. We sent a team again to Ensenada, Mexico to conduct a VBS with a local church there. In addition, we had 2 teams go to Mexico to do construction on a school for orphans in Ensenada.

SCFBC continued its outreach to our local community serving as host to Emergency Housing Consortium's Cold Weather Shelter Program. We had about 120 homeless men and women that spent the night in our Fellowship Hall one weekend in February. Our guests were treated to hot meals, a warm place to sleep, Bible study, prayer, movies, games and fellowship.

Over the summer we had a new outreach activity called "Adopt A School". We collected school supplies for Scott Lane Elementary School (where a couple members of SCFBC work) as a way to help and to build a relationship with that school.

In late fall, members of the EDGE congregation coordinated an outreach activity of carrying dozens of bags of coats, socks and blankets to San Francisco to distribute to the homeless. In addition, the Prayers and Squares ministry is going well and has given 18 quilts to literally cover people in prayer.

Name	Goal	2009 Actual Giving
Correctional Institution Chaplaincy Ministries	\$1600	1606.22
CityTeam Ministries (San Jose)	\$3000	3196.65
New Hope Baptist Church/Limon School	\$2600	4015.10
EHC LifeBuilders	\$1800	2006.99
Redwood Glen Camp	\$2700	3,210.49
Regional Ministries	\$4250	4266.51
International Ministries	\$4700	4718.26
National Ministries	\$4250	4266.51
Seafarer's Ministry	\$2600	2690.10
ABSW Operating Budget	\$1400	1405.44
Gary & Mylinda Baits	\$2000	2164.77
Lauran Bethell	\$2000	2007.77
Glen & Rita Chapman	\$2000	2007.77
TOTAL	\$ 34900	37562.58
Special Offerings	Goal	Actual Giving
America for Christ	\$ 2,200	1,725.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$ 3,000	1538.00
World Mission Offering	\$ 3400	1841.00
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$ 1,000	1382.00

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. We received just over \$44,000 to support God's work locally, nationally and internationally.

Annual Report, Student Ministries

2009 was another fun filled year for the youth staff and students. Under the guidance of the 12 volunteer youth mentors, the groups had an action packed year full of fellowship, learning, and community.

One of the highlights of the year was the addition of new members to God's family. **Torey Seavers**, **Jon Tomasian**, **Justin Pohlman** and **Josh Tomasian** made a decision to follow Christ after their experience at the Winter Retreats. It was really awesome to see God work in Justin's life over the years, as he had been a regular member of the group since Jr. High.

Our Jr. High and High School worship bands continue to change, but still faithfully lead worship every Wednesday and Thursday night. Jerry Cintas leads the Jr. High worship band on electric guitar with Camille Cintas on drums and Carmen Cintas on bass. The High School worship band is led by Liz Poche, and consists of Matt Juarez on bass, and Victoria McGinnis on vocals. 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 Mammoth Lakes and Yosemite, mall hunts, laser tag, our annual Mountain Thrash, and many more fun events . A special thanks to the various families for the use of their vehicles over and over again. For the fourth year, Reflect went on their **Mexico Outreach Mission Trip**. Four youth, **Wendy Gregg**, **Josh Tomasian**, **Charlotte Gunn**, and **Matt Juarez**, 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 other adults, had an experience of a lifetime, conducting a VBS completely in Spanish. Most importantly we continued to build our relationship with Pastor Victor and his family and Rayo de Luz with SCFBC.

The students continue to support two Compassion International children (Ariel from Honduras and Rafaela from Brazil). Additionally last fall many youth spent their Saturdays building Bethlehem and then participated in the church's largest outreach event of the year.

Our High School group, Reflect, which meets on Wednesday nights has an average attendance of 12 and our Junior High group, Element, which meets on Thursday nights averages over 19. We'd like to see both of these numbers increase next year and would like to see even more students be baptized into life long ministry. We were blessed this year with the addition of **Danielle Drayer, Eric Hughes**, and **Kim Barnett** to our expanding mentor base. We praise God often for this opportunity you have entrusted to us. It is sheer joy to be here and a privilege to work with your youth and their friends.

The Youth Staff

Kim Barnett	Jr. High Mentor	Danielle Drayer	High School Mentor
Fion Cheng	Jr. High Mentor	Eric Hughes	High School Mentor
Jerry Cintas	Jr. High Mentor	Liz Poche	High School Mentor
Jasmine Jackson	Jr. High Mentor	Danijela Tomic	High School Mentor
Christine Robbins	Jr. High Mentor	Andrew Wong	High School Mentor
Amy Victorson	Jr. High Mentor	Mary Wong	High School Mentor

Annual Report, Worship

This has been 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 continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm. 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 variety of ways. 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 morning and EDGE services. Thank you to Manna who fed over 300 people and the many people who brought friends and helped with the children's activities. 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. Those who run the slides and sound are the silent servants who allow us to see and hear the words, music and sermon each week through their AV ministry. Thank-you.

The choir led by Susan Nguyen ministered to us several times last year. 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 ministry.

Some of the most meaningful worship services are the ones in which our wonderful, humble orchestra gathers to bring praise to God in a uniquely beautiful way. They add so much power and energy to the music and I look forward to those weeks with great anticipation. For Easter, we combined the EDGE congregation and band with the morning congregation and orchestra. It was a very special day, enhanced by bringing together many different people and styles of music for the one purpose of celebrating our Risen Savior with one voice.

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

Sharon Cintas, Worship Director

Annual Report, American Baptist Women

AB Women's Ministries continues to hold regular meetings, sponsor special church events, and support missions at home and around the world.

The two circles, which are named for missionaries, meet monthly. The Lauran Bethell Circle meets the second Tuesday and the Mylinda Baits/Leslie Turley Circle meets the second Wednesday for a time of fellowship, devotions, work projects and, of course, refreshments.

In addition there is a workday the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM. At these meetings in 2009 we tore strips from old sheets, sewed the strips together, measured them and rolled 200 bandages for hospitals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We made and stuffed over 100 ditty bags for the Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate in Oakland and packed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

In March we held our annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Art Institute of California in Sunnyvale. \$400 was raised for the scholarship program of AB Women's Ministries of the West which provides financial assistance for seminary students in this area as well as students at Bacone College in Oklahoma and Convention Baptist Bible College in the Philippines.

In May the Spring Tea was also held at the Art Institute of California. Proceeds from the fashion show went to the Love Gift offering.

September was the Fall kick-off and the packing of the ditty bags for the Seafarers. We delivered the ditty bags to Oakland in October where we also helped pack more bags with items that had been donated by other churches and individuals.

We were also involved with the two SCFBC rummage sales, from which we received a portion of the proceeds with the rest going to other church ministries such as Bethlehem.

One of our biggest mission projects each year is White Cross. We sent a gift card for \$100 to the Christian Center in Sacramento so they could purchase needed items. We also gave \$430 to our overseas project, an organization that works with Baptist Women in the Republic of Georgia in Europe.

We participated in the SHARES program sponsored by Lucky and Save Mart stores. We get a check each quarter for a percentage of what people spend at these stores when they show their SHARES card. We have used the money to purchase sunscreen for the troops overseas, Love Gift, and to provide funds for the women's chaplain at Elmwood.

We have started sponsoring special outings several times a year and invite anyone who wants to come to join us for these fun events.

Women of all ages are encouraged to join us for any of our events.

Barbara Chicks, President of AB Women's Ministries of Santa Clara

Annual Report, Property

2009 was a very active and somewhat stressful year within the property department. I was constantly reminded of just how special our church family is and how much love, care and devotion that is shown by so many different people in so many different ways.

During the year many changes occurred on our church property. The Property Department is also looking down the road at other long term projects that will help maintain our church property and promote our mission to help disciple and evangelize the Santa Clara Valley.

Renovation Project: A lot of planning went into this project for many years. I would like to thank all of our church family and everyone who gave of their suggestions, time, hard earned income, and talents to make this "dream" come true.

After receiving bids from two qualified contractors our church family chose to complete as much of the work as possible to help our dollars go further. A planning committee was formed to help lead, guide and direct this project from start to finish.

By the end of the year we saw the completion of the remodeling of our Parlor and Women's Restroom, as well as getting the Men's Restroom started. All of the work that has been completed so far has turned out wonderfully and, because of all of the volunteer labor, we have been able to expand the project and also add many upgrades to our original plans.

In 2010 we will be continuing our work and progress with God's blessing. Thanks again to all of the VOLUNTEERS who are helping make this happen!

Church Pews: The last week of December 2009 our church was able to donate our church pews to a Slavic congregation in the Sacramento area who did not have the financial resources to obtain seating for their building. I would like to thank everyone who gave up "THEIR SEAT" for God's continuing work in Sacramento.

Verizon Wireless & Power Upgrade: Work on this project has been completed.

Church Work Days: During the year we successfully had three church work days and were able to help maintain and repair much of our church property. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

A Heartfelt Thank You: 2009 was a very difficult year for our church family in many ways! But, because we are family, we all helped those in need on a day to day basis. Thank you to everyone who did the "little" things that often go unnoticed in the day-to-day life of our church! Without YOU things would not be the same.

Your Faithful Servant, Mike Depew Property Deacon

Annual Report, Magnification

2009 was a good year for the Magnification department, with a some new people volunteering their time and talents to help improve our worship.

The Bell Choir was reformed by **Joel Ebel** this past year . They performed three times in 2009 with new people joining the choir for each performance. We hope to continue having the bell choir play in 2010.

Karen Cerney volunteered to be in charge of the Information Table in the Lobby. She is making sure that all church resources are being displayed as well as handing out "welcome" gift bags to first-time guests to our church. In addition, she is also coming in early on Sundays to make sure the lobby is orderly and decorated.

Jenny Gregg is now coordinating the greeters for the morning service. She has done an excellent job recruiting volunteers and making sure we always have people at the doors welcoming all who worship on Sunday mornings.

Our decorations "gurus" have been hard at work this year, designing a number of special displays. We had a special clock display designed for the Capital Fundraising Campaign. We purchased poinsettias for the cross for the Advent Season, and displays of nativity scenes donated by the church family and friends were set up in the rear of the Sanctuary. Additionally, a special Christmas gift box with light flowing out of it was designed and hung from the ceiling in fitting with the Advent theme. Thanks to all the decorators for making the Sanctuary attractive and enhancing our worship experience!

Tim McLenegan Magnification Deacon