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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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthday's

- 6th Amy Victorson
- 6th Bert Wendel
- 6th Antonio Rangel
- 7th Fran Van Groningen
- 9th Betty Downing
- 10th Roberta Moyer
- 15th Dennis Isenhower
- 16th Hannah Lageschulte
- 17th Robert Wilser
- 18th Eugene Allbert
- 18th Leona Beattie
- 18th Jim Wilson
- 20th Gloria Connor
- 20th Rudy DuBord IV
- 27th Rosemarie Esquibel

- 27th Jack Ratcliff
- 27th Rina Wiggleton
- 31st Becky Seng

Anniversaries

- 3rd Joel & Lisa Robinson
- 3rd Jonathan & Allison Fung
- 12th Mike & Michelle Ramer
- 19th Victor & Dawn Hunter

The Celebrate!

Santa Clara First Baptist Church

October 2008



GAMES ! PRIZES ! CANDY !

Fun for the whole family!

Join us for a safe night of food, fun, games, candy and more. Meet the Super Heroes of the Bible too!

PLACE: Santa Clara First Baptist Church
 3111 Benton St 241-7635

DATE: Friday, October 31st **TIME:** 6:30 pm to 8:30pm

HALLELUJAH NIGHT

Fall is here and that means HALLELUJAH NIGHT is just around the corner. This is a safe, fun alternative to traditional trick or treating for our kids. An event like this requires many people to invest their time and energy in the lives of our children. If you want to put a smile on the face of a child, this is an excellent opportunity to get involved and have a little fun yourself!

THANKS to you who have already volunteered to participate in this outreach event. We still have many spots available for those of you who want to get in on the FUN!!! There is a flyer in the bulletin that you can fill out and return in the offering plate to volunteer, as well as a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

For those who cannot attend the actual program October 31st; but would like to contribute to the cause, we are accepting candy and prize donations. You can donate by dropping items off at the church office Monday through Thursday during regular business hours or bring them on Sunday.

The Children's Ministry is still in need of dedicated, faithful workers who are willing to be positive, Godly leaders. Our children need and deserve adults who are willing to provide spiritual guidance and biblical foundations for them to build their lives on. There is a need from the Nursery up through 5th grade during both the Sunday School and Worship Hours. God uses those who are willing and honors obedience to His call. Please contact me if you feel God leading you to serve in this ministry.

Our next Children's Ministry meeting is October 12th in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. Anyone interested in being a part of the Children's Ministry is welcome to attend.

Please continue to pray for the future and direction of this ministry as we seek to train up our children to love and serve Him.

In Christ,

Tammy Altizer Catterton
Children's Ministry Director
tamcatbc@yahoo.com
408-348-3271

HALLELUJAH NIGHT

OCT. 31 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ONE HOUR SHIFTS

| | Circle one | |
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| Cookie Decorating | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Cotton Candy | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Treat Bag Decorating | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Create A Crown | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Pumpkin Prize Walk | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Photo Booth | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Pin the Tail on Donkey | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Football Toss | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Chicken Catch | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Marshmallow Toss | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Fishing Hole | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Bean Bag Toss | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Animal Rescue Search | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Giant Slide | 6:30 | 7:30 |
| Trick or Treat Alley | 6:30 | 7:30 |

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| Set up – Sunday, Oct. 26 | yes |
| Clean up – Friday, Oct. 31 | yes |
| Decorating team | yes |

IDEAS _____

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Please fill out and put in offering plate.

October Calendar Events

Wednesday, October 1

10 White Cross–Narthex–Virginia N. 266-1734

Saturday, October 4

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda 246-2242/Gladys 243-6828

Sunday, October 5

9:15am Discover Your Potential-SHAPE 1-Rm 19/20

9:15 The Shack book –parlor- Sharon 615-1690
12pm Choir Practice – choir room – Sue 741-8757

Wednesday, October 8

12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor

Thursday, October 9

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda

Friday, Monday, October 10-13

Youth Leaders Convention – Jerry 615-1690

Saturday, October 11

All Church Work Day – Mike 691-1441

Sunday, October 12

9:15am Discover Potential - SHAPE #2– Rm 19

9:15 The Shack Book –parlor-Sharon 615-1690

12pm Choir Practice – Sue 741-8757

12pm Children's Ministry Mtg–FH–Tammy 348-3271

Monday, October 13

7pm – Finance Committee – Lib – Allyson 241-2989

Tuesday, October 14

12:30pm Bethell Circle

Wednesday, October 15

6pm CityTeam Outreach–Jonathan – 246-2979

Wednesday-Thursday, October 15/16

10-6pm Rummage sale set-up FH – Maxine

Thursday, October 16

11:45am Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch–Betty 244-5949

Friday-Saturday, October 17/18

8:30am Rummage Sale – **Friday, October 17**

7-10pm Life Grp Training –Westgate – Jonathan

Saturday, October 18

9–3pm Life Grp Training – Westgate - Jonathan

5:30pm Youth Com Maze – Jerry 615-1690

Sunday, October 19

9:15am Discover Your Potential - SHAPE #3– Rm 19

9:15 The Shack Book –parlor-Sharon 615-1690

12-3pm Capital Fund Raising Team–Lib–Pastor Rich

Saturday, October 25

9am Off-site Diaconate Planning–Steve 249-4621

8-10am Brothers in Christ–Kitchen–Adam

7-10pm Hallowed in SJ–Jonathan

Sunday, October 26

9:15am The Shack book – Sharon 615-1690

9:15-Discover Your Potential-SHAPE 4– Rm 19

12pm–Getting to Know You- Lib–Pastor Rich

Friday, October 31

6:30pm Hallelujah Night–FH/Ed wing–Tammy 348-3271

NOVEMBER – Saturday Bethlehem work days

1st – 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

2nd - 9:15am The Shack Book grp–parlor-Sharon

2nd – 9:15am Just Walk Across the Room–Rm 19

2nd -12pm Choir Practice–choir room–Sue

4th – 6a–9pm Election Board – FH – (Pvt)

5th - 10am White Cross–Narthex– Virginia N.

6th - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19

9th - 9:15am The Shack Book grp–Sharon

9th – 9:15am Just Walk Across the Room Rm 19

9th -12pm Choir Practice–choir room–Sue

9th - 12p Children's Ministry Mtg - Tammy

10th- 7pm – Finance Committee–Lib – Allyson

11th – Veteran's Day Holiday – Office Closed

12th - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor

13th - 10am Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda

15th - 8:30am Diaconate -Lib–Steve 249-4621

15th–10am Leadership Trng–Lib–MaryAnn

16th-9:15am The Shack Book grp–Sharon

16th–9:15am Just Walk Across the Room–Rm 19

19th 6pm–CityTeam Outreach–Jonathan–246-2979

20th – 11:45Sr. & Birthday Lunch Bunch–Betty

22nd - 8-10am Brothers in Christ-Adam

23rd -12pm Choir Practice – choir room – Sue

23rd- 9:15am The Shack Book grp – Sharon

23rd - 9:15am Just Walk Across the Room– Rm 19

23rd –12 Quarterly Business Mtg budget vote

23rd -7pm Quarterly Business Mtg- budget vote

23rd - 7pm - SF homeless Outreach - Jerry

27/28th -Thanksgiving Holiday-Office Closed

30th - 9:15am The Shack Book grp -Sharon

Amazing Grace

For the past 20 years, there has been a war raging in Northern Uganda led by a man named Joseph Kony. He believes that he has special spiritual powers and has been "called" to overthrow the government of Uganda. His rebel movement is called The Lords Resistance Army.

Even worse than war, this man uses children as young



as 8 years old to fight his battle. He abducts them at night and forces them to commit atrocities against their own family and communities. These children are robbed of their innocence and their childhood. Instead of learning math, they learn to kill. Instead of love, they know hatred. Instead of Jesus they know Joseph Kony.

Food for the Hungry has set up a rehabilitation center for children who have escaped captivity. The New Life Center provides a safe environment, Biblical counsel, literacy classes and vocational training. One can only imagine the trauma of witnessing and committing death after death at such a young age.



What they need most is forgiveness, acceptance and unconditional love which our precious Jesus gives abundantly.

I hope that you can join me on October 18 at 4:00, at Central Church in San Jose 2555 Meridian to support this cause. There will be a music concert featuring piano music, vocal and a trio of piano, flute and cello. There is nothing more important than giving the gift of love through God's word and His Amazing Grace!

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."
(Proverbs 31:8-9)

Deana Yuksel



Prayer Requests



Prayer Requests for

- **Dorothy Depew**, who is at Kaiser, Santa Teresa, being treated for a bacterial infection of the lower intestine; **Dorothy** is beginning to show improvement.
- **Esperanza Marquez**, who was in a car accident last week; pray for healing for neck and back pain and a contusion to the head.
- **MaryAnn Fairall's** granddaughter, **Autumn**, as she recovers from leukemia treatments; please pray for **Autumn** and family.

Renovation Prayer Requests, Pray That

- We will each seek to answer the question, "What does Jesus want me to do for the renovation?"
- **SCFBC will be a united and stronger church** through the renovation.
- **The City of Santa Clara would approve and return** our architectural drawings.

Praise Report

- **Praise God** from whom all blessings flow!

Discover Your Potential Life Class

Everyone wants to lead a life of significance. Christians in particular understand that their service in God's Kingdom makes an indelible mark on our world. To be most effective in service requires a level of self-understanding. Here's where the concept of SHAPE is so helpful.

Our SHAPE is our unique mix of Spiritual gifts, Heart (passions), Abilities, Personality, and the Experiences that God has given us to use in ministry with others.

Would you like to discover your God given SHAPE? The **Discover Your Potential** Life Class offered in 4 sessions beginning on October 5th will help you begin to do just that. While this class is introductory in nature, you will go away with enough information to begin realizing your personal potential and serving where your unique SHAPE will be best used.

We will meet in rooms 19 & 20 from 9:15 – 10:15am during the Life Classes hour.

In order to plan for class materials, we ask that you write "Potential class" on the back of your communication card this Sunday or call the church office (408) 241-7635. The office is open 8:00 - 6:00pm Monday-Thursday.

Quarterly Family Gathering

At last Sunday's Quarterly Family Gathering we shared a number of reports concerning some of the most exciting projects our church is currently engaged in.

Youth Director Search

The Search Team has narrowed its list of candidates to three and is continuing the process of selecting one candidate to present to the congregation.

This presentation will involve a weekend in which the candidate spends time with our youth, the youth mentors, the staff, and the congregation.

At the end of the weekend the congregation will be asked to vote on hiring that person.

Renovation Project

The plans for the Renovation have basically been approved by the city. The next step is for the three cell site carriers (Sprint, T-Mobile, & Verizon) to design and get city approval for a new system for bringing electrical power into the Sanctuary

building. The Renovation Team will soon begin to seeking contracting bids so we can truly understand the present cost of each renovation element.

Capital Fund Raising Campaign

The team has begun meeting and working out the details for holding the campaign during the Lenten season of 2009.

The key question for this drive is simple, yet profound: "Lord, what would you have me do?"

The members of the team are:

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| Co-chairmen | Steve McLenegan, Jerry Cintas |
| Prayer chairperson | Karen Fong |
| Focus Group chairperson | Jay Nordgaard |
| Publicity chairperson | Nikki Hawkins |
| Leadership chairperson | Lisa Robinson |
| Banquet chairperson | Jess Stephens |
| Secretary | Michele Lasher |

Would you walk across a room to save a friend or stranger - for eternity?

What if you knew that by simply crossing the room and saying hello to someone, you could change that person forever? Just a few steps to make an eternal difference. We all understand that sharing our faith is an important part of following Christ. Generally we don't know how to get started, or we are terrified at the prospect of witnessing. The *Just Walk Across the Room* course will help you to feel comfortable, and successful in sharing your faith.

Sharing your faith really has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. All you need is a heart that's in tune with the Holy Spirit and a willingness to venture out of your 'Circle of Comfort' and into another person's life. We will be offering this new how to witness class in November. This course is based on the Bill Hybels *Just Walk Across the Room* book. Key lessons learned in this course will be to learn how to: Develop friendships with people far from God, discover the stories behind their life's journey and discover what "next steps" will help point them to faith.

This will be conveniently offered before the morning service on Sunday. The dates are November 2, 9, 16, and 23. We will meet at 9:15am – room to be announced later. We will have the books and participants guide available in the Narthex, along with a signup sheet, the last few weeks of October. For more information – contact either Karen Fong 246.6253 or Steve McLenegan 249-4621.

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

Hurricane Ike trip - Operation Blessing has asked us to consider an emergency trip to support help for hurricane Ike as a first responder. Please pray for the team that is quickly being put together for this effort and their time down in Texas.

We have a few more months until the end of year and it is at this time we are putting plans for what we want to support as a church in 2009. If you have some passions and missions ideas that you would like to have considered for next year please email me at kafong@aol.com in the next couple weeks. Please also let me know what ministries that we have supported this past year you would like to see continued.

May we work together and look forward to the adventure Our Lord has for us!

SCFBC Missions Deacon

Senior/Birthday Lunch Bunch

Attention Seniors! The Birthday Bunch meets the third Thursday of each month at 11:45am, at various restaurants in the area. We'd like to invite you to join our fellowship and celebrate the birthdays of the month. In October, we have changed our meeting date to October 23rd. We'll be meeting at Marie Callender's in Sunnyvale. Please join us! If you are planning to attend, we need your reservation. Please call Betty Downing at 244-5949.



AWANA has started and Santa Clara First Baptist has success! Our first meeting had over 35 children and 14 helpers! Are you as excited as we are!?! I'm sure you will be as you read on.

- Children who come to AWANA learn important life lessons and skills.
- Through participation and bible scripture memorization they learn about the Gospel and also become better readers.
- Through fun and silly games they learn healthy competition and gain confidence as they all get a chance and turn to win!
- Through a structured setting a child's self-esteem soars with their accomplishments!

I am so impressed with the volunteers we have this year. They are dedicated and they care about all aspects of your child's growth in Christ. I can't tell you how much I appreciate each and every one of them. It doesn't stop here though -- I will be even more impressed when you as a reader decide to help make a difference in a ministry that helps our youngest kids come to Jesus.

The diversity of helpers (young and old) means that everyone can contribute to a child's growth. We are always looking for help in the games department. We need scorekeepers! We need snack donators! We need snack servers! We need Christians who have a gentle heart and can listen to children learn the Bible! We need a woodworker or two who can work quickly! There is no better time for you to make an impact, and I know you can.

We need people to help INFLUENCE... our children positively by spending their TIME and TALENT with the children who are learning the Gospel!

If you feel God's tug on your heart to be a part of this ministry, contact Commander Jon at 408-248-2078.

To recap what AWANA is doing keep on reading!

AWANA CONTINUES EACH SUNDAY, AT 5:15 PM

AWANA evenings are divided into three parts – Games, Handbook Time, and Council Time. The games are high-energy and lots of fun. This is an opportunity for children to play hard, laugh out loud and simply have fun together. During Handbook Time the children work on memorizing Bible verses. With the help of trained leaders, the children work through their books, committing Scripture to memory and planting God's word in their hearts. Council time is when the Bible comes to life through child-targeted lessons, teaching the children how to apply all the wonderful words of God they have been learning.

The AWANA team would love to have your child be a part of this year's adventure. Here's what you need to know to get your AWANA journey started:

Time and Place

When: Sundays, 5:15-6:45 During EDGE Worship
Where: Fellowship Hall and Education Wing

Age Groups

Cubbies: Ages 3-5 (pre-Kindergarten)
Sparks: Grades K-2
Truth 'N Training: Grades 3-5

Registration

AWANA registration forms can be found on the church website on the AWANA page, in the children's classrooms used on Sunday mornings, or you can come to AWANA and register there.

Volunteers

AWANA is run completely through volunteers. We have a wonderful team of trained volunteers, but we can always use more. If you feel God's tug on your heart to be a part of this ministry, contact Commander Jon Hammar at 248-2078 or contact him through email at jhammar@jbear.org.

If you have any questions, call Commander Jon Hammar at 248-2078 or contact him through email at jhammar@jbear.org.

Property Corner

Hi everyone..... With summer winding down I hope that everyone has enjoyed the past few months!

Fellowship Hall

Painting has been completed in rooms 11,12 & 13 as well as the Fireside Room. Also completed is the entrance hallway as well as the inside trim. The Fireside Room also has seen the removal of the wall heater as it wasn't in operating condition. New doors for rooms 11 & 12 have also been installed. Please give Adam Burdick and Duane Esquibel a big "THANK YOU" when you see them! New carpet and base trim were installed in rooms 11,12,13 and also looks GREAT!

Church Work Day – October 11, 2008

The next church work day is quickly approaching and is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008. Please mark your calendars to spend the day with our church family to help in various projects around our property. Some of the scheduled projects to be completed are: Slocum Garden: Chain link fence to be trimmed and re-fastened, rear safety light at rear of church office, new florescent lighting to be replaced in rooms 11,12 & 13, and additional projects are being planned as well. We will meet @ 9:00AM in the office parking lot, with lunch being served @ 12:00PM and ending our day at 3:00PM.

Please contact Dave Wilson or myself on your availability for the gifts of your talents and time on this big day!

Church Van

A 15 passenger van was purchased, from donations from 2 church members, on August 4, 2008 by Jerry Cintas. Small repairs have been completed and safety equipment is now installed as well.

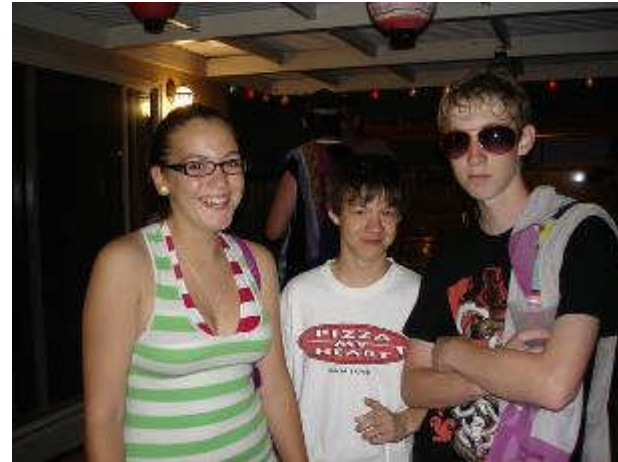
Blessings,

Mike Depew, Property Deacon

Youth News!!

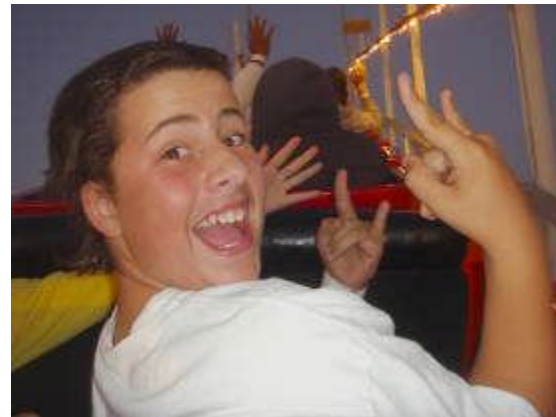
Reflect High School Group

In September, we continued our study of various parables that Jesus spoke. Andrew taught on the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, and how we should not become jealous of each other based on how long we have been Christians. Mary taught about the parable of the Wedding Banquet, and how we are all invited to come share in God's grace. She then taught about the Parable of the Pearl, and how much God's grace should be worth to us.



The Element Jr. High Group

Well everyone is back in school now and excited about the new friends they are meeting. It is great to see new kids being welcomed into the group like **Faith Leroy** and **Torey Seavers** from Buchser Middle School. And we welcome **Mark Reiley** back to the group after being gone for the summer. Element also is continuing their study of the parables. Jasmine taught on the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, explaining that even though sometimes things seem like they aren't fair, in God's eyes they are. Amy taught a lesson on the wedding banquet. Jerry taught on the Parable of the Rich fool, and how we should use the treasures that God provides us for godly purposes.



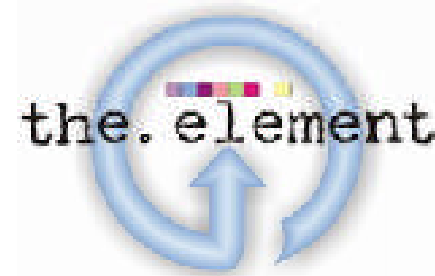
Sunday Groups

Committed is in the middle of the book of Mark, reading the first teachings of Jesus and how they still apply in our lives today. The committed group has both the Jr High and High School group meeting together for discussion. The **AB Girls** group on Sundays at 4 PM continues to meet in the youth room to watch and discuss the *Gilmore Girls* series.

~Youth Staff Danijela, Sean, Alexandra, Fion, Amy, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew

Upcoming EVENTS

Oct 4th – Rock of Ages Concert (in Napa)
 Oct 17th – Reflect Girls Night
 Oct 18th – Corn Maze (Reflect and Element)
 Oct 30th – Element Haunted House
 More events at www.scfbc.org/element & www.scfbc.org/reflect



*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, Fion Cheng, Amy Victorson, 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

