

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 st	Jean Miller	3 rd	Ken & Cherron Rangel
2 nd	Sue Smithson	4 th	Greg & Christine Robbins
7 th	Barbara McLenegan	18 th	Lloyd & Maxine Darknell
10 th	Mary Ann Fairall		
11 th	Joan Friesen		
11 th	Chelsea Trigg		
12 th	Christine Robbins		
12 th	Clara Gazzano		
17 th	Jerry Cintas		
17 th	Cristina Jackson		
17 th	Virginia Ruiz		
18 th	Tina Mulford		
18 th	Meredith Lanier		
26 th	Ron Willcox		
28 th	Debbie Reiley		
31 st	Isabel Jackson		
31 st	Fred Marshall		

Capital Fundraising Campaign

*Important Dates to Remember for the
“Because It’s Time” Campaign*



**BECAUSE
IT'S TIME**

First Part of March
Focus Groups

March 4-7
72 Hours of Prayer

March 28
*All-Church Celebration
Dinner*

March 29
First Gifts Sunday

Because It's Time- to Renovate

Our **Because It's Time** theme for both the Lenten season and our Capital Fund-Raising Campaign highlights an important concept- at certain times in our lives something special occurs.

After nine months of gestation, it's time for a baby to be born. After four years of study, it's time to graduate from high school. After 21 years of life, you are eligible to vote.

In each of these instances the assumption is that the proper time of preparation has past. Now is the time to reap the benefits or take up the responsibilities.

After two years of preparation by our Renovation Team **now is the time** for us to proceed with our Fund-Raising Campaign. As I stated in my Annual Report the fact that our economy is in such a mess is no coincidence. God foresaw all of this. He knew about this juncture of events. He is not surprised.

He has definitely blessed our work up to this point. The plans that we have created are well thought out. And our renovation effort is a worthy cause. We want to enhance both the appearance and functionality of our 40 year old facilities so that they will communicate to newcomers that we have a 21st century message to give to them.

God blesses those who step out in faith. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River to enter the Promised Land God caused the river to dry up and they walked across on dry land. But they could have occupied the Land 40 years before. Forty years previously when Moses sent the 12 spies into the Land ten returned with a negative report. *"We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."*

But Caleb and Joshua stood up and tried to turn the people back to trusting in their God, *"And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."*

But the people allowed fear to overcome their trust in God's provision and so they missed the blessing of God for 40 years.

In our day we face giant economic obstacles to generous giving. Before the economy plunged our people were ready to give out of their plenty. Savings accounts, retirement accounts, market investments were flush for many of us. Now we, like the Jews of the past, must trust God to provide for our ability for us to give significant gifts.

But this is where God delights to show forth His glory. Just recently I spoke with one of our laymen who told me that quite in expectantly he just received an 11% raise! He never saw it coming. With this economy one wouldn't even consider the possibility. But there it is.

To prepare ourselves to give generously I ask that we all continue to pray daily the campaign prayer, ***"Lord, what would you have me do to contribute to this great effort?"*** Allow Him to give you His answer and then watch Him work His amazing grace in your life for His glory.

Blessings,
Pastor Rich

Saturday March 21

12pm Scholarship Benefit Lunch – California Arts – Barbara C 739-2935

Sunday March 22

9:15am Freed-Up #6 – Parlor – Pastor Rich/Susi

12pm Choir Practice – choir room - Sue

Wednesday March 25

7pm Leadership Harvest dessert events

Thursday March 26

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

Saturday March 28

7pm –All Church Harvest Dinner Event – FH

Sunday March 29

12pm Sight singing/piano class – choir room

Up-coming Events

APRIL

1 - 10am White Cross – Narthex – Virginia N.

1 - 7:30p –Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary – Jonathan 813-2505

4 - 8:30am April Diaconate Meeting – Library

4 - 10am Leadership training-MaryAnn - Library

4 – 10-3pm June Mexico Trip Training – FH - Tim

4 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

5 – Palm Sunday Service- Celebration Sunday

5 - 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19 – Pastor Jenny

8 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle –Gladys's home

9 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

10 - **Good Friday Holiday – office closed**

10 - **"Journey To the Cross"** – Sanctuary

11 –10–3pm Manna Easter Breakfast Food Prep – Kitchen – Adam 230-6848

12 - 9am Easter Sunday Breakfast

12 – 9:45am Choir Practice – Sanctuary - Sue

12-12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen

14 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Gloria's home

15 – 6pm -CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

18 –**All Church Work Day**– Michael–691-1441

18/19 – Salvation Army Donation Van in FH Lot

19- Youth Sunday Service

19 –12pm Sight singing/piano class – choir room

19– 5:15pm AWANA parents' night

20 - 7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg–Lib–Steve E.

21/23-10-6pm Rummage Set up–FH–Maxine

23 – 11:45am Sr/Birthday Lunch Bunch – Betty

24 - 6-10pm June Mexico Trip Trng – FH – Tim

24-25 – Rummage Sale –FH –Maxine 241-7567

25 - 8am Brothers in Christ – Kitchen – Adam

30 – May 3 -Mexico Mission Work Trip – Jerry

MAY

1 - 6-10pm June Mexico Trip Trng – FH - Tim

2 - 8:30am Diaconate Meeting– Lib– Steve

2 - 10am Leadership training - Library

2 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19

3 - 9:15am Life Group Leaders Mtg. – Rm 19

3 – 915am Back to Basics #1–rm 19–Pastor Rich

3 – 12pm Choir practice – choir room - Sue

6 - 10am White Cross – narthex – Virginia N.

6 - 7:30p – Upper Room Prayer Service – Sanctuary – Jonathan 813-2505

7 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 –

8 – 6pm June Mexico Trip Training – FH - Tim

9 – 1-4pm ABW Spring Tea/Fashion Show – FH – Barbara C. 739-2935

10 –915am Back to Basics#2–rm 19–Pastor Rich

10 – Mother's Day – Kid's Sunday – Tammy

10-12p Mission Team Mtg – Library – Karen

12 - 12:30pm Bethell Circle – Jean Rund's home

13 - 12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle – Parlor

15-17 – ABW Mt.Herman Conf. – Barbara C. 739-2935

17–9:15am Back to Basics 3–rm 19–Pastor Rich

17- 9:45am Choir practice – choir room - Sue

17 –12pm Quarterly Business Meeting/lunch

17 –12pm Sight singing/piano class – choir room

17 – 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting/dessert

18-7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib – Steve E.

20 – 6pm CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan

23 - 8-10am Brothers in Christ –Adam 230-6848

23 – 10–3pm June Mexico Trip Trng– FH - Tim

24–9:15am Back to Basics#4–rm 19–Pastor Rich

24 - 12pm Choir practice – choir room - Sue

25 - Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed

28 – 11:45am Sr/Birthday Lunch Bunch –Betty

Property Corner

Renovation Project: Bids have been received from 2 general contractors and currently are being reviewed. We are also reviewing bids on the electrical, wheel chair lift and fire alarm. More information will be available soon.

Power Upgrade: The City of Santa Clara has drafted a letter to be sent out to the wireless carriers on instructions to proceed with the construction process.

Fellowship Hall: The carpet was steamed cleaned a couple of weeks ago and looks good. We are also having one cold-air return grate installed to replace the broken one. Please remember that when you use the chair-carts to please avoid rolling the carts over these grates to help prevent damage.

All-Church Work Day: The first church work day has been set for April 18, 2009. There are quite a few projects that we plan on completing. We are planning a breakfast to get everyone started (from 8-9 am) and then working from 9 am – 3 pm., with lunch being served as well. All those who are interested please contact Dave Wilson or myself. I also need someone to coordinate lunch!

Cost Control: To help control costs, the property dept. is looking into ways that we can reduce the maintenance and repair costs associated with our facilities. Any ideas/suggestions that you may have can be passed along to Dave Wilson or to the property dept.

Also, as a reminder that if anyone sees something that is in need of repair, please contact myself or Dave at the church office.

Your Brother In Christ,

Mike D. – Property Deacon

MARCH Calendar Events

Sunday March 1

9:15am Freed-Up #3 – parlor – Pastor Rich/Susi

12p Choir Practice – choir Rm - Sue

12pm Life Group Leaders Mtg – rm 19 – Pastor Jenny

Wednesday March 4

10am White Cross–narthex–Virginia N 266-1734

7:30p–Upper Room Prayer Service–Jonathan 813-2505

9pm begin 24/3 hours of prayer until 9p 3/7 – prayer room

Friday March 6

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6-8

Impact Snow Trip - Cintas – 615-1690

Saturday March 7

9a-4p –All day Freed-Up Class – Fireside rm – Pastor Rich/Susi

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry–Rm 19–Rhonda 246-2242

- Gladys 243-6828

Sunday March 8

9:15am Freed-Up #4 – parlor – Pastor Rich/Susi

9:15am Focus Group – choir room -Jay

12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue

12pm Mission Team Mtg–lib– Karen 246-6253

12pm Costa Rica Info Mtg –Rm 19/20 - Jay

2pm–Korean Focus Grp–sanctuary–Pastor Rich

5pm -Costa Rica Info Mtg – parlor – Jay

6:45pm –EDGE Focus Group – parlor - Jay

Tuesday March 10

12:30pm Bethell Circle – Maxine’s home

Wednesday March 11

12:30pm Baits/Turley Circle –Helen H. home

7pm -Capital Fundraising Team–lib–Steve M.

Thursday March 12

10am Prayer Quilt Ministry –rm 19 – Rhonda

Saturday March 14

9am - ABW Coastal Valley Rally – Jerusalem Church –

PA – Barbara C. 739-2935

10am – Bowl-A-Thon Youth Fundraiser – Moonlite

Bowl

2pm– Katrina DuBord’s Baby Shower – Michele

Sunday March 15

9:15am Freed-Up #5– Parlor– Pastor Rich/Susi

9:45am Choir practice – Sanctuary – Sue

12pm –Sight singing/piano class–choir room-Sue

12-2p -Capital Fundraising Team – Lib – Steve

Monday March 16

7:30pm Finance Comm Mtg – Lib– Steve E.

Wednesday March 18

6pm - CityTeam Outreach – Jonathan 813-2505

Friday March 20

6-10pm June Mexico Trip Trng –FH - Tim

Saturday March 21

12pm Scholarship Benefit Lunch – California Arts –

Missions

“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

Hosted the homeless for EHC February 2009. We had a successful event hosting the homeless at our church on February 5 -8 last month. We had over 130 people spend the night at our fellowship hall. Meals were served for dinner and lunches were packed for them to take with them each morning. In addition, 150 toiletry bags were put together as an additional departure gift. The game room was open for them this year and a movie was shown each night. They were well received and we had many people tell us “thank you” and others tell us “it helped them to not think about their circumstances”, because they had such a good time playing games.

Thank you for the 25+ SCFBC volunteers that came to serve, pray, and help as needed. Thank you for all those that prayed for the event and donated money, food, and toiletry items for this event.

Upcoming missions trips:

There is a *Mexico weekend* work trip to Ensenada April 30 – May 3rd to help complete work for school for disadvantaged children. The deadline is March 1st. For more information please contact Jerry Cintas at jerry@scfbc.org.

Mission Costa Rica - This year’s trip will be in the July 20 -31st time frame for 7 – 8 days. This trip is to work with our sister church New Hope in Limon, Costa Rica. There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in exploring/joining us this year on Sunday, March 8th at noon in Room 19-20 and at 5:00pm in the Parlor. The mission trip is open to any adult in the church and minor children who are accompanied by their parent(s). You do not have to speak any Spanish. If you have any questions please contact Jay Nordgaard at jay@redwoodglen.com or Lisa Robinson at jlrobinson5@comcast.net.

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

Missions Deacon,

Karen Fong

Children’s Ministry

SHALOM CHAVERIM translated Peace, good friends!

We are a couple weeks into the HOLY LAND FAMILY ADVENTURE learning about Jewish traditions, the trades that people worked and the games children and families played together. We are on a journey to the cross with Jesus that began with his entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey as foretold in the Old Testament.

If you have elementary aged children, we would love to have you join us beginning at 9AM on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not have young children, but know families that do, this is a great outreach opportunity to invite them and introduce them to our church and the gospel. We look forward to seeing you there.

For those who are attending, your feedback is always welcome and important. We hope you are enjoying this opportunity to participate as a family and that it is inspiring some good family discussions.

We are once again in need of loving adults to help love and care for our newest additions in the nursery. We cannot expect young families to become a regular part of our church family if we don’t provide the services they need. Please contact me if you would be willing to share some love and be a blessing to our littlest blessings on Sunday mornings during either the Sunday school or Worship hour services or on Sunday night during EDGE and AWANA.

The church will be hosting a family dinner on Saturday, March 28th at which we are planning to provide a nursery; therefore, we will need a few adults and possibly some older teens that would be willing to watch the children. Please contact me, as soon as possible, if you would be willing to help in this capacity.

The Children’s Ministry would like to welcome Geri Frescas who has recently joined our team. We look forward to what she will bring to our ministry and what her service will add to her life. If you feel God calling you to be a part in the life of a child, please contact me about available opportunities to make a difference in the next generation.

Please pray for our children and those of us that serve them that we may know God’s will and direction and be willing to follow where He leads.

Children’s Ministry Director,

Tammy Altizer Catterton

Youth News

Reflect High School Group



Reflect joined with the church as a whole and began the Because it's Time series. Andrew taught about being salty so that together we can be a light in this dark world. At the end of January, Reflect co-hosted the 4th annual Youth Spaghetti Dinner. Despite the downturn in our economy, the congregation and other guests turned out in full force, forcing Louie G. and his crew of hosts to set up an additional three tables. When the night was over, over \$2000 was raised for the winter retreats! Reflect then went on their annual winter retreat at Sierra Pines. In addition to the usual fun in the snow, the high school youth were

challenged to either begin their climb with Jesus or continue their climb with him. Out of the 14 youth who attended, 12 made commitments, with **Justin Pohlman** and **Josh Tomasian** making first time decisions for Christ!! It was a huge blessing to see the group be so unified and interested in supporting one another.



The Element Jr. High Group

Element also began the Because it's Time series with Jasmine teaching about how each of us has a unique ability to shine, and nobody shines the same. Element had a blast serving with Reflect at the Youth Spaghetti Dinner. Guests were entertained with "That's Amore", while Pepe brought his usual flair. Element had a movie night where we watched Kung Fu Panda on the big screen in the sanctuary.

Sunday Groups

Committed is continuing our study of the book of Mark, reading the first teachings of Jesus and how they still apply in our lives today. In addition, the youth are helping in the drama for the children's ministry Holy Land Family Adventure. 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, Liz, Fion, Amy, Christine, Jerry, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew*

Upcoming EVENTS

Feb 27th - Mar 1st - Element Winter Retreat
Mar 4th - Reflect @ Sky High

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

Mexico Outreach 2009

Plans are already underway for our annual weeklong trip to Ensenada, Mexico. This year's trip will be from June 20th to June 28th. This trip, a life changing trip for many, will be led this year by Fion Cheng and Tim McLenegan. The cost of the trip will be \$400, but many fundraisers will be held leading up to the trip. This trip is open to anyone completing 8th grade or higher, and adults are welcome as well.



People of Interest,



Pat & Richard Graham

I was born in Napa, CA. My family later lived in Visalia and then Corning before moving to Campbell, where my sister was born. We lived in a small apartment next door to my aunt and uncle which was a lot of fun. They didn't have any children at that time, so I became their child for some special events. One of these events was to raise money for the veterans of World War II. I became the local poster child because I sold more yellow paper poppies than the guys. I partnered with my uncle and he won the contest. This same organization also gave me an opportunity to sing my first and only solo which was at a Christmas party for the children of the veterans.

My parents bought their home in the Willow Glen area when I was six years old. Eventually my aunt and uncle had two girls of their own so I had three sisters, not just one. I sang in choirs in elementary and high schools, and in the Methodist church. My mother encouraged us to attend Sunday School and church services. My mother also sang in the church choir. My father attended church on special occasions and encouraged us to read the Bible with him on Sunday afternoons. I don't remember experiencing a true conversion to Christ; it was like believing the sun will come up tomorrow. You just knew it would! For me, Christ is like that. He is someone to believe in without question.

After graduation from high school, I went to work for Pacific Bell/AT&T as a long-distance operator. I didn't attend church for a while because I usually worked Sundays. The pay on Sundays was time and a half and I was saving for college. My dream job was to become a school teacher or an airline attendant. I met my husband one Sunday at work. If you called "POPCORN" in the summer of 1964 to find out what time it was, you would hear my voice! I worked for the telephone company for 38 years before retiring in January, 2002. I then found another career as a receptionist in a financial service office and still work full-time.

In 1966 I was introduced to church again by my mother and went back to the Methodist church for a time, but we both discovered this wasn't the church we needed. I found Blossom Hill Baptist Church through my aunt and sang in the choir before coming to SCFBC in 1989 (and joining the choir!). About fifteen years ago someone asked if I would be interested in teaching Sunday School and I co-taught/substituted for a while. A couple of years later I was asked to be a substitute for Bill Wright's class. I have co-taught ever since (about 13 years now). My faith has grown while working in the classroom.

I have also taught in AWANA for about ten years as a Cubbie leader (pre-school age) and worked on the Manna team through last year. Bethlehem has also become a favorite of mine. I feel I am making a difference just by doing the small things. Everyone is important and God reinforces this daily. I have truly been blessed by my church family!

Classified Ads... 3/1/09

As you know the nation is in an economical crunch—which includes people at SCFBC. We have instituted this “classified ads” section of the Bulletin to open communication to help each other - look for employment—trade goods or give stuff away to someone who can use it for a little while longer. If you know companies who are hiring please let the church know so the information can be added to this sheet and to a job bulletin board. If you can give leads or a job to these people listed below please call them directly. Bless you for helping.

- Safeway may be hiring

- Census Bureau—1-866-861-2010 - www.2010censusjobs.gov

People looking for employment:

Adam Burdick – Facilities Maintenance – 230-6848 (available as a handyman)

Dorothy Depew – office work – 270-4832

Michael Depew – Estimator/Project Management – 691-1441

Brandon Genetiano – Warehouse/Retail/Food – 981-8366

Ken Harrell – Food/Light Labor/Retail - 910-7370 (available for yard work)

Steve McLenegan – IT/Help desk – 249-4621

Barbara McLenegan – clerical support – 249-4621

Dave White - Engineer - 725-1432

Dave Wilson, Jr. - Air Conditioning & Heating (Maintenance, repair and installation) 510-733-0681

Daena Yuksel—piano lessons \$20— 774-9350

If you are also looking for employment and want to be added to this support group/list, please fill out the information on the back of your registration card (name, type of position you are seeking, telephone number and email address). How can we support each other and give you job search tools?

Did you know you can get free business cards online?

Do you know how and when to apply for unemployment? Let's share these ideas together.

In the near future we hope to have workshops to help each other with writing the proper resumes, practice job interviews, network with others and other workshops as needed. Please call Steve McLenegan at 249-4621 if you would like to help or join this group so we can support each other.

People looking for things:

- Baby furniture by March-Rosanna Feldman 248-8818 (boy)

People giving things away:

- Maple rocking chair - Jerri 984-0908

Do you have something to give away or something you need that could be listed here? Email Jerri at jerri@scfbc.org or call 241-7635 so it can be included in the next publication. This list will be updated frequently and/or rotated if it gets too long.

Spring Rummage Sale

Keep these dates available and begin compiling clothes in good condition, household goods, furniture, appliances and other items. Set up dates are April 21,22 & 23 and Rummage Sale dates are Friday, April, 24th from 8:30am - 5pm and Saturday, April 25th from 8:30 - 3pm. Contact Maxine Darknell - 241-7567.

Mission Costa Rica

MISSION COSTA RICA 2009 INFORMATIONAL MEETING Plans are being formulated for our church's 9th mission trip to Costa Rica to be with our sister church, New Hope Baptist Church, in Limon, Costa Rica. We are currently awaiting confirmation of specific dates from Pastor Miguel, but are looking at a 7-8 day trip somewhere within July 20th -31st .

An informational meeting for anyone interested in exploring joining us this year will be on Sunday, March 8th at noon in Room 19-20 and at 5:00pm in the Parlor. We will be sharing more current information on cost, dates, projects, etc. The mission trip is open to any adult in the church and minor children who are accompanied by their parent(s). You do not have to speak any Spanish. If you have any questions please contact Jay Nordgaard at jay@redwoodglen.com or Lisa Robinson at jlrobinson5@comcast.net.

Gourmet Luncheon



You are invited to a gourmet lunch and silent auction on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Aemono Restaurant The International Culinary School at the Art Institute of California - Sunnyvale, 1120 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale.
Time: 12 noon
Donation \$10.00
Sponsored by ABW Ministries
Proceeds benefit ABW Scholarship Fund
Seating is Limited

For ordering tickets or for more information contact Barbara Chicks at 739 2935.

Seniors' Luncheon & Birthday Bunch

If you've not attended one of our monthly gatherings for birthday celebrations and Seniors' luncheons, you're invited to join us for our very next celebration. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, good food and creating memories for a life-time. The next date is March 26th, location to be announced. For information contact Betty Downing at 408-244-5949.

Library Book Corner

Can we borrow books?

What... SCFBC has a library?

When is the library going to be opened?

If you have heard these questions or asked these questions yourself the answers are...

Yes..., Yes... and hopefully soon! If you can help the committee process books into the library, add stickers and put books on the shelves, then it can go even faster. A group of us, I guess we are the committee, meets on Thursday afternoons starting at 1pm...in the library.

Or if you have additional Christian books to donate to the Library you may bring those in on Sundays and leave them in the Narthex – or better yet, bring them with you when you come on Thursdays! These books will either be put on the shelves, donated to the Costa Rica School Library or if they are duplicates we are tentatively planning a Book sale in June. Books for the sale can be books of any type.

If you have any questions about book donations call Peggy Shalloe at 410-8933 or if you have additional ideas or want to volunteer contact Jerri Cooper at jerri@scfbc.org or 984-0908.