

San Jose Christian Reformed Church

“God’s love to us, God’s love through us...”

May the Lord bless us all as we worship Him here today.

Pastor Brad Smith is preaching for us this morning.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Morning Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prelude: Our Time of Preparation for Worship

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Jake B.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship: Ps. 9.1-2, 7-10: Pastor Brad Smith

Song of Praise: *“Praise to the Lord”*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Rom. 8.31-35, 37-39

(Leader and People read responsively)

Songs of Assurance *“Great is the Lord”*

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Congregational Prayer

(Children ages 3 through grade 6 leave for “Kid’s Life”)

OUR GIVING

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Faith Promise

Deacon’s Prayer

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20

Message: *“The End of Time and Timelines”*

Prayer

Song of Response: *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

All sing during The Lord’s Supper:

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Prayer

Closing song: *“We Will Glorify”*

Blessing

Doxology: *“My Friends May You Grow In Grace”*

WELCOME!

If you are a first time visitor, please complete a “Communication Card” and stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary for a gift and information packet. Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following our morning worship service.

Adult Sunday School classes resume today.

JJs (jr. high) and Sonlife (high school) meet at 11:00 today.

Next Sunday at SJCRC

February 10, 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service. Lent season begins. Pastor Brad Smith will be preaching for us. Special offering: Ministry Shares. Adult Sunday School meets today, February 10, at 11:00AM in the Fireside Room. JJs and Sonlife also meet at 11:00.

Elder-Deacon Care Groupings

Elder/Deacon phone numbers are in the church directory. *Please inform them directly* of any need you might have.

<u>Last Name Beginning</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
A-B	Doug P.	Scott V.
C-G	Jake B.	Bruce B.
H-L	Harvey V.	Dan M.
M-P	Steve B.	Bruce G.
R-T	Jacob V.	Doug B.
U-Z	Tom B.	Gert B.

Church Officers:

Harvey V., Council President

Dan M., Deacon Chair

Jake B., Council Vice President

Fred R., Treasurer

Randy M., Council Clerk

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

Family Shelter Breakfast: Volunteers will be needed for the next few months. The February 9 slot has been filled already. Please consider serving on March 8, and April 12: please sign up on the sheet by the coffee window. Thank you to all for your faithfulness for serving in the past. This is a great ministry...we would like to see some new volunteers as well!

Stephen’s Ministry- all meetings at 7 pm (contact Brenda L.):

-Peer Supervision: Wednesdays, Feb. 13 and 27

Looking Ahead

February 6 (7:00pm): GEMS/Cadets will meet as scheduled

February 6 (7:30 pm): Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 17 (after morning worship service) Town Hall Meeting

February 22-24: All Church Ski Trip

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

* **Charlie B., Irvin D., Rein G., Rich M., Jerry R. and Cobe R.:** Please pray for these members of our church family who have continuing health problems. Remember these friends with your cards and visits: they appreciate your thoughtfulness.

* **Alice K.** says, "Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and especially your prayers during these last few months. I am doing much better and hope to be back worshipping with you soon."

* **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Linda continues treatment for her cancer; pray that the treatment will be effective in killing the cancer and also strength for each day.

* **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma,** continues to battle Multiple Myeloma. They appreciate your ongoing prayers and concerns. 5462 Laura Dr., San Jose, 95124

* **A. Family.** Sandy A. is now in Maine for the next several months where her family lives. Randy and Alex were to leave yesterday to join Sandy. Pray for safety for them as they travel this long distance to Maine. Please remember to thank both Randy and Sandy for all the work they did while with our church.

* **Please pray for those who are searching for employment.** May doors of opportunity open up for them.

Church News and Announcements

Adult Sunday School: What does it mean to do justice? What does it mean to live as a follower of Christ in this hurting world? These and other critical questions will be the focus of our Adult Fellowship sessions which begin today, Sunday at 11:00am in the Fireside Room. Using materials from the Christian Reformed Church in North America Office of Social Justice and Hunger Action and the Public Justice Resource Center, Gert B. will lead the classes that will help us together to wrestle with issues around social justice. All members are invited and urged to attend.

Please plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Worship Service on February 6 at 7:30pm. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season. We have invited Communities of Hope to join us.

Town Hall Meeting Sunday, February 17 after the morning worship service. We will discuss our vision and how it guides our worship.

All-Church Ski Trip: Join us on a ski trip to the Sierras February 22-24. We welcome everyone: youth, families, singles and couples. We'll get up to the mountains and hang out Friday night, ski Saturday, relax together Saturday night, and return Sunday. The cost is approximately \$100 for adults and \$50 for young people for lodging and food. Lift tickets are approximately \$50. You are responsible for your own equipment (rent or bring your own). Reservations are required and assistance is available. Please contact John D.

Church News and Announcements, continued...

Faith Stories from the San Jose CRC Advent Series: The stories of faith that our members shared during Advent are now available as a booklet. You may pick them up from the shelf in the narthex. There are beautiful personal stories in the themes of hope, love, joy and peace written by our own church members. The booklet also includes a "never before published" story written by Dan M., "Hope, Joy, Love & Peace in the Family of God", a beautiful testimony to the blessings we all share in being a part of this church family.

Regular Church Office Hours

Our office is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm. Come by and say hello to Pastor Brad, Agnes and Estella!

Interested in joining our prayer chain? It's easy to join our Google Prayer List: Email Mavis M. If you do not have internet access, please have a contact person who does to stay informed.

Missed a Service? If you would like a CD of today's service (or any you may have missed), please give your name to the sound booth attendants and it will be provided to you next week. Just come back to the sound booth to find it, labeled with your name. Also, remember that MP3s of recent worship services are also available on the home page of the church website: www.sjcr.org.

Church Bulletin: Please have any bulletin announcements for next Sunday's bulletin into the office this week by Thursday evening, at the latest. If you wish to email your announcements, please send them to Grace M.

The February Prayer Guides and the Dec./Jan./Feb. "Our Daily Bread" and the Jan. and Feb. "Today" devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

Reformed Marriage Encounter's logo is "Strengthening the Church by Enriching Marriages." Help by registering now at www.reformedme.org or call Roger and Edie Dornbush (530) 662-5632. The cost for the weekend is a freewill offering you and your spouse decide on in privacy. Date: March 7-9 Location: Modesto

From the Deacons: January Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund): \$15,333.50 (2008 monthly budgeted: \$25,791.00)

Special Offerings, January: Faith Promise: \$971.00

Ministry Shares: \$367.00

Community Pregnancy Center: \$1,476.00

Bethany Christian Services: \$691.00

Denominational News

WORLD MISSIONS: Summer Mission Program applications due Feb. 15. SMP is an intensive learning program for 18- to 30-year-olds who are interested in experiencing cross-cultural missions alongside CRWM missionaries and their national ministry partners. You could spend the summer in China, Eastern Europe, Guatemala, Japan, Mali, Mexico or Nigeria. Go to www.crw.org/smp to apply.

THE BODY IS WEAK: Jesus instructed his disciples to keep watch and pray, but they fell asleep. Likewise today, although our spirits may be ready and willing to serve Christ, we often fail. The Feb.10 Back to God Hour message confronts our weaknesses, but also awakens us to the grace and strength of Christ. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

Small Group News

New for 2008! These individuals have been trained to lead small groups for study and fellowship in our church community. Please read the topics below and decide which group is of interest of you. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service or contact the group leaders directly.

Brenda & John D.

We would like to encourage the young couples or young adults of our church to join our small group which will be going through the Disciple series. Ideally, we would like to meet bi-weekly at our place in Campbell on Sunday evenings. Time and location can be flexible. This would be a great opportunity to grow in the Word as a community of believers and for food and fellowship.

Rich & Fern M.

Join us for an afternoon group meeting, Sunday or a weekday, of study, prayer, fellowship, and care. We are open to any and every age interested. Most likely we will be meeting 2 times a month. We will embark on the Discipleship material.

Mark & Natalie L.

We are so excited about small groups and cannot wait to get started. We would love to start a group in Morgan Hill. We will host this small group weekly/bi-weekly depending on the groups' desires. Our plan is to go through the Discipleship material that will be mentioned in the service.

Where: Lodewyk's place.

When: Weekly/Bi-weekly depending on groups' desire.

Day of the week: Most likely Sunday afternoon/evening...flexible as well.

Who: Anyone.....kids, no kids, young, experienced, member, non-member, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, San Jose, etc! We're looking forward to caring, sharing, growing and learning together!

Brad & Karen S.

Jump in to study, community, and care through our small group for those in the 20's – 40's age group. We welcome you to join us to study the Disciples material, share meals together, and care for each other and our community.

Wendell & Patti K.

We are opening our home to a small group on Sundays. We would like you to join us for a time of faith, fun, and fellowship. The group is open to all ages.

Financial Peace – Jeremy D. Do you worry about money? Do you wonder how to budget, how much you should spend and save? This is a class designed by Dave Ramsey, author of New York Times best-sellers *The Total Money Makeover* and *Financial Peace*. Come and grow as a group, as we learn how to take care of our finances in a God-honoring way.

Book Club – Mavis M.

"Books That Changed My Life and My Thinking." We'll most likely meet on a Saturday evening beginning at 7. The plan is to read books that have both challenged our beliefs and strengthened them. We'll be reading both Christian and non-Christian authors that both strengthen us and challenge us to grow.

Our Missionaries

* **Pray for our missionaries on the mission field** who we support through Faith Promise offerings:

Rev. Joel and Mrs. Alison Renkema, Theological Educator - Santiago

Rev. James and Mrs. Barbara Lee, Church Planter - Tijuana. From the Lees "We arrived safely in Tijuana, Mexico on Friday, January 11. Crossing the border was easy because of your prayers and also God was watching over us. Continue to pray for us as we adjust to the culture and the lifestyle in Tijuana, Mexico." Address: James and Barbara Lee, P. O. Box 530038, San Diego, California 92153

From the Lees-

Hello family and friends!

We wanted to tell you a quick story of an answered prayer!

We are renting a house here in Tijuana, things are going well, but it's much colder inside than outside because the house is made of tile and concrete like most houses here. Joshua enjoys hearing his voice echo throughout the house!! Also, right next door to us (like less than two feet!) are two abandoned shacks made from old broken garage doors. We have never seen anyone there, but according to some neighbors and the broken beer bottles near the house, it has been a problem in the neighborhood. The neighbors say that people meet there and drink and do drugs. So do you want to hear about a miracle? Saturday night James and I were praying, and I prayed out loud, "Lord, please let someone come and remove the drug shacks next door" and went on praying for other things, not really expecting it to happen anytime soon. We went to sleep, then yesterday morning woke to a very loud sound! We got up and from a window saw a bulldozer in the lot next door!! James went outside, and other neighbors were standing around watching the show, and they said that the owner of the property had decided to build a house there!! What a quick answer to prayer!! I was so excited, I never had a prayer answered that fast and exact! Now, they have dug big holes in the lot- like for sewer lines? and knocked down part of one shack. Please pray they will come back and finish the job soon!

If you visit our blog, you will see a picture of the bulldozer in the lot (we will post it tonight after Joshua goes to sleep).

Praise God for bulldozers, and answers to prayer!

From now on, I will always expect answers when we pray!!

-from Rev. James and Barbara Lee

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Helping This Sunday, February 3

Greeters: Steve & Sally B.

Ushers: Tina V.

Hospitality: Jake and Faye B.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K., Scott F.

Coffee: Doug & Betty P., Fred & Irena R., Deb U.

Nursery: Robin B., Rochelle S.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Arlene D., Betsy M. (Diana B. – aide)

Helping Ash Wednesday, February 6

Greeters: Claudio H.

Ushers: Bud L.

Audio/Visual: Mavis M

Nursery: Agnes L.

Helping Next Sunday, February 10

Greeters: Bruce & Robin B.

Ushers: Harv & Carol V.

Hospitality: Randy & Mavis M.

Audio/Visual: Mike K., Bruce G.

Coffee: Mike & Rose S., Russ & Sue S., Tina V.

Nursery: Cecilia C., Emily B.

Kids' Life: Patty K., Willie K., Judy V.

Schedule of Events: February 3 – 10, 2008

Today:

9:30 am – Worship Service and Communion followed by coffee

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School begins

JJs and Sonlife meet

Tuesday:

7:00 pm – Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday:

10:00 am – Coffee Break Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm – GEMS/Cadets

7:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday

6:30 am – Family Shelter Breakfast

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