

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.
Our Missionary, Gary Van Veen, is preaching for us this morning.
We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!*

Worship and Celebration Sunday, July 22, 2007

We Prepare to Worship

Welcome, Greetings and Announcements: Elder Steve B.
Welcoming One Another
Call to Worship: Pastor Brad Smith

We Come With Praise

Songs and Readings: *Lord, Our Lord, Your Glorious Name
Shout to the Lord (with readings by the Praise Team)
He Came Down*

We Offer Our Gifts to God

Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Special Offering: San Jose Family Shelter (breakfast supplies)
Slideshow Presentation as the offering is received:
The Van Veen’s ministry in the Dominican Republic
Deacon’s Prayer

We Offer Our Prayers to God

Reading: Ephesians 3: 16-21 (*read by the Praise Team*)
Song of Preparation: *The Spirit Song*
Congregational Prayer

We Open Ourselves to God’s Word

Song of Preparation: *Spirit of the Living God*
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-28
Message: ***When the Lights Popped On***

We Depart to Serve

Prayer
Song: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
Blessing
Departing Song: *Come, Shine in the Darkness*

WELCOME!

*If you are a first time visitor today, please complete a “Communication Card”
and stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary
for a gift and information packet.*

*Welcome to Gary and Pam Van Veen and family! We are grateful for their
many years of ministry in the Dominican Republic, and we are happy to have
them with us today. Gary will bring us the message this morning, and will lead
an informal discussion of his work in the Dominican Republic in the Social Hall
after our morning worship service.*

*Please stay for this and coffee and refreshments as well.
The class for children through grade 6 will not meet today.*

Next Sunday Morning at SJCRC

July 29, 9:30 AM: Worship Service. Pastor Brad Smith is preaching. Special Offering: Habitat for Humanity International. Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the morning service. The class for kids through grade 6 meets at 11:00 am.

Looking Ahead

July 29 (Sunday): JJs and Sonlife – Beach trip, leave church at 12 noon
August 4 (Saturday): GEMS and Cadets – Skating party, San Jose Skate 10 am
August 5 (Sunday): Bev Daily shares information regarding “Kids Clubs” at area public schools
August 9-11: Leadership Summit 2007, Church on the Hill.
October 5-6: Women of Faith conference, HP Pavilion: see Tiffany Benton

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.
O-T	Jacob V.	Doug B.
U-Z	Tom B.	Gert B.

Church Officers:

Harvey V., Council President
Jake B., Council Vice President
Randy M., Council Clerk
Dan M., Deacon Chair
Fred R., Treasurer

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

Family Shelter Breakfast: Thanks to everyone who signed up to help on July 14 and August 11. Please look ahead to the fall and consider when you might be able to serve this worthwhile ministry. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board.

Stephen's Ministry: Peer Supervision class is scheduled for July 25 at Church of the Chimes, "Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving."

From the Deacons: June Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$19,024.47 (budgeted \$27,083.00)

Special Offerings, June: Faith Promise Offering: \$927.00

Ministry Shares Offering: \$864.00

Parsonage Renovation 2006: \$2,500.00

San Jose Christian School: \$718.00

CRWRC: \$769.90

Kids Club Offering: \$1,732.90

CRC Denominational News

WORLD MISSIONS: Christian Reformed World Missions has openings in Latin America, Lithuania, Uganda, and other locations (including teaching positions for 2007-2008). Visit www.crwmm.org to learn about a variety of long- and short-term opportunities to serve God in partnership with Christians around the world.

DARE YA! Have you ever been dared to do something dangerous? Help Liz figure out how to handle "I dare you!" on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kids-corner.org for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

BIG THINGS FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS: Churches send missionaries all over the world. So why does it seem like the church is getting smaller? Jesus Christ has defeated evil. So, why are wars so prevalent? Why do gunmen enter schools and kill innocent children? The presence of God's kingdom seems so small, how can we be sure God is in control? Find out on the July 29th Back to God Hour.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE: (April 3-15, 2008) Walk in the footsteps of Paul during the day and study his letters at night. Travel by motor coach and cruise ship to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys as well as other major sites of interest. Each evening features a study session on "Paul: His Life & His Letters." Join host Professor Jeff Weima of Calvin Theological Seminary for this inspirational tour. For information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-957-6019 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Church News and Announcements

O-T Elder-Deacon Care Grouping: Does your last name start with the letters O, P, Q, R, S, or T? Then your elder and deacon want to meet you. We are hosting a barbeque dinner and dessert on Wednesday, August 1 and Saturday, August 4, both at 6 pm. Please see Jacob V. or Doug B. for more details and to RSVP.

Youth Beach Trip Next Sunday, July 29: JJs (grades 6-8) and Sonlife (high school), plan to leave church at 12 noon for Twin Lakes near Santa Cruz. Please pack sandwiches and snacks: John and Brenda will provide drinks. We will return at 5:30. Please see John and Brenda for more information and permission forms.

Church News and Announcements, continued

GEMS and Cadets Skating Party on Saturday, August 4, 10 am – 12 noon:

GEMS and Cadets is for all kids in grades 1-6. Please join us at San Jose Skate at 397 Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. Two hours of skating, skates and a short skating lesson are \$7.50. We'll go out for pizza afterwards. Flyers with all the information are in the Fellowship Hall near the GEMS and Cadets bulletin board. Call Grace (227-8721) if you have any questions.

Leadership Summit 2007—August 9-11, Church on the Hill

The Willow Creek Leadership Summit exists to transform Christian leaders around the world with an annual injection of vision, skill development, and inspiration for the sake of the local church because leadership development is essential for the growth and effectiveness of the local church. This is for all people in the congregation, whether you are currently leading a group or not.

The conference will be helpful in all areas of your life that you are a leader, whether at work, or home, school, or church. Speakers will include top leaders, both Christian and non-Christian, so it would be a good place to invite others from work who may not be involved in a church. Info Online:

<http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership>.

Times: Thursday and Friday 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-12:30pm. Cost: \$165 (If we get 10 or more). If you want to sign-up for the conference, even if you can only make one day, please consider joining us. Sign up sheet and information is in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Brad by July 22: brad@sjrc.org or call (408) 448-1745. Financial help is available; don't let money concerns keep you from this great opportunity.

Women of Faith Conference - "Amazing Freedom" - San Jose, CA - October 5 - 6 in the HP Pavilion. Friday 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Tickets are \$65.00 for the "Premium Seating" (10+) early bird rate: box lunch is \$8.00. For tickets please call Tiffany B.. There is a "Pre-Conference" Friday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

Interested in joining our prayer chain? It's easy to join our Google Prayer List: Contact Mavis M.

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 August Calendar for our church will be prepared this week. If you are aware of any meetings or events that should be on the calendar, please send this information to Grace M. by **Thursday evening** at the latest.

If you miss a Sunday worship service or want to listen to the service again, CDs of our morning worship services are now available from the sound booth and podcasts are available on our church website. Current and archived bulletins are also online at www.sjrc.org.

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **The B. Family:** Continue to pray for Estella and Brendan as they adjust to their lives without their husband and father. May God grant them His strength and peace for each day.
- * **Estella B.'s mother, Maria C.,** recently suffered a mild heart attack; she has pneumonia and breathing difficulties. Maria is comfortable and sleeping most of the time. Please pray for her as she comes to the close of her earthly life. She is at the Vasona Creek Healthcare Center in Los Gatos. Also pray for Estella and Brendan as they continue to care for her and be at her side.
- * **Charlie B., Rein G. 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.
- * **Irvin D.:** Please pray that he will find some relief for his health problems.
- * **Alice K.:** Please continue to pray for healing of a bad sprain to her hand and wrist. Praise God for much improvement during these past couple of weeks.
- * **Jacob L.:** Please remember Jacob in your prayers as he serves in the Coast Guard. He completed five weeks on the Eagle sailing the Caribbean and is now spending five weeks at Pt. Judith Lighthouse station in Newport, R.I. He will be coming home for 3 weeks on July 29th.
- * **Jerry V.:** Carol V.'s brother-in law. Cancer has been found in Jerry's pancreas, liver and lymph nodes. He is going through chemotherapy. Last week's chemo was cancelled due to a low white blood cell count. Please continue to pray for Jerry, Glenda and the family.
- * **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma:** In August Norma will begin a stem cell procedure and chemotherapy at Stanford Hospital. This will be a short, rigorous treatment process. Please pray for strength for Norma as she goes through this time.
- * **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Please continue to pray for Linda as she recovers from the chemo treatments - that they will be effective and that she will regain her strength. Further testing will be done later to see where she is at with the cancer.

Our Christian sympathy to Kathleen and Willie K. as they mourn the loss of Kathleen's father, Thomas R., who died Monday, July 16, from a heart attack. The memorial service was held Saturday at Oakhill Memorial Park in the Chapel of the Roses. Please pray for all the family.

Please remember all the members of the congregation who will be traveling this summer.

Council Meetings– June 12, 2007 and July 10th 2007

The council met for its regular monthly meetings on June 12 and July 10th.

The evenings started with devotions and a study of chapters three to five of *A New Kind of Christian*. This book discusses how culture and the church impact each other and color our perceptions of society and faith. In particular, our discussion was around how the world view is transitioning from a modern to a post-modern view point, which is as big a transition as moving from medieval to modern eras about 500 years ago. Our faith needs to stay the same, but how we interpret and practice our faith is and will continue to drastically change. The implication for the church is that we need to change, or become irrelevant to a post-modern society. But, the good news is that our God is alive, and real, in the world, no matter what our point of view happens to be. He will lead us in this change.

After devotions, we moved onto discussions about leadership. Council believes that a reinvigorated small group ministry is a key step to remaining a relational community of believers. In addition, council supports the idea that each small group should have an external service project that it supports. Council also discussed how to make small groups inclusive to new members and yet maintain some of the intimacy that only comes with time.

In addition, council discussed church-wide service projects. The consensus was that a series of different half to one day service projects in the area over the remainder of the year would expose the church to different types of ministries. After an exposure to different types of projects, members would be in a better position to select a service project that fits their skills, interest, and calling.

Council also discussed an upcoming leadership summit that is organized by Willow Creek Church. We want to encourage those who have, are, or are interested in being in leadership positions in our church to attend. This will also be a good event to which we can invite our co-workers and friends. More details are available at <http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/>.

Finally, the council also reviewed numerous business and administrative matters of the church, including new elder and deacon districts (published in the bulletin), reports from various teams, and budget requests and changes. The elders and deacons are in the planning stage to meet informally with all members in their districts over the next few months. We are also planning another town hall meeting, likely in September, to communicate more details and activities planned over the next few months.

The meetings were closed in prayer, as they had been opened.

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Helping This Sunday, July 22

Greeters: Eugene and Cathy G.
Ushers: Harvey and Carol V.
Hospitality: Steve and Sally B.
Audio/Visual: Randy A., Scott F.
Coffee: Josef and Cecilia C., Bryan and Mary Ann P., Ed D.
Nursery: Kelley B., Trevor P., Ciki C.
Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Sue S., Alexis S. (Bruce G.-aide)

Helping Next Sunday, July 29

Greeters: Alice K, Willie K.
Ushers: Anthony V., Tina V.
Hospitality: Harvey V.
Audio/Visual: Sean S., Bruce G.
Coffee: Steve and Sally B., John and Brenda D., Brenda L.
Nursery: Kathy F., Marilie C., Emily B.
Kids' Life: Patty K., Harriet V.

Schedule of Events: July 22– 29, 2007

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service followed by Coffee- The Van Veens join us
11:00 am – Gary Van Veen's Presentation on the Dominican Republic

Monday:

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Training Class:
“Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving”

Tuesday:

7:00 pm – Deacons Meeting

Wednesday:

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Peer Supervision at Church of the Chimes

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service followed by Coffee
11:00 am – Class for Children through Grade 6
12:00-5:30 pm – JJs and Sonlife Beach Trip

*Overeaters Anonymous meets Mon., Tues. and Thurs. evenings
and Sat. mornings. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues. evenings.*