

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 Morning Worship, July 29, 2007

Our God is Great and Good!

Celebrating God’s Greatness and Goodness

Prelude: Our preparation for Worship
Welcome, Greetings and Announcements: Elder Harvey V.
We Greet One Another
Call to Worship: Romans 8:32- Pastor Brad Smith
Offering Praise to God: *“My God, How Wonderful You Are”*
“Forever”

Prayer- Our Confession and God’s Assurance

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon in Scripture and Song:
Psalm 103:1-5
“Good to Me”
Psalm 103: 8-13
“In Christ Alone”

Congregational Prayer
Song of Response: *“Your Mercy Flows”*
Children ages 3 through grade 6 leave us for “Kids’ Life”

Offerings of Gratitude and Love to God

Offering Our Gifts: Church Ministry Fund
Special Offering: Habitat for Humanity International
Deacon’s Prayer

Instruction from God’s Word

Reading: Luke 11:1-13
Message: **“Knock, Knock”**
Prayer

Leaving to Serve

Reading: James 1:17
Song: *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*
Blessing
Closing Song: *“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”*

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. Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the morning worship service.
The class for children through grade 6 meets at 11 am.

Next Sunday Morning at SJCRC

August 5, 9:30 AM: Worship and Communion Service. Pastor Brad Smith is preaching. Special Offering: Faith Promise. Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the morning service. Bev Daily will present information about “Kids’ Clubs” and challenge us to service. The class for kids through grade 6 meets at 11:00 am.

Looking Ahead

TODAY July 29: 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(Thurs.-Sat.): Leadership Summit 2007, Church on the Hill.
September 9 (Sunday): Kick-Off Sunday- for the ministries of our church
September 12 (Wednesday): GEMS and Cadets (for kids in grades 1-6)
First meeting of the new season 7-8:30pm
September 29 (Saturday): The 17th Annual Bike Hike- for the entire church, sponsored by the Children’s Ministries of SJCRC
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.
R-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

Next Sunday: Be prepared to receive an invitation to service and ministry in our area public schools. Bev Daily, Kids Club Consultant, will inspire us with her presentation of a thriving, growing opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus into our public schools in San Jose. We will be challenged especially to consider partnering with others at Lietz Elementary School on Carter Avenue.

Please help us on Sundays with our Children and Youth: We need more *teachers for Kids' Life for September through December*. Kids' Life is the class for preschool through grade 6 that meets during the morning worship service. There is also an immediate need for a *leader for Sonlife* (high school youth group) on Sunday mornings. Please contact Grace for more information.

Family Shelter Breakfast: There are three slots available for the September 8 breakfast. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board. Thanks to all of our volunteers for this worthwhile ministry.

Stephen's Ministry:

- Training Class: Monday, August 6: Maintaining Boundaries/Crisis Theory
Monday, August 20: Confidentiality
- Peer Supervision: Wednesdays, August 8 and 22 at Church of the Chimes

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

A STRANGE LADY IN CHURCH: Who do we allow as members in our churches? Are there any prostitutes in your church's history? What about that person who had an affair? Or the drug dealer? Does their presence make the church look bad? How can the Bible help us figure this out? Find out on the August 5th Back to God Hour.

ARE YOU IN?: Registration for the Sea to Sea 2008 Bike Tour opens this Wednesday, Aug. 1 for riders applying to cycle the full distance from Washington State to New Jersey. Space is limited; download the registration form today at www.SeatoSea.org. Volunteer Application Forms are also available online; please consider offering your skills "sea to sea" next summer. Info: 1-888-272-2453.

Church News and Announcements

Attention members of the H-L Elder Deacon District: You are all invited to a time of food, fun, and fellowship on Saturday, August 18th from 5-8pm at the clubhouse of the Villas of Almaden. You either have or will receive invitations by mail as well, which include directions. Contact Dan M. or Harvey V. if you have any questions. See you there!

R-T Elder-Deacon Care Grouping: Does your last name start with the letters 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 TODAY! 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.

GEMS and Cadets Skating Party this 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 M. if you have any questions.

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: Please 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.

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:** Our Christian sympathy to Estella and Brendan B. in the death of their mother and grandmother, Maria C. Maria died last Sunday morning, July 22, and her memorial service was held on Thursday, July 26. Please pray for Estella and Brendan as they now mourn another loss in their lives. The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Maria C. Estella and Brendan thank the congregation for your love and support, and especially your prayers during the time of Maria's illness. God's grace is sufficient!
- * **Charlie B. 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.
- * **Rein G.** appreciates the visits, continued support and the cards he receives from the congregation. He still resides at Hillview Convalescent Home in Morgan Hill, CA. Continue to remember and pray for Rein.
- * **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.
- * **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:** Norma's appointment at Stanford for the stem cell procedure and chemotherapy is set for August 13. 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 10, 2007

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

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 29

Greeters: Alice K, Willie K.

Ushers: Anthony V., Tina V.

Hospitality: Harvey and Carol 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.

Helping Next Sunday, August 5

Greeters: Josef and Cecilia C.

Ushers: Case and Leigh Ann V.

Hospitality: Doug and Betty P.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K., Tony G.

Coffee: Tiffany and Doug B., Roger and Carol F., Fern M.

Nursery: Liz H., Briana L., Jennifer L.

Kids' Life: Paula G., Arlene D., Judy V. (Tina R., aide)

Schedule of Events: July 29– August 5, 2007

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

Tuesday:

7:00 pm – Elders Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

8:00 am – Men's Life Bible Study

10:00 am – GEMS and Cadets Skating Party and Pizza Lunch

Next Sunday:

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

(Bev Daily- Kids Club Presentation)

11:00 am – Class for Children through Grade 6

11:15 am – Children and Youth Ministry Team Meeting

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