

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, August 12, 2007- 9:30 AM
Morning Worship and Celebration

Coming Together to Praise our Faithful God

Prelude: Please enjoy this time of preparation for worship.

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Jacob V.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship: Pastor Brad Smith

Time of Praise:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

“I Believe in Jesus”

Leader:

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world-
Which some seek to control, but which others view with despair-
We declare with joy and trust:

People:

Our world belongs to God!

Leader:

From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
Until His kingdom fully comes, God keeps His covenant forever.

People:

Our world belongs to Him!

God is King! Let the earth be glad!

Christ is Victor, His rule has begun. Halleluiah!

The Spirit is at work, renewing the creation. Praise the Lord!

(from “Our World Belongs to God”)

“He Came Down”

“Soon and Very Soon”

Offering our Faith and Commitment to God

Congregational Prayer

Song of Response:

“Oh Lord, You’re Beautiful”

Children ages 3 to grade 6 leave us for “Kid’s Life”

Special presentation DVD “That They May Know”

-to help us better understand our giving to Ministry Shares

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Ministry Shares

Deacon’s Prayer

Opening Ourselves to the Word of God

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Message: **“Faith Is Believing Without Seeing”**

Prayer

Reading: Hebrews 13:5

Song of Response:

“How Firm a Foundation”

God’s Blessing

Closing Hymn:

“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 following our morning worship service. A class for children through grade 6 meets at 11 am.

Next Sunday Morning at SJCRC

August 19, 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service. Pastor George Ebbers is preaching. Special Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators. 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

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 B.

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

Please prayerfully consider an invitation to service and ministry in our area public schools. Last Sunday we learned about *Kids Club* which brings the good news of Jesus into our public schools in San Jose. We were challenged especially to consider partnering with others at Lietz Elementary School on Carter Avenue. Please speak with Pastor Brad if you are interested or for more information.

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 two 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.

Our own local church has many opportunities for you to get involved in work for God's Kingdom. On September 9 we will hold a "Volunteer Fair" in conjunction with our Kick-off Sunday Lunch. Look for more details regarding specific areas for service in future bulletins and begin to prayerfully consider how you might serve right here at San Jose Christian Reformed Church.

Stephen's Ministry:

- Training Class: Monday, August 20: Confidentiality

Monday, September 10: Telecare- The Next Best Thing to Being There

- Peer Supervision: Wednesdays, August 22 at Church of the Chimes

CRC Denominational News

WORLD MISSIONS: Christian Reformed World Missions is seeking a Church Developer to work in Honduras. Responsibilities include developing plans for integral church growth, advising national church boards in strategic planning, offering counsel in Reformed church order, and more. For a list of requirements and a detailed job description for this and other CRWM openings, visit www.crwmm.org.

REGAINING YOUR BALANCE: What is your next activity today? Are you running late already? Do you ever feel like your life is spinning out of control? Is it possible to find peace and refreshment without cutting something out of your schedule? And what does your ear have to do with it all? Find out on the Aug. 19 Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times.

THE GREAT DIVIDE: Do you know anyone with divorced parents? Lucille thinks her parents will be next. Help Lucille figure out what to do on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kids-corner.org for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

From the Deacons: July Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$19,322.71 (budgeted \$27,083.00)

Special Offerings, June: Faith Promise Offering: \$1,194.00

Ministry Shares Offering: \$742.80

CARE Fund: \$739.00

San Jose Family Shelter (food supplies): \$1,765.00

Habitat for Humanity International: \$618.00

Church News and Announcements

Sunday September 9: Plan to stay at church after our morning worship service to enjoy a delicious lunch and games for the entire congregation. We are celebrating the beginning of a new season for our church's various groups and ministries. Please join us September 9 for "Kick-off Sunday"!

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!

M-P Elder-Deacon Care Group: If your last name starts with the letters M, N, O or P, then Steve B. and Bruce G., your elder and deacon, would like to invite you to join us for an informal get together on Sunday, August 19th, 2-5 PM. Snacks will be served. Please contact Steve or Bruce for details and to RSVP.

The August 2007 "Prayer Guides", the July/August 2007 "Today" devotionals and the **June/July/August "Our Daily Bread"** devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

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 **Wednesday evening, August 15** 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

Congratulations to John and Hanny V. who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, August 8. May God continue to bless your lives together.

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **The B. Family:** Please continue to pray for Estella and Brendan as they adjust to life without their husband and father and also their mother and grandmother.
- * **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 pray for complete healing of her hand and wrist.
- * **Jerry R.:** Please pray for complete recovery and strength for Jerry as he recovers from pneumonia. Praise God for healing thus far!
- * **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. 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 scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, August 13. Please pray for strength for Norma as she goes through this difficult time. Norma and Don appreciate your cards and prayers: 5472 Laura Dr., SJ, 95124.
- * **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Linda had her PET scan on Monday, July 30. The good news is the colon and liver look good. The bad news is they found cancer on her right lung, close to where the lesion was taken off her liver. The doctors are going to wait a couple of months and then do another scan to see if more shows up so they can put another chemo plan of treatment together. Please pray for Linda for physical healing and for an extra measure of strength during this time of waiting. Also, pray for Jennifer as she goes through this trying time with her mother.
- * **Leigh Ann V.'s sister's husband, Rick:** There were no significant findings on the MRI- praise God! The doctors now believe this is a virus that has disturbed his inner ear and caused his dizziness. Please pray for complete recovery.
- * **Kathleen and Willie K.:** Please continue to pray for all the family as they adjust to life without their father and husband.
- * **Pray for employment:** Please remember the S. family as Mike is looking for a new job.

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Helping This Sunday, August 12

Greeters: The Stryker Family
Ushers: Norm B., Bud and Agnes L.
Hospitality: Jacob V.
Audio/Visual: Mike K., Steve M.
Coffee: Scott and Kathy F., Bruce and Paula G., Jackie R.
Nursery: Robin B., Corey S., Dale B.
Kids' Life: Rose S., Arlene D., Alexis S. (Paula G., aide)

Helping Next Sunday, August 19

Greeters: Pat Vt., Gert B.
Ushers: Tom and Diana B.
Hospitality: Harvey and Carol V.
Audio/Visual: Mavis M.
Coffee: Carl and Lucille H., Al and Tracie K., Sherrie S.
Nursery: Claudio H., Natalie L., Rochelle S.
Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Arlene D., Betty P.

Schedule of Events: August 12 – 19, 2007

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Class for Children through Grade 6

Tuesday:

7:00 pm – Council Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

8:00 am – Men's Life Bible Study
5:00 - 8:00 pm – H-L Elder-Deacon Care Group Get-together

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service
11:00 am – Class for Children through Grade 6
2:00 - 5:00 pm – M-P Elder-Deacon Care Group Get-together

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