

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!*

Morning Worship Service August 19, 2007

We Gather in Praise to Our God

Prelude: Our time of preparation for worship.

Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Harvey V.

We Greet One Another

Call to Worship: Pastor George Ebbers

Praise for Our Holy God: *Jesus Shall Reign- PH#412, vs. 1, 3, 5*

Leader: Let us join our voices to praise the spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from sin and death.

**People: We, whom he has redeemed,
will sing praises and shout for joy this hour;**

Leader: Because in Christ the Lamb we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins in accordance with the riches of his grace.

**People: Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law
by becoming a curse for us.**

Leader: Let us praise him by saying:

**People: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!
To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
we give worship this hour and forever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia- PH#234

Crown Him with Many Crowns- PH#410

We Kneel Before Our Holy God

Congregational Prayer

Song of Response: *Spirit of the Living God- PH#424*
Children ages 3 through grade 6 leave us for “Kid’s Life”

We Worship God with Our Offerings

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators

We Open Our Hearts and Minds to God

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5

Message: ***The Victorious Lamb of Redemption***

Prayer

Hymn of Response: *By the Sea of Crystal- PH#620*

Benediction

Doxology: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow-
PH#638*

WELCOME!

*We welcome Pastor George Ebbers who is preaching for us today. 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.
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 Brad Smith is preaching. Special Offering: Christian Schools 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

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

Please prayerfully consider an invitation to service and ministry in our area public schools. *Kids Club* brings the good news of Jesus into our public schools in San Jose. We are 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: 227-8721, or gracenotes1@yahoo.com.

Family Shelter Breakfast: There are two slots available for the September 8 breakfast. Also, we will need a leader in addition to our regular workers (a total of five) for the October breakfast since Claudio will be gone. 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

PRAYER REQUEST: Masami "happened" to listen to The Back to God Hour Japanese program Let's Open the Bible. It changed her life, she told us. "I had several chances to go to church but I always hesitated to believe in God. I thank God for your program. I want to know more about Christianity and be baptized." Pray that Masami and millions of Japanese people will find the answers to life's questions in God's Word.

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK: Yikes! Liz and Lucille have to visit a very strange family, and they are nervous. Join Liz on his latest adventure on this week's Kids Corner. Then check out the Kids Corner website at www.kids-corner.org for stories, devotions, puzzles and more.

Church News and Announcements

TODAY! 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 today, August 19th, 2-5 PM. Snacks will be served. Please contact Steve or Bruce for details and to RSVP.

C-G Elder Deacon Care Group is planning a get-together this Saturday, August 25, 2-5 PM, at Butcher Park on Camden just north of church. Please contact Jake B. or Bruce B. for more information.

Over the next few weeks we will be saying good-bye to our college students as they begin their studies away from home at various colleges and universities. We would like to stay in touch with you by sending you the church bulletin each week. If you would like to receive emails from us, please send your email address to the church office or to Grace at gracenotes1@yahoo.com. We wish you God's blessings- we miss you when you're gone!

Calling all Cadet Leaders and Junior Cadet Leaders: We will have a Planning Meeting on Wednesday September 5th at 7:01 right here at church. We will plan our calendar, assign leadership roles and personally contact each Cadet on our roster - inviting them to our kick off meeting on September 12th. Questions: Please contact Jeff Wenke at 408.499.9790.

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 ministries and groups. You will also have an opportunity to sign up for volunteering in the ministries of our church. *Beginning August 26 there will be sign up sheets for attendance, food to bring, volunteer help with preparing food, set up and clean up.* Let's all work together to make this a wonderful "Kick-off" Sunday on September 9!

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 Monsma at gracenotes1@yahoo.com

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:** 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.
- * **From Fern M.:** “Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, prayers, emails and Pastor Brad's visit in the past week regarding our health issues. It is comforting to have the love of all of you. God Bless” - Rich and Fern M.
Please continue to pray for both Rich and Fern.
- * **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 was 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 has now been diagnosed with cancer in both lungs. She was to have had a cat scan last Friday- then they will have to wait two months to see if it is a slow or fast growing cancer before the doctors know how to attack it. Please pray for Linda and her family as they go through this trying time of uncertainty.
- * **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 19

Greeters: Pat Vr., 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.

Helping Next Sunday, August 26

Greeters: Steve and Sally B.
Ushers: Fred and Irena R.
Hospitality: Steve and Sally B.
Audio/Visual: Randy M., Josef C.
Coffee: Wendell & Patty K., Claudio & Nancy H., Jim & Deb U.
Nursery: Laura L., Zach M., Emily B.
Kids' Life: Patty K., Arlene D., Judy V. (Diana B.- aide)

Schedule of Events: August 19 – 26, 2007

This 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

Monday:

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Training Class: “Confidentiality”

Wednesday:

6:30 pm – WAMT meeting
7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Peer Supervision at Church of the Chimes”

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

2:00 - 5:00 pm – C-G Elder-Deacon Care Group Get-together

Next Sunday:

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

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