

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.
Missionary Pastor James Lee is preaching for us this morning.
We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Sunday, October 21, 2007- 9:30 AM
Morning Worship and Celebration

Gathering

Prelude: Please enjoy this time of preparation for worship.
Welcome / Greetings / Announcements: Elder Tom B.
We Greet One Another

Lifting

Call to Worship: Isaiah 52: 7-10: Pastor Brad Smith

Time of Praise: “Our God Reigns”

Reading: Romans 10.13-15

“I Love to Tell the Story”

“Oh Lord You're Beautiful”

“Beautiful Savior”

Sharing

Presentation by Missionaries James and Barbara Lee
Congregational Prayer: Pastor Brad Smith
World Hunger Sunday (November 4) Devotionals and Peter Fish
Offering: Church Ministry Fund
Special Offering: Home Missions
Deacon’s Prayer

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

Proclaiming

Scripture Reading: Acts 8.26-40- Pastor James Lee

Message: “We Have a Story to Tell”

Prayer

Song of Response: “Blessed Assurance”

Sending

Beautiful Day Announcement

God’s Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Lord, Be Glorified”

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.

There will be no Adult Sunday School today.

Classes for preschool through high school meet at 11:00.

Next Sunday Morning at SJCRC

October 28, 9:30 AM: Morning Worship and Service. Pastor Brad Smith will be preaching for us. Two Special Offerings: San Jose Christian School and Leadership Summit costs. Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the morning service. At 11:00 AM: Adult Sunday School- “To Worship More Deeply”. Classes for all ages through high school 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	

From the Deacons: September Offerings

CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$24,361.89 (budgeted \$27,083.00)

Special Offerings, September:

Faith Promise Offering: \$525.00
Ministry Shares Offering: \$430.00
CARE Fund: \$1,016.00
San Jose Family Shelter (breakfast supplies): \$2,075.25
CRWRC: \$1,238.83

Also from the Deacons- Please note: On October 28 we will take a second special offering to offset the costs of the leadership summit that several church members attended in August.

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

* **Charlie B., Irvin D., Rein G., Rich M. 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.

* **Jerry V.,** Carol V.'s brother-in law: Jerry had a P.E.T. Scan recently and the results were not as hopeful as they had wished for. The oncology doctor decided not to do any further treatments for a while, as Jerry feels better than he has in a long time. He has an appointment for early November, at which time the difficult topic of future treatments will be addressed. Jerry says "We can see it's in His hands, and He will do what is according to His plan. Faith, Trust, Prayer, that knowledge, although extremely difficult at times, is all we need." Please continue to pray for Jerry, Glenda and their family.

* **John V.** is recovering from his two major surgeries and a minor heart attack at the Residential Care Home located at 5392 Elrose Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124. He has made good progress and is continuing with therapy. He hopes to go home in about ten days. Please continue to pray for John and Hannie, and while visits will be more difficult for John, cards are always welcome.

* **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma,** has begun a three month chemo treatment plan for Multiple-Myeloma. Then the doctors will evaluate her condition as to further treatment. Please pray for both Pastor Don and Norma as they go through this very uncertain time. 5472 Laura Dr., San Jose, 95124

* **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): The results from the October 6 CAT scan were not good. In the next week they should know what chemo/radiation treatment they will schedule. Please pray for Linda and her family as they go through this most difficult and trying time.

CRC Denominational News

PRAYER REQUEST: Ching, a young girl from Hong Kong, wrote to Rev. Jimmy Lin, "I was afraid I would be gradually drifting away from God. Then I heard your broadcast. I was so thankful because I believed it was God who directed me to your program so that I can grow in faith." Pray that God will use the Back to God Hour Chinese broadcast ministry to help Ching—and many others—stay connected to God.

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 (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys. Each evening features a study session. Hosted by Jeff Weima, professor of New Testament at Calvin Theological Seminary. For information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-957-6019 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

World Hunger Sunday is coming in two weeks- November 4: Please use your World Hunger devotionals and the Peter Fish to prepare and contribute to the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee as our denomination seeks to minister to the poor and hungry in our world.

Pray for GEMS and Cadets: Thanks to all for taking a GEMS or Cadets magnet after church last Sunday and for praying for our Wednesday evening clubs. We still have just a few left- please contact Grace M. if you would like to be one of our prayer partners and supporters. Thank you for supporting our Wednesday evening ministry for boys and girls!

Sunday, November 18 is going to be a Beautiful Day! Please plan to come to church that morning ready to serve the Lord outside of our own church walls. More details coming each week.

Are You Willing to Lead a Small Group? We are beginning the process of organizing small groups in our congregation for the purpose of studying God's word together and building community. Pastor Brad is looking for individuals who are willing to help with this by leading a group or by opening up their homes. If you are interested in serving our church in this way you will receive several training sessions. Please prayerfully consider how you can help, and contact Pastor Brad if you are interested or would like more information: office phone- 408-448-1745 or email- brad@sjcrc.org.

Family Shelter Breakfast: The November slots have been filled- thank you! Please note our need for volunteers in December. This is a great ministry.....we would like to see some new volunteers as well!

December 8: needs 3 volunteers

Volunteer Schedules: The schedules for September and October are in your mail files in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy today.

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.

Stephen's Ministry (contact Brenda Loman):

- Training Classes: Monday, October 22: Dealing With Depression:
The Stephen Minister's Role

-Peer Supervision: Wednesday, October 24 at Church of the Chimes

Church News and Announcements

Adult Sunday School takes a break today: Please join us again next Sunday for "To Worship More Deeply". This fall the adult education program is exploring the topic of worship. We are learning how to participate in worship in a way that is full, deep, and satisfying. Don't miss it NEXT SUNDAY.

Town Hall Meeting after the morning worship service on Sunday, November 4. Please attend and join in important discussions about our vision and facility needs.

To all Team and Group Chairpersons and Leaders: Please make sure that all doors and windows are securely closed and locked upon leaving the church after your meetings. It is important that each of us be mindful of keeping all of our church campus buildings secure.

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.

The September/October 2007 "Today" devotionals, the October Prayer Guides and the September/October/November "Our Daily Bread" devotionals are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

Employment Opportunity

Pastoral Support Position: The pastoral and administrative support position will provide administrative and clerical support to relieve staff of administrative details. Examples of support may include coordinating messages, appointments, information to callers, file maintenance, office supplies, and mail; researches, compiles, and proofs word processing assignments; operates automated office equipment; may be assigned to various functional areas of the church organization.

The position is expected to require approximately 15 – 20 hours per week and have a salary in the range of \$15,000 - \$20,000 per year. For more information, please contact Al K., the chair of the Pastoral and Staffing Task Force.



Stories for our Advent Worship

The Advent season begins this year on December 2nd. The Worship & Arts team is planning the services to include stories around four different themes for the four Sundays of Advent. Listening to each other's faith stories is an important aspect of faith formation. As Tom Long wrote in his book *Testimony*, "In church we are given words and ways of living that we would never dream of otherwise, not just church words..., but words and ways of living that shape our pilgrimage everyday and in every place."

Would you be willing to share your personal story? We'd like to have one person each Sunday tell their story about the theme that week. AND, we'd like to create a little booklet with all the stories that people contribute.

The themes are below. To contribute a story, please give or tell it to Mavis Moon via phone, email or in person (ranmavmoon@moonfamily.cc, 408-268-1792). We hope this will be a very meaningful Advent season and, if we get enough stories to make a booklet, it will be a wonderful legacy we can enjoy and share.

Hope – Tell us about a time when you faced a particularly difficult time but through God's grace were able to have hope.

Joy – Tell us about the joy of knowing that you belong to God. This may be a conversion story, or of a particular time when you claimed faith as truly your own.

Love – Tell us about a time of experiencing the love of God through the ministry of other people.

Peace – Tell us about your desire for peace. Is there some place in the world, the city or in life for which you especially long for peace?

