

San Jose Christian Reformed Church

“God’s love to us, God’s love through us...”

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Beautiful Day!

Congratulations to Pastor Brad and Karen Smith on the birth of their daughter, Hayden Aliah! Hayden was born on Tuesday, November 13 and was 8lbs., 10oz. and 21in. Karen and Hayden (and Brad, too) are doing great! The family thanks the congregation for their love and prayers.

Please join us as we worship together

Thanksgiving morning, November 22 at 10:00 am.

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 and Johanna V.:** John is now recovering at home. Hannie has been moved to the Vasona Creek Convalescent Home in Los Gatos. Please continue to pray for John and Hannie's healing and comfort as they are away from each other during their illness.

* **Pastor Don Hammond’s wife, Norma,** is on 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. Soon 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.

Our Christian sympathy and love to the S. family and the J. family in the sudden loss of a beloved wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, and cousin. Amber Arlene J. nee S. died suddenly on November 1 from a heart aneurysm in Hanford, CA. at the age of 24. A memorial service was held yesterday, Saturday, November 10, in our church. Please remember to pray for all of the families as they mourn and grieve this loss in their lives.

Church News and Announcements

Please come and welcome our community families from GEMS and Cadets: Mark your calendars now and plan to come to the *Christmas Dinner and Party on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00pm.* If you have a special member of GEMS or Cadets that you are praying for, this would be a great opportunity to meet and welcome them and their families.

Paul V. and Justine S. will be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, December 1 at 11:00 am. Friends of the congregation are invited to attend the ceremony here at our church.

Interested in joining our prayer chain? It’s easy to join our Google Prayer List: Please contact Mavis M. Those who do not have internet access, please have a contact person who does, to let you know of an emergency, prayer request or concern in our church family.

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.

Church Calendar: Please have your December meeting dates in to Grace M. by this week Thursday evening.

Opportunities for Service and Ministry

The City Team Food Barrels are here and will be here until November 20 for your Thanksgiving donations of non perishable food. After Thanksgiving they will be available again until Christmas for your non perishable food and new, unwrapped Christmas gifts. Thank you for your support of our neighbors!

Hospitality Staff needed for GEMS and Cadets: We need a few adults to be part of our Hospitality Staff on Wednesday evenings when our GEMS and Cadets meet here at church. Your duties will be to arrive at 6:45 and supervise outdoor play until 7:10, bring or arrange for someone else to bring a light snack and drinks for 40, set up the snacks for the kids and leaders, and then to supervise outside play again from 8:20 until 8:40. There are 11 meetings remaining in this season, so if we get four volunteers you will only have to serve two or three times. Please help us! Contact GraceM.

Pray for GEMS and Cadets: Thanks to all for taking a GEMS or Cadets magnet and for praying for our Wednesday evening clubs. We still have just a few magnets 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! *You will have an opportunity to meet our GEMS and Cadets at our Christmas dinner and party on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm.*

Family Shelter Breakfast: Volunteers are needed for the January 12 breakfast. Thank you to all for your faithfulness for serving in the past. This is a great ministry.....we would like to see some new volunteers as well!

Stephen's Ministry (contact Brenda L.):

- Training Class: Monday, Nov. 19: Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close
- Peer Supervision: Wednesday, November 28 at Church of the Chimes



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. 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?



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Helping on Thanksgiving, November 22: 10 am Service

Greeter: Evelyn S.

Usher: Irene P.

Hospitality: none scheduled

Audio/Visual: ? and Josef C.

Coffee: no coffee duty on Thanksgiving

Nursery: Irena R., Cory S., Dale B.

Kids' Life: no Kids' Life on Thanksgiving

Helping Next Sunday, November 25

Greeter: The McCann Family

Ushers: Norman B., Mark M.

Hospitality: Harvey and Carol V.

Audio/Visual: Mavis M., Scott F.

Coffee: Josef and Cecilia C., John and Brenda D., Estella B.

Nursery: Kathy F., Ciki C., Emily B.

Kids' Life: Rose S., Harriet V., Alexis S. (Diana B.- aide)

Schedule of Events: November 18– November 25, 2007

This Sunday: Beautiful Day! (No regular morning worship service)

9:00 am – Arrive at church campus (coffee and donuts available)

9:15 am – Teams depart for service sites

2:00 pm – Return to church campus

6:00 pm – Combined Celebration Worship Service with Communities of Hope

Monday:

7:00 pm – Stephen's Ministry Training Class:

Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close

Thursday:

10:00 am – Thanksgiving Day Worship Service

Next Sunday

9:30 am – Worship Service: Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School: "To Worship More Deeply"

and classes for all ages through high school

In Building "C": Overeaters Anonymous meets Mon., Tues. and Thurs. evenings and Sat. mornings. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues. evenings.