

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 this morning.

Pastor Tim Blackmon will be preaching for us today.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors!

Lectionary Day: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Worship Service January 28, 2007

We Gather in Praise for Our God

Prelude: Our time of preparation for worship.

Welcome / Greetings Elder Jake B.

Praise for Our Holy God:

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Litany for the Sanctity of Human Life:

Leader: God formed man from the dust of the earth.

People: We praise God for His gift of life to man and woman.

Leader: God breathed into man the breath of life.

People: The gift of life is precious in the sight of God.

Leader: Man became a living being filled with the Holy Spirit.

**People: God formed man and woman in His own image
from the dust of the earth.**

Leader: Life is sanctified and held holy by all who believe in God.

People: The gift of life is precious and holy in His sight.

**We praise God for the gift of life, the courage to embrace it,
protect it, and honor it. We offer prayers of thanksgiving and
hope to honor the Sanctity of Life. We pray and ask God to bless
those who bring life into the world. Amen.**

“Let All Things Now Living”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

We Kneel Before Our Holy God

Congregational Prayer Elder Jake B.

Song of Response: *“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”*

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: Bethany Christian Services

We Open Our Hearts and Minds to God

Scripture Reading: Luke 4: 21-30, 1 Kings 17:1-16

Message: **“Strange Birds”**

Prayer

Hymn of Response: *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

God’s Blessing

Closing Hymn: *“In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified”*

*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 Time” at 10:40.
Classes for children and youth at 11:00 am.*

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

February 4, 9:30 am: Worship Service: Bradley Smith will be preaching;
Special Offering: Faith Promise. Please join us for “Coffee Time” after the
morning service. Classes for children and youth at 11am.

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.	Mark L.
C-F	Jake B.	Steve S.
G-Ki	Harvey V.	Dan M.
Ko-L	Steve B.	Bruce G.
M-O	Bryan P.	Doug B.
P-S	Jeff B.	Steve McCann
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

Please contact Harvey V. if your primary elder is unable or unavailable to provide care.

Council Officers: Bryan P., Council President
Harvey V., Vice President
Randy M., Clerk

Preaching Schedule for February and March, 2007:

February 4: Intern Bradley Smith

February 11: Bruce Persenaire

February 18: George Ebbers

February 25: Lambert Sikkema

March 4: Don Hammond (Communion)

March 11: Larry Fryling

March 18:

March 25: Kevin Adams

Church News and Events

Immediate Need: Teachers for Kids' Life III (grades 4-6) - We're so glad to have such a big group of eager, lively young people at our 10:00 am Sunday morning class! But class size requires us to split this group and offer another class, and so *we need more teachers immediately!* If you decide to teach you will have 6 or fewer students and you will teach about once every three weeks. PLEASE consider serving in this important position: contact Grace.. Thank you!

January is Sanctity of Life Month: We took an offering for Community Pregnancy Center last week and for Bethany Christian Services today. Both agencies assist with the physical, emotional and spiritual needs that surround an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for giving to these two important causes.

Choir has begun again! Please join us on Thursday evenings for practice- we are beginning to prepare music for Lent and Easter.

Volunteers needed for the Family Shelter Breakfast on February 10: We have three spaces open. Please consider serving the poor through this important ministry: sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board between the serving windows in the Social Hall.

Ladies: You are Invited... to a Valentine's Day Luncheon and Wedding Shower hosted by the GEMS! On Saturday, February 10 at 12 noon please help us celebrate our two wonderful counselors who also happen to be brides-to-be: Liz F. and Andrea V.! Bright pink invitations with all the information you need are in the social hall by the GEMS bulletin board, or talk to Tonya M. or Grace M. if you have any questions.

Boys and Girls in grades one through six: Would you like to sing in church on February 11? We are forming a kids' praise team, and we welcome you to sing with us! Please come to rehearsal on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:45 before GEMS and Cadets and also to rehearsal on Sunday morning, Feb. 11, at 8:30. Please talk to Tonya M., Grace M. or Andrea V. if you have any questions.

JJs (Junior High) and Sonlife (High School): Save these dates for a ski trip- Friday through Sunday, February 23 through 25. Please see John and Brenda D. and get ready for this fun annual event!

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

Church Bulletin: Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at www.sjrc.org. Please have any bulletin announcements for this coming Sunday into the office **this week by Wednesday evening** at the latest.

Coming in February - Mark Your Calendars!

February 10: GEMS Valentine's Day Event

February 11: Town Hall Meeting

February 23-25: JJs and Sonlife Ski Trip

CRC Denominational News

World Missions- Prayer Support: The most vital support we can provide, and the foundation of the World Missions ministry is prayer. We invite and encourage you to sign up for our bi-weekly "e-pray" – an email newsletter for prayer items of praise and petition. To receive weekly electronic prayer updates from World Missions send an email to thornbub@crcna.org and put 'e-pray' in the subject line.

Technolatr: You're undoubtedly aware of technology, and you probably know a bit about idolatry, but have you ever heard of TECHNOLATRY? On the next Back to God Hour we'll see what happens when we make an idol out of technology and worship our inventions and scientific techniques. Don't miss this important broadcast on the February 4th Back to God Hour. Go to www.BacktoGod.net for local stations and times. The Back to God Hour® is the electronic media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

The Christian Reformed Church is One Hundred and Fifty Years Old! Did you know that our denomination is celebrating its 150th anniversary? Look for regional celebrations that are being planned throughout the coming year.

Updates from Our Missionaries, Gary and Pam Van Veen

Gary and Pam request that we remember these events for the year 2007:

- Work teams from Westview CRC and Shawnee Park CRC, MI
- Orientation of new missionaries, Joel and Alison Renkema
- Packing up and leaving the Dominican Republic and our ministry of 17 years
- Visitation of our supporting churches
- Hans entering Kuyper College, MI in August
- Adjusting to North American lifestyle

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

- * **Jeff B.:** We are thankful that Jeff is doing well. He started out patient therapy again in Gilroy this past week. He was to have an appointment at Stanford on Friday to learn about his ongoing treatment plan. Continue to remember the Barckley Family in your prayers.
- * **Estella B.'s mother** suffered a stroke recently. She is still in critical condition at Good Samaritan Hospital. However, she is resting comfortably and is able to respond to family members. Please continue to pray for her healing and for the doctors as they assess her condition.
- * **Charlie B., Irvin D., 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.
- * **Carl H.:** Carl is being treated for a leg infection. Please pray for complete healing for Carl and also for Lucille as she cares for him.
- * **Linda H.** (mother of Jennifer C.): Linda continues with her chemo treatments. Please pray that they will be effective. Jennifer thanks the congregation for your prayers and support!
- * **Pastor Don Hammond's wife, Norma:** Norma appreciates your prayers as she continues her chemotherapy treatment.

We extend our Christian sympathy to the V. family in the passing of Judy's mother, Marilyn M. Marilyn passed away Saturday, January 20 and the memorial service was Saturday, January 27 at the Presbyterian Church in Los Gatos. Please pray for the family as they grieve the loss of a much loved mother and grandmother.

Pray for our church while we are without a Pastor. Please remember:

- our youth (JJs and Sonlife) as they spend time learning and having a great time together.
- our GEMS and Cadets: we continue our partnership with other churches and are seeing wonderful growth and enthusiasm.
- our Sunday children's groups: we experience good attendance and are thankful for a faithful staff.
- our men's and women's Bible studies
- our various teams as they seek God's direction for our church
- God's leading as the Pastoral Search Team continues the process of searching for a new Pastor for our church.

January Report From Your Church Council

The main focus of this month's Council meeting was the discussion and approval of a structural reorganization of the Council and its relationship to the various church teams. The goal of this reorganization is twofold. First, we want to elevate the Council's focus from the detail-oriented committee work -which is best left to our ministry teams - to that of developing and directing the church's mission and vision, and to leadership development. The second is to increase the effectiveness and accountability of the various ministry teams through periodic performance reviews and discussions with the entire team membership.

Under this new structure, the Executive team will have oversight of the Facilities, Finance, Natural Church Development, and Staffing teams. The Elders will continue their oversight of the Worship and Arts, Missions, Stephen's Ministry, Adult Discipleship, and Children's and Youth Ministry teams with the Deacons maintaining oversight of the Caring and Fellowship team.

Although this change may appear to be a return to the structure recently abolished by Council, it differs in two significant aspects. These are:

- The Council – Elders and Deacons – retain ultimate authority and responsibility over all areas of the church and its ministry.
- The lines of communication, accountability, and authority within this structure are clearly defined and well documented.

This brief overview of the change implemented at the January Council meeting may raise questions. You are encouraged to attend the town hall meeting scheduled for February 11 to hear a more in depth presentation of this change and to voice any questions you may have.

Also on the agenda for the town hall meeting is an update from the Search team and a report by the Worship and Arts team.

At our February meeting we will begin the process of developing a slate of nominees for the offices of Elder and Deacon. This year we anticipate the need to fill three Elder and three Deacon positions. We ask that you prayerfully consider and recommend individuals whom you believe are able to fulfill the requirements of these offices. Names for consideration for Elder and Deacon can be given to any Council member or to the church office.

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Helping This Sunday, January 28

Greeters: Alice K., Willie K.

Ushers: Harvey and Carol V.

Hospitality: Jake and Faye B.

Audio/Visual: Randy A., Mavis M.

Coffee: Fred and Irena R., Mike and Rose S., Brenda L.

Nursery: Natalie L., Dale B., Abram C.

Kids' Life: Rose S., Robin B., Betsy M.

Helping Next Sunday, February 4

Greeters: Steve and Sally B.

Ushers: Tom and Diana B.

Hospitality: Randy and Mavis M.

Audio/Visual: Sean S., TBD

Coffee: Russ and Sue S., Carl and Lucille H., Pat V.

Nursery: Brenda L., Jennifer L., Cory S.

Kids' Life: Paula G., Arlene D., Betty P.

Schedule of Events: January 28 - February 4, 2007

This Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service: Lectionary Day- 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:40 am – Coffee and Refreshments

11:00 am – Classes for Children and Youth

Wednesday:

10:00 am – Coffee Break Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm – Worship and Arts Ministry Team Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

8:00 pm – Choir

Saturday:

8:00 am – Men's Life Bible Study

5:30 pm – Bowling League

Next Sunday:

9:30 am – Worship Service: Lectionary Day- 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:40 am – Coffee and Refreshments

11:00 am – Classes for Children and Youth

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