



SANTA BARBARA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Get to Know Us





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SERVICE TIMES

EVERY SUNDAY AT
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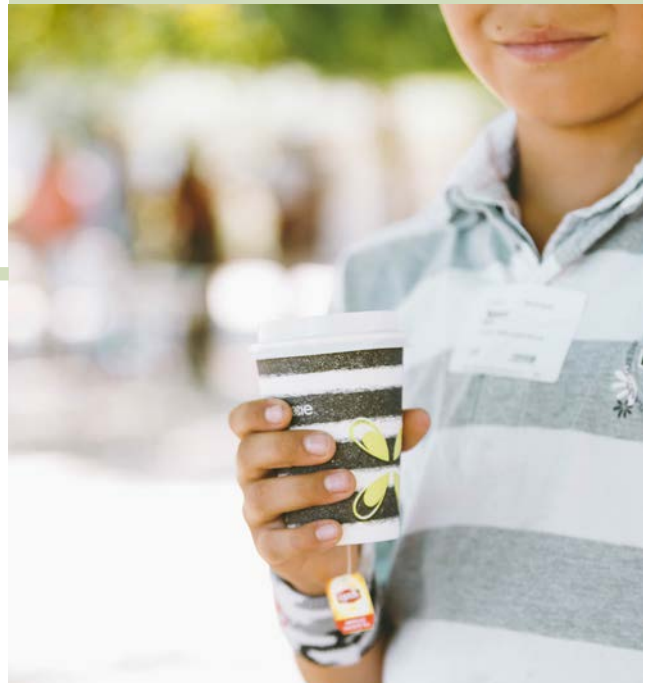
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WELCOME TO SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY CHURCH



We know that visiting a new church community can come with a number of questions, so we want to try to help as much as possible.

We hope this booklet gives you a better sense of who we are as a church. As a church family, we want to be characterized by our core values of conviction, community, and compassion. These three words lie at the heart of what we do and aspire to. On page 8, you can read more about the specific ways that these traits play out in our church family.

On Sundays, we gather together in a casual, coffee-friendly environment to celebrate God's faithfulness, to respond in grateful worship, to listen to his Word taught, and to allow this community to continue to shape our lives toward Christ and his kingdom. Our children's and youth ministries provide engaging, safe, and fun venues for children and young people to explore the Bible and life with God in age-appropriate ways each Sunday. You can learn more about these ministries on pages 10-13.

Though we place a high priority on Sundays, the vast majority of church life happens the other six days of the week. We believe that the church scattered throughout the week has a high calling to represent Jesus in everything we do and say. To that end, we seek to be a church that incorporates our faith into the fabric of our day-to-day lives in noticeable and meaningful ways. Homegroups play a central role in that ambition as we gather in living rooms from Carpinteria to Goleta to laugh, eat, worship, pray, study Scripture and pursue Jesus together. Homegroups are a vital place of encouragement, challenge, and welcome as we seek to live out our calling as Jesus' disciples. Page 14 features additional information on homegroups.




Although homegroups are a primary avenue of community and discipleship in SB Community, there are other opportunities as well. Our men's and women's ministries each help facilitate additional opportunities for gender-specific discipleship and community building, whether through retreats, large group gatherings for worship and teaching, or small group discipleship. You will find more information on these ministries on page 17.

Finally, we are a church with a heart for seeing others find joy and life in Jesus. As a result, we support many kingdom-minded workers in the area and around the world. But, we don't want to be a church that supports from afar; we also want to engage with our very lives! Accordingly, we offer a number of hands-on opportunities during the year that allow us to personally invest in good work that builds up the global church and blesses our local community. You can read more about the general missions direction of SB Community on page 18.

All of this overview aside, we all know that finding a good church home is less about information than it is about feel. We invite you to come check out what SB Community is all about. We would love to have you be a part of the family!

Benji Bruneel & Mike Willbanks

Lead Pastors

A photograph of a church service. In the background, several people are visible, including a woman on the left and a man on the right, both looking towards the front. In the foreground, a young woman with long, wavy blonde hair is shown in profile, looking upwards with her eyes closed and mouth slightly open, as if singing or praying. She is wearing a light blue short-sleeved button-down shirt with a dark pattern. The background is softly blurred, showing a church interior with a large circular light fixture on the ceiling.

*Inviting young and old to the truly
life in Jesus and the family of God.*



SB COMMUNITY OUR CULTURE

JOYFULLY FAITHFUL demonstrated by...

- Leadership and ministry marked by playfulness, humility, laughter, a high view of Scripture, and commitment to prayer.
- Taking the gospel seriously, but not ourselves too seriously .

RELENTLESSLY RELATIONAL demonstrated by...

- Freely offering grace and friendship with one another.
- Being a spiritual family sharing life together even when things are hard.

COLLECTIVELY INVESTED demonstrated by...

- An emphasis on every member ministry and a culture of contribution.
- Valuing the participation of many over the performance of a few.

GENEROUSLY ENGAGED demonstrated by...

- An open-handed connection to larger community and world.
- Compassion for the least, lost, last.

OUR AIM

Because of an encounter with the living God, maturing disciples demonstrate:

- Minds shaped by the Word of God
- Hearts shaped by the character of God
- Relationships shaped by the kingdom of God
- Priorities shaped by the mission of God

For more information about our theology and beliefs, visit sbcommunity.org/about-us



SB COMMUNITY CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON SUNDAYS

Children's Ministry, serving ages birth through 4th grade, is offered at both services

We seek to come alongside children in their faith development. We believe they are a vital part of our church body and are to be included in the fabric of church life.

We want to equip parents in the spiritual nurture of their children through engaging weekly gatherings, nurturing small group participation, and relevant resources and training for at-home engagement.

For more information about Children's Ministry, please visit www.sbcommunity.org/children or contact Donna Sugano, donna@sbcommunity.org.



You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

- Deuteronomy 6:5-7

NURSERY & TODDLER

Trained and screened supervisors lead children in free play with a snack and story time for the toddlers. Toddlers are promoted to preschool at the end of June if they will be three before December 31.

Contact Rhonda DuPar,
rhonda@sbcommunity.org for more info.



PRE-K & K

Children are in a small group led by trained and screened leader pairs who alternate. Children have free play and playground time, a story, snack, and activity time.

Contact Claire Moore,
claire@sbcommunity.org for more info.



1ST-4TH

Children are in a small group led by trained and screened leader pairs who alternate. Children play a large group game and have story, snack, and activity time.

Contact Donna Sugano,
donna@sbcommunity.org or
Paige Chase,
paige@sbcommunity.org for more info.





SB COMMUNITY YOUTH



*“...Speaking the truth
in love, we are to
grow up in every way
into Him who is the
head, into Christ”
- Ephesians 4:15*

SB Community's youth ministry helps students cultivate a love for God, for His Word, for His church, and for His world in order that they might be conformed into the image of Christ.

We hope that you will find our youth ministry to be a welcoming place that feeds your soul and encourages you to pursue a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

For more information about the Youth Ministry, please visit www.sbcommunity.org/youth or contact Mandy DuPar, mandy@sbcommunity.org.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS

Our youth group meets at the 11am service most Sundays and is for students in 5th-12th grade.

We place high priority on the engagement and incorporation of our students in the life of the larger church body. We do this in two ways. First, we coordinate our teaching with the larger church body so families can leave on Sundays having studied the same passage.

Second, once a month we have our students attend a main service to begin experiencing worship with the larger church body.


SMALL GROUPS DURING THE WEEK

Small groups are one of the key centerpieces to our ministry. They provide opportunity for long-term discipleship with a leader, fellowship with other students, and the experience of pursuing your Christian life in community.

Starting in 7th grade, we aim to put together groups of 4-8 students with a leader who will walk with them through high school. In junior high, small groups meet every other week, and then move to meeting weekly in high school. Small group leaders work in conjunction with Youth Ministry staff to choose topics of focus and study.



SB COMMUNITY HOMEGROUPS



Homegroups are a great way to connect with others in your church family for worship, prayer, fellowship, and Bible study that aligns with the sermon series.

Groups meet weekly in Santa Barbara, Goleta and Carpinteria from late September-December and late January-May.

For more information or if you have questions, visit www.sbcommunity.org/homegroups/ or contact Erin Patterson, erin@sbcommunity.org.



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*Your word is a
lamp to my feet
and a light to my
path.*

- Psalm 119:105





CONNECT TO
MORE AT
[SBCOMMUNITY.ORG/MINISTRIES](https://sbcommunity.org/ministries)

SB COMMUNITY MEN

Men's ministry is discipleship by men, with men, and for men. The ministry brings together the men of our church body in order to encourage, strengthen, and sharpen one another in our Christian lives through thoughtful testimonies, small group discussion, and fellowship.

Our Praxis men's small groups meet throughout the week, September through May. Once a month, we meet in the morning before work at SB Community for coffee and light fare, worship, prayer, testimonies and various spiritual topics.

For more information about men's ministry at SB Community visit sbcommunity.org/men or contact Mike Willbanks, mike@sbcommunity.org.



SB COMMUNITY WOMEN

Our aim is to connect women for mutual encouragement and growth in faith. Join us in Bible study, and in events and activities as we gather to deepen our relationship with Jesus and with each other. Small groups meet Monday nights at 7-8:30pm or Thursday mornings at 9:30-11:30am from September through May.

SB Community has multiple ministries and opportunities for women to connect, learn, and grow. For more information about women's ministries, visit sbcommunity.org/women or contact Joanne Herdrich, joanne@sbcommunity.org.



SERVE



WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We have a lot of ways you can lend a hand at SB Community. Below are a few options and you can check out our full list with descriptions and contact info at www.sbcommunity.org/serve.

On Sundays:

- Prayer Teams
- Children's Ministry
- Coffee Cart
- Give a Ride
- Library Attendant
- Welcome Ministry
- Worship & Tech Teams

During the Week:

- Youth Ministry
- Church Library
- Church Office
- Prayer Groups

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Below is a small selection of local ministries and organizations you can contact to volunteer with. You can check out the list with descriptions and contact info at www.sbcommunity.org/serve.

- Rescue Mission
- Royal Family Kids Camp
- Querencia
- MOPS
- Moms in Prayer
- International Students, Inc.
- Network Medical
- Community ONE:27
- Child Evangelism Fellowship
- CRU @ UCSB
- Young Life



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- Acts 1:8

LOCAL & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

“God is on mission. He has been on mission throughout history to accomplish His purpose throughout the earth. Each time we see God in the Bible, He is acting in accordance with His purpose: to reveal Himself in order that His name would be glorified, that His Kingdom would be established, and that some from every people would be reconciled to Himself” (Henry T. Blackaby & Avery T. Willis, *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*).

“Fundamentally, our mission (if it is biblically informed and validated) means our committed participation as God’s people, at God’s invitation and command, in God’s own mission within the history of God’s world for the redemption of God’s creation” (Christopher J. H. Wright, *The Mission of God*).

Therefore, Santa Barbara Community Church longs to be on mission and engaged with what God is doing locally and globally. Furthermore, we hope to grow and send out partners from our church body both into the greater Santa Barbara area as well as around the world to declare and demonstrate the glory of the Kingdom of God.



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