

Rancho Bernardo Community *Presbyterian* Church

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RBCPC Vision Statement

*Jesus transforms us so that
we can help change the
world!*

The Lantern is published monthly and communicates the activities, stories and concerns of this church.
Please submit all articles electronically by noon on the 20th of each month. Send to lantern@rbcpc.org.

Worship Services

Contemporary Worship
Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m.

Worship Cafe
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Arabic Worship
Sunday, 11 a.m.

Traditional Blended
Sunday, 8:30 & 11:30 a.m.

KidsLife
Returns September 13

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Radical Road Trip: Revelation 2 and 3

New Sermon Series

This Fall's sermon series will be exploring the early portion of the Book of Revelation. Rather than attempt to explain the prophetic symbols and strange images in this last book of the Bible, we will be taking September and October on the letters of Jesus to the seven churches of Asia. Each church in the first century had developed its own personality. Jesus addresses these churches with a combination of affirmations and critiques. He smiles proudly at some of the things the churches are doing. Other things going on in these churches made him deeply sad. Let's consider not only what Jesus said to them in their day, but what He might say if he addressed a letter to our church today. Come join us as we seek to connect ancient phrases with modern issues.

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Center. Pastors Bruce Humphrey and Neal Nybo will lead weekly lecture, discussion, and small group sessions during the Radical Road Trip series – digging deeper into this study. All are welcome!

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The Generosity Factor:

*Discover the Joy of Giving Your Time,
Talent, and Treasure*

***Wednesday, September 23, 7 p.m.,
RBCPC Sanctuary***



One of the most insightful, powerful and compassionate leaders today, Ken Blanchard speaks from the heart with warmth and humor. Blanchard is a New York Times bestselling author and long time RBCPC member along with his wife Margie. He is recognized as a premier thinker and writer on leadership. Ken lifts Jesus up as the greatest leadership role model and co-founded Lead Like Jesus in 1999 whose mission is “to glory God by inspiring and equipping people to lead like Jesus.” Spend the evening with us as Ken teaches the meaning of Generosity. Learn how to give your time, talents, and treasure for Jesus.

Small Groups

Transforming Community @ RBCPC



CONNECT at RBCPC!

Getting connected at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church can seem a daunting task. With 6 worship services, 60+ ministries, 35+ missions, 40+ small groups, where do you start? Visit the new CONNECT Center on the courtyard Sunday mornings! Along with the opportunity to explore the many programs and support groups we have to offer, we will encourage you to explore being in a small group. Why? We believe that participation in the small group experience is the main vehicle for transformation.

RBCPC small groups focus on:

- deep friendships of trust (Connection),
- rich insights into God’s word (Study),
- growing sense of intimacy with God through prayer (Prayer),
- sincere caring for each other through friendship (Service),
- creative expressions of love to our community in need (Mission).

Jesus transforms us so that we can help change the world.

Take the step – join a small group – transform your life!

New small groups will be forming as we begin the Fall ’09 Sermon Based Small Group Series: ***Radical Road Trip: Revelation 2 and 3.***

Contact: Rochelle Castillo, (858) 487-0811, ext. 213 or visit the

CONNECT Center on the courtyard Sunday mornings.

Fall '09 Programs

Bible Study, Adult Discipleship, Healing Ministries, Support Groups, Prayer, Personal Development
The Fall '09 Program Brochure has many opportunities for all ages. Brochures available in the Welcome Center, Connect Center on the Courtyard, and at <http://www.rbcpc.org/connect/programs/>.

Wednesday All Church Suppers

September 16 – November 18, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Come join us for fun and fellowship and enjoy a buffet-style supper. Take advantage of a mid-week cooking break! \$7.50 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 6-15, \$2.00 for ages 4-5, free for ages 3 and under, or \$20.00 per family. To view the menu: <http://www.rbcpc.org/connect/programs/>

Women's Christian Book Club

September 22 7-8:30 "The Silver Chalice," Thomas B. Costain. October: "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" Philip Yancey. November: "The Nativity Story," Angela Hunt. Contact Ellen Norton, ellen.norton10@yahoo.com or (858) 883-2460.

The Well

Saturday, September 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The speaker, Dolley Carlson, talk about *Gifts from the Heart – Thoughtful Ways to Bless Those You Love*. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father." —James 1:17 (KJV). Wouldn't it be wonderful to give a gift that is always the right size, never out of style and so thoughtful it's never forgotten? It's easy to do when that present is a gift from the heart. Christ's presence within our hearts transforms us from mere mortals to vessels of His love. This talk speaks of new and creative ideas for blessing the hearts of others with gifts of affirmation, celebration, comfort, forgiveness, honor, hope, love, mercy, prayer, rejoicing, and tradition. Contact Dee Dee Hill, dhill@pacbell.net.

KidsLife

We return Sunday, September 13, 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Please register before September 13. Registration forms in the Welcome Center or online www.rbcpc.org/kidslife/ Please fill out a new form for returning KidsLife children. Each year we need to update your child's information for safety reasons. Don't forget to fill out the volunteer section, we need your help. Contact Sheri Woodley, (858) 583-4861.

Confident Kids

"Making Wise Choices"

Thursdays, Sept. 24 – Nov. 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Room 260
Responsible decision making is one of the most important life skills we need to live a healthy life. This eight-week Christian-based class aims to help families with children K-5th grade learn how to make sound decisions. Children will build self-esteem and trust through games, skits, arts and crafts, and relationships with caring facilitators. Parents will learn helpful communication and parenting skills in their own group. Registration forms available at Welcome Center. Contact Mady Cheng, madycheng@yahoo.com or (858) 663-7556.

Crossroads Class for New Members

Wednesdays, 9/16 – 10/21, 6:45-8:15 p.m., Room 260.
Considering joining the church? Come to Crossroads, learn what is it to be a part of RBCPC, meet the pastors, ministry leaders and get connected! Contact Rochelle Castillo, (858) 487-0811, ext. 213, rcastillo@rbcpc.org. Childcare available.

Parish Nurse Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, October 18, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Room 11.
Reduce your risk of developing the seasonal flu by getting the flu vaccine. Did you know you can give someone your flu germs a day before you are sick? Cost: \$15 or Medicare Billing.

Community Bible Study

New evening classes start Monday, September 14. We will study the Gospel of Luke. Please join us for fellowship with coffee and dessert on the 14th, starting at 6:00 p.m. After the first night, classes start at 6:55 p.m.

New women's day class starts Thursday, September 10. We will be studying the book of Genesis. For additional information please contact, women's day classes, Maddy Grauman (760) 738-5122, women's evening classes, Darlynn Barrie (858) 451-2656, and men's evening classes, Gary Williams (858) 673-8154.

Peacemaking Offering

Justice and Peace will kiss

I will listen for the word of God; surely the LORD will proclaim peace to his people, to the faithful, to those who trust in him.

Near indeed is salvation for the loyal; prosperity will fill our land. Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss. (Psalm 85 New American Bible)

The second half of Psalm 85 provides a vision of what God's peace on earth will look like when people are centered in God's ways. In times of great economic turmoil like these, such a vision seems far removed, impossible. Yet it remains God's intention for us to live and work for this vision of peace.

At Buckheart Ranch in Escondido, the Dilts family and their team work daily to bring God's peace to their community and to the young men who come to stay at the ranch. Our 2009 Peacemaking offering will support these tireless efforts.

The offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 4. Your gifts help to realize God's sovereign reign of peace. The Missions Committee encourages you to help change a child and change the world by giving generously.

San Diego Presbyterian Urban Ministries Golf4Good

Attention all golf lovers! The third annual "Golf4Good" tournament, will be held on September 11. All proceeds benefit Presbyterian Urban Ministries. There will also be an awards banquet and silent auction. The event will be held at the Sea'n'Air Golf Course, Naval Air Station North Island, Coronado. Ladies, this is a great opportunity for you to compete with fellow ladies as there will be a separate competition with separate prizes. Contact Lee Schwoerer, (858) 674-7421 or lschwoerer@san.rr.com.

GriefShare

Sundays September 6 - December 6, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Upper Fireside. GriefShare is a weekly seminar/support group for people grieving. You will learn valuable skills that will help you through this difficult time. Materials fee: \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Karen Bassett, rickbassett@cox.net (760) 807-5950, or Sally Welty, (858) 485-1859.

Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, September 27, 6:00 p.m., Chapel.

The Lord is our Great Physician. This service will focus on physical, emotional and spiritual prayer needs. Pastor Bruce Humphrey and prayer ministers will be available for individual prayer. All are welcome to attend.

Soaking In God's Presence

Saturday September 12th, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Lower Fireside.

Theme: "Faithful God". Come set aside time to quiet yourself. Rest on blankets or in a chair as Scripture, prayer, and worship music invite you to become more aware of God's presence. Bring your own blanket and pillow, or use blankets provided. Everyone is welcome. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com.

Stephen Ministers

Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15, 7-8:30 p.m.

Do you feel the gift of empathy and want to share that with someone in their time of need? Share your Christian gift and consider becoming a Stephen Minister. The intensive caregiving training classes will prepare you to engage in one on one weekly relationship with individuals with such issues as grief, depression, illness, divorce, loss of employment, etc. Instructors: Drs. Bob and Jeanette Lauer, Chaplain Dee Crimmel. Contact Dee Crimmel (858) 487-0811 ext. 260 to set up an interview.

Heal Yourself Naturally

Wednesdays, September 16 - October 28, 7-9 p.m., Room 223.

Learn how to effectively help your body heal naturally from many common ailments and injuries. \$15 materials fee. Facilitator: Rachel Gleed, rbsis@san.rr.com.

Savvy Travelers

Sep 15 - A beautiful trip on the Newport Bay viewing the wildlife, celebrity homes, etc followed by lunch on the Bay. Oct 17 - A day on beautiful Coronado, have lunch at Costa Azul, followed by the Lamb's Players Theatre matinee *Joyful Noise* to see the story behind Handel's masterpiece. Dec 12 - *The Glory of Christmas* with guest artists, special music, live animals, and flying angels at the Crystal Cathedral, preceded by dinner at the wonderful PJ Abbey's. Stop in the Courtyard to sign up or call Roger and Sharon Worman, (858) 653-3624.

Windjammers Pot Luck Dinner

Friday, September 11, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center.

Please come and hear Bruce Humphrey speak on the emerging role of RBCPC as a flagship church. For questions or reservations come to the courtyard on Sunday or call Polly Purcifull (858) 487-9002.

Tied in Prayer starts its 10th Year

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 p.m., Skylight.

When the Quilt Basics class begins on September 9 it will mark the start of the 10th year of our Ministry . In September of 2000 a group of women gathered to begin a quilt ministry of prayer quilts for each child baptized at RBCPC. The quilt served as a visible reminder of the commitment the congregation makes at a baptism to pray for each child that is baptized. The prayer knots on the quilt, tied by members of the congregation, represent those prayers. Close to 50 quilts a year (no 2 alike) have been presented by Tied in Prayer. The group has expanded to include the Quilt Basics classes and various Mission outreach projects. Come join us to find out more about the plans for a Block of the Month quilt, new Tied in Prayer patterns, and other ideas to help celebrate our 10th year. Contact Kathy Wesley, katknits@cox.net.

Tutors Needed For ESL Classes

Mondays, 9:15-11:15 a.m., beginning September 14,

Dormer East. Laubach Tutoring Center teaches English to non-English speaking adults. We need tutors, training is available. Contact Nancy Anderson, (858) 335-1823 nl.anderson@att.net.

Helping Hands

Is the water dripping or the fluorescent tube blinking? We can correct these things and also help with carpentry, electrical, and computer problems. Call (858) 487-0811 ext. 239 and leave a message.

Join RBCPC Bowlers

We are putting together several teams of bowlers from RBCPC to compete in a league at Eagle Lanes in San Marcos - four person mixed handicap - women and men of all ages and skill levels. *Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Nov. to May.* Contact Ron Hubbard at (760) 739-9979 or ronandem@yahoo.com.

2009-2010 Concert Series

Sunday, September 27, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Announcing the first of a series of concerts. *StageWorks!*, a theater group of veteran performers from Lamb's Players will present two short plays for the whole family to enjoy: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Jericho* and *Acts of Love*. For more information call (858) 487-0811 or visit <http://www.rbcpc.org/concert-series/>.

Praise God in his Sanctuary

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room. Praise him with the sound of trumpet, harp, timbrel, stringed instruments, organ and loud cymbals. In other words, it's time to join the RBCPC Orchestra. Rehearsals start September 16. Contact Judy Ronnebeck, (858) 487-0811 ext. 221.

Sing for Joy – Chancel Choir

Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., Choir Room. We have room for all voices and great seats at Worship. Rehearsals start September 10. Or, try us out by coming to our Choir Retreat on Saturday, September 26. For information, call Pam King, (858) 679-7033.

Suite 202

Consignments for you! Designer dresses, unique purses, jewelry, and shoes. All proceeds go to support the many Missions. For info. or appointments, call Gayle Marrett, (858) 486-7023. <http://www.rbcpc.org/resale-shops/>.

Elder & Deacon Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elders and Deacons to serve from 2010 - 2012. Contact Craig Murken, (858) 367-8172. Nomination forms available in the Welcome Center or on-line at <http://www.rbcpc.org/elders-and-deacons/>.

Stewardship for Life

Stewardship for life is the way we use the gifts God has granted us in our everyday life not just when we are at church. God has blessed us in order to benefit the people in our church and those all around us.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

Romans 12:6

God gives each of us gifts to share with each other. Stewardship is about being in community, working together and looking after one another.

We have been challenged recently with an economic recession. In these times we need to look at using our gifts more than we have in the past. There are so many areas of need left in the wake of this recession that we have more needs than we can address with our current pledges. The recession has been like a natural disaster, taking an incredible toll economically and emotionally. If you are blessed and continue to work or are financially secure maybe you can provide an increase to help bless those who haven't been as fortunate.

We are so blessed to be in a loving church community full of opportunities to explore and deepen our relationship with God through loving and giving to others.

Michael Moon & George Colberg

Crown Financial Ministries: Journey To True Financial Freedom

Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Do you have questions or concerns about today's economy? Learn how to get out of debt, be a consistent saver, and prudent consumer. Most importantly, enter into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as you learn to apply His Word. Contact Judy Ronnebeck, (858) 487-0811, ext. 221 or Stephanie Caldwell, (858) 451-6188. Or visit our website, <http://www.rbcpc.org/journey-to-true-financial-freedom/>