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An Important Season of Reflection

Assessment. Looking backward to move forward. Evaluating the past to anticipate the future. These are phrases we have been using around the church for the past few months to describe a faith based approach to strategic planning for our church. Assessment assumes that God has been actively at work in the life of the congregation, building its character and defining its passions and strengths.

The first step in the Assessment process took place a few weeks ago when we preached on Joshua and the concept of Remembering the Future. At that time we asked the congregation to send us photographs of their memories and experiences of the church over the decades. Then, over a Friday and Saturday, twenty five people looked at key circumstances, people and events in the church over the past fifty years. They found some powerful themes running through our history including our church's resiliency and our commitment to missions and service.

The next step will be to graphically depict these themes for the entire congregation to interact with in the art gallery in the form of a Journey Wall. Watch for the wall to be installed in mid-October. Then, in early November, a group of one hundred and fifty people will spend two days building on the work of the smaller group. Finally, almost a thousand of us will get to discover and reflect on the outcomes of these meetings in our regular small groups or in several groups created for just this purpose.

Ultimately, by December, the Assessment process will clarify the specific areas our church is best prepared and designed to engage in to further God's work in the world. And, it will identify the key issues that need to be addressed in order for us to do that engagement. Some of us will participate in the weekend meetings. Many of us will provide photos. All of us can participate in the small group reflections and in praying for God's direction through this process.

Pastor Neal Nybo

Wednesday All Church Suppers

Through November 18, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Come join us for fun and fellowship and enjoy a buffet-style supper. \$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

October: "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" Philip Yancey. Contact Ellen Norton, (858) 883-2460 or ellen.norton10@yahoo.com.

Parish Nurse Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, October 18, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 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.

Soaking In God's Presence

Saturday, October 10, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Lower Fireside. Theme: "Jehovah-rapha, God Our Healer." Rest on blankets or in a chair as scripture, prayer, and worship music invite you to become more aware of God's presence. Childcare available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com.

Peacemaking Offering

Justice and Peace will kiss

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.

Savvy Travelers

We will go to beautiful Coronado on Saturday, October 17. There will be lunch at the Costa Azul, followed by Lamb's Players Theatre presenting "Joyful Noise" and time to do some shopping. Stop by the Courtyard or call Roger and Sharon Worman (858) 653-3624.

Windjammers Pot Luck Dinner

Friday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center.

Please come and hear former city councilman now United Way's commissioner for the homeless, Brian Maienschein, speak on experiences and challenges for the homeless. For questions or reservations come to the courtyard on Sunday or call Polly Purcifull (858) 487-9002.

Join RBCPC Bowlers

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, October 25, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary, Free.

Announcing the second of a series of concerts. *Collaboration*, two solo artists on piano and violin will perform their own sparkling hymn arrangements, some toe-tapping favorites, and new pieces. Their upcoming concerts include tours in Korea and China. Contact (858) 487-0811 or visit <http://www.rbcpc.org/concert-series/>.

Resale Shops Needs Your Help!

We need your good used furniture. All proceeds go to support our church Missions. Gayle Marrett, (858) 486-5023.

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.

Journey To True Financial Freedom

(Crown Financial Ministries)

Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cost \$25.

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/>

Serendipity Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m., Upper Fireside.

Follow the unfolding drama of the Bible and learn how all the parts and people fit together. Material fee \$8 for studyguide. Contact Linda Allen, (858) 487-1667 or lindainpoway@yahoo.com.

Sanctuary Orchestra

Rehearsals start Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room.

If you missed signing up to play in September, it's not too late to join. We have another presentation before Traditional Worship Nov. 22. Contact Judy Ronnebeck, (858) 487-0811 ext. 221.

Library Corner

New Additions: Fiction: *One Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury. **Nonfiction:** *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses* by Richard Bauckham. Visit <http://www.rbcpc.org/library/> for a complete list of all the new additions. Come into the library to see what else we have to offer. The library is open after services on Sunday morning. Volunteers will be there to assist you.

Huge Book Sale!

October 10 and 11. We have many many books. So come and see what bargains we have for you. The sale is at 7 p.m. on *Saturday and 9:30-1:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Library.*

Stewardship for Life

A Steward is one charged with the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to his or her care. For Christians these "something's" are gifts given by God and the faithful and responsible use and sharing of these gifts is an important part of what it means to be a Christian.

1 Corinthians 12:11 says: "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."

1 Timothy 6:18 we read: "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

We often speak of Stewardship in terms of Time, Talent, and Treasure. The gifts given to us by God fall into these categories, and we are tasked to share them. The challenge is to think of the good that we can do with our time, our talent, and our treasure year round and completing your pledge card early is a good start, but where do you increase? More time, share more of your talent, or increase your pledge? So many more people have needs today and the impact on our Deacons family services program has been dramatic. If you are blessed and still prospering maybe you can look prayerfully to God to guide your increased sharing with others.

Bob Hill

Fitness Ministry

Mondays & Fridays, 9 a.m., Fellowship Center.

This one-hour class will engage your mind, body and spirit. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel. Mondays: Praise Pilates, Fridays: Yoga for Yahweh. Childcare available. Instructor: Carolyn Burdette, Carolyn@drmark.biz.

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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.

Church Office Hours

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



The 23rd Annual Preschool Craft Fair

Friday, Oct. 23, 9a.m.-4p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 24, 9a.m.-1p.m., RBCPC.

Stroll through 8,500 square feet of professional customized items, shop for unique, high-quality gifts and enjoy lunch, baked goods, and camaraderie at the courtyard. The Craft Fair includes over 60 expert craft artists and a large assortment of homemade baked items. On Saturday come for the Kiwanis pancake breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and enjoy the Children's Carnival which will include a bouncy house, games, crafts for kids, and a costume parade at noon. The proceeds benefit the children of the multi-denominational early education program through the purchase of classroom materials and playground equipment.

Date Night For Young Families

Friday, Oct. 20, 6:30-8 p.m., RBCPC, \$20 per couple.

Childcare available must RSVP. Come enjoy uninterrupted time with your spouse investing in your most important relationship. If interested or to RSVP, contact Scott Schimmel, schimmel.scott@gmail.com.