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Christmas Eve

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The age-old Christmas story never grows old. The astounding reality that the God of the universe stepped into time and came to us as a human baby is as relevant and life-changing today as ever.

Celebrate the good news of God coming to us this Christmas Eve at RBCPC. Invite a friend!

1:00 & 3:00PM

Children & Youth Choirs

Live Animals

5:00PM

Contemporary Band

Brass, Organ

7:00 & 9:00PM

Chancel Choir

Orchestra

10:30PM

Communion

**Childcare provided at
5:00 and 7:00 pm services**

Winter 2010 Series:

Let there be Light

Many of us feel lost when we try to make sense of the Bible. What does the story of Jesus as a baby have to do with Adam, Abraham, or Moses? What difference does it all make anyway?

This winter, RBCPC will shed some light on the Bible. Starting with those famous words, "In the beginning," a compelling story unfolds of a personal God who created us for relationship with Him. Through hearing the stories of people much like us - stories of brokenness, redemption, and hope - we discover why these stories DO matter!

— Beginning with the sermon January 2/3 —

Small Groups
Transforming Community @ RBCPC



Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Guides will run alongside this series - this is a great time to join or start a small group!

www.rbcpc.org/connect/small-groups/

Windjammers Christmas Special

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

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas Season with the Joyful Noise Singers. Please bring a dish for 12-14 people and \$3.00 per person to offset expenses. For reservations sign up in the courtyard or call Polly Purcifull (858) 487-9002.

The Treasure Box

Order by Sunday, December 6, Cost \$30.

Deacon Sponsored. *Anyone can participate! No limits! No income qualifications!* Stretch your food budget! Quality food at drastically reduced prices. For \$30, a month you purchase a pre-assembled box of frozen groceries valued at \$65-\$100. Pre-order your box with cash at the Deacons Table in the Courtyard or call (760) 737-8339. Menu available online www.rbcpc.org/the-treasure-box.

Resale Shops Needs Your Help!

We are looking for friendly volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives others. Come be a part of our team and touch peoples lives. Please call Gayle Marrett (858) 486-5023 for more information.

Breakfast In Bethlehem

Saturday, December 5, 9 - 10:30 a.m., Cost \$6 per person.

Start the Christmas Season with family fun: breakfast, crafts, carols, and Christmas photos. Tickets on sale now in the Welcome Center. For information visit, www.rbcpc.org/breakfast-in-bethlehem.

Crossroads Class for New Members

Wednesdays, 1/20 - 3/3, 6:45-8:15 p.m., Room 260.

Are you considering joining the church? Come to the Crossroads Class, learn what means 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 is available.

Christmas Poinsettias

Each year the RBCPC Flower Guild purchases these spectacular plants to honor or remember loved ones. A minimum of \$10.00 per plant is requested. The donations are used for church holiday decorations and the surplus is given to the Deacons for their outreach programs. Your support for the Flower Ministry is so important and appreciated. Please look for the special envelopes provided in the pew racks and in the church office. Contact Fran Spear (858) 748-6195 or Sue Belzer (858) 485-9675.

Women's Night of Sharing and Caring

December 8-10, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Fellowship Center.

Come join us for an evening of elegance to inspire, engage, and entertain you! There will be Silent Auction, Dessert, Live entertainment and new surprises. This event benefits the Preschool's Sharing lives Ministry. Individual tickets and tables on sale now. Contact Suzie Pia, (858) 451-3534 or read more online www.rbcpc.org/womens-night-of-caring-and-sharing.

Grief Recovery Support Group

December 13 and 27, 4 - 5 p.m., Library.

Welcome to any church or community members who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The group meets the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Questions? Call Karen Bassett, (760) 743-2056 or Sally Welty, (858) 485-1859..

Angel Tree For Military Families

Please pick up a STAR from the military family ministry bulletin board TREE to donate a gift for a military family member this Christmas. Donation deadline is Dec. 20. Drop off donation in the Welcome Center. If you are unable to pick a star, any donation will be appropriately placed. Contact Terry Norwood, (858) 829-5190 militaryfamilies@rbcpc.org.

Men's Fellowship

Why would anyone voluntarily get up before dawn to attend a Men's fellowship meeting? Sure the lure of sweet rolls, bagels, cream cheese, orange juice and coffee is strong, but not enough to get you out of bed before the crack of dawn to meet at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. Simply put it is the fellowship and the camaraderie of men, christian brother's sharing life and its travails. The room is filled with all types, dentists, doctors, engineers, psychologists, teachers, businessmen, etc... We come together to study inspirational books like Quiet Strength by Tony Dungy, or study great men of the bible like Nehemiah. We come to grow in friendship, sharing real life trials and tribulations with humor and compassion. In our Stewardship for Life journey we strengthen each other providing wisdom and friendship. Come join us to seek God's next great adventure in life, warm to a new relationship with Jesus and men just like you. www.rbcpc.org/mens-ministries/. Contact Tom Hurn, hurntg@cox.net or (858) 486-4351.

Savvy Travelers in 2010!

Feb 10 - Tour the Nixon Presidential Library and have lunch at the White House Restaurant in Anaheim. Mar 20 - Enjoy "The Pageant of Our Lord" developed around the life of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Rolling Hills Covenant Church with lunch at Giorgio's. Stop in the Courtyard or call Roger and Sharon Worman, (858) 653-3624.

Deacons Offering

Thanks to your generous donations, the Deacons are able to provide 200 boxes each of powdered milk and instant potatoes, along with a monetary donation to Presbyterian Urban Ministries for their Christmas baskets. The Deacon offering is the first weekend of every month. Look for the green Deacon envelopes located in the pew pockets to donate.

Stewardship for Life

William Faulkner once said somewhere that "The only things you take with you when you die are the things you've given away." Stewardship is "giving away" for the Lord's sake. You might not think you are in bondage until something on your faith journey road stops you in your tracks and challenges you to "put up or shut up." Soon after coming to RBCPC the church began handing out The Purpose Driven Life, by Rick Warren. While trying to stay uninvolved, I was moved by Rick's wisdom, I found it overpowering, and I could not live with the self-contradiction of attending and pretending. It dawned on me that I, too, had a responsibility to contribute wherever I could. I realized that I was either going to "see" Tiny Tim in church, or look the other way and be indifferent, doing little or nothing to contribute and help others. It was that concept of Tiny Tim coming home from church with his dad saying, "he hoped people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas Day: Who made lame beggars walk and blind men see." Christian stewardship, then is like Ebenezer Scrooge awakening Christmas morning, buying the Cratchits a big turkey, then celebrating the, "Joy of Giving that redeems and renews us. Stewardship is for life: it is all about how we live our lives and what we do to serve Jesus.

Gary Gustafson

Heartstrings

December 5, 9:00-11:00 p.m., Upper Courtside East.

Knitting and crocheting for a cause. Meets first Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00. All skill levels welcome. Join us to create beanies and scarves for the homeless. Call Cyndi Nolan, (858) 484-4674 or visit

www.rbcpc.org/heartstrings-hugs-from-the-heart.

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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.



Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Begin your Christmas season in the right spirit with our annual Christmas Concert! The centerpiece is the Chancel Choir and Orchestra's performance of the colorful John Rutter "Magnificat." Grace Notes and Joyful Noise will delight you with their special holiday selections. Carol singing ends a wonderful afternoon of Christmas joy. You'll be welcomed at a reception following the program. Please join us!

Hospitality On Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve we have seven worship services and three times the numbers of visitors at RBCPC! THREE TIMES! We need your help in extending a warm welcome to everyone as they join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus. Please consider serving as an usher, greeter, communion server, or parking attendant at one of our services – families are encouraged to serve together! Contact Rochelle Castillo (858) 487-0811, ext. 213, rcastillo@rbcpc.org – Share the Joy!