

The LANTERN

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LET THERE BE *Light*

This winter we are going back to the foundational stories in the first book of the Bible. For some of us, this is a chance to begin understanding these unfamiliar Bible stories. Why did Noah take a male and female pair of most animals but seven pairs of a few species? How did Jacob's name change to Israel? For others of us, these sermons will be a review of things we learned years ago.

If you have never read the book of Genesis, I encourage you to get a Bible and read it for yourself. Don't bog down in the confusing parts, just keep reading it like a good novel. It is only about fifty pages long. You can read it in less than two hours. Even if you've read it multiple times throughout your life, go ahead and read it again this winter. God has some "aha!" moments for each of us. Let's open our minds and hearts to the God who says, "Let there be light!"

Dr. Bruce Humphrey

Genesis: The Story Begins Sermon Series

January

2/3 **Let There Be Light**
9/10 **Created for Community**
16/17 **Different But Equal**
23/24 **Being like God**
30/31 **Sin Grows**

February

20/21 **Count the Cost**
27/28 **Love is a Learned Feeling**

March

6/7 **Quarantine Sin**
13/14 **Whole Truth?**
20/21 **Wrestling With God**

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/

The Treasure Box

Order by Sunday, January 17, 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. Order your box with cash at the Deacons Table in the Courtyard, Jan. 10 and 17, or on-line at www.rbcpc.org/the-treasure-box. Contact (760) 737-8339. Menu available online.

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.

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.

Grief Recovery Support Group

Sunday, January 10 and 24, 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.

Savvy Travelers

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 Kay and Jim McClain, (858) 451-3569.

Men’s Fellowship

Thursdays, Starting Jan. 14, 6:00 - 7:30 a.m., Fellowship Center.

Join us for **The Case for Faith:** A Six-Session Investigation of the Toughest Objections to Christianity. 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.

Operation Christmas Child

701 gift-filled shoeboxes from RBCPC were sent to Peru, Philippines, Mongolia, Indonesia, and China. Knitters/crocheters created over 300 beanies for KidsLife shoeboxes. What a blessing RBCPC is to children in need of God’s love and hope.

Confident Kids

Thursdays, Jan. 21 – Mar. 11, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Room 260.

“Facing My Feelings.” This unit aims to help families with children of grades K-6 to develop skills to express there feelings in healthy ways. Reg. forms at Welcome Center. Contact: Mady Cheng, madycheng@yahoo.com or (858) 663-7556.

Women’s Cancer Prayer Group

1st and 3rd Friday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Room 220.

Any woman with cancer or recovering from cancer is invited to join our group at anytime. We share our hopes and fears and uplift each other in prayer! Contact Susie Hovey, mshovey@cox.net or (858) 486-3380.

Christians in Business @ RBCPC

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 260

Growing in spiritual influence. Join us for a conversation on navigating through the challenges of the marketplace, meet other Christians in business, and inspire each other to become intentional spiritual leaders. Contact Scott Schimmel, Scott_Schimmel@ivstaff.org.

Soaking In God's Presence

Saturday January 9, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Room LL50.

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. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee, mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com.

Souper Bowl of Caring

When? Feb. 6 and 7. **What can you do?** Bring cans, 6 or 8 packs, and flats of soup, as well as money contributions or checks with you that weekend. **What's our goal?** More than 5,508 cans and over \$3,655. (our collections last year!) **Where will it go?** ALL will go to Presbyterian Urban Ministry in downtown San Diego and Interfaith Community Services in Escondido! Contact Jeanne Armstrong, (858) 675-0363 or visit www.rbcpc.org/souper-bowl-of-caring/.

Divorce Care

Thursdays, 2/4 - 4/29, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Room 256-257.

If you are going through a separation or divorce, you will receive important information as well as be nurtured and supported through this difficult time. This support group takes a practical and spiritual approach through this painful transition. You'll learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. To pre-register contact Coreen Gardella, (858)342-2758 or cgardella@san.rr.com.

Library Corner

Do you sometimes wonder what God wants you to do when you are facing a decision? **Gloria Gaither** has written *Decisions - A Christian's Approach to Making Right Choices*.

Lloyd Ogilve, well known author of many books, has written *The Bush Is Still Burning -The Christ Who Makes Things Happen in our Deepest Needs*. He shows how Christ is present and powerful in our lives and in our deepest struggles, even when things seem hopeless. Both these books and many others can be found in the church library.

Heartstrings

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

We'll be starting a new knitting project for Buckheart Ranch. All skill levels welcome. Contact Cyndi Nolan, (858) 484-4674 or visit

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

Windjammers Special Fiesta Dinner

Fri., Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, cost \$6.50 per person.

This delicious meal will be prepared by our kitchen. Guest Speaker: Supervisor Border Patrol Agent, Kyle Krall. Visit the courtyard or call Polly Purcifull, (858) 487-9002.

Also join us February 12. We are privileged to have Clark Cowden, executive Presbyter of the San Diego Presbytery and an excellent speaker, share with us about his trip this past spring to Nepal and also on the future of the Presbyterian Church.

Prime Time Returns

Thursday, February 4, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Center.

Enjoy warm fellowship, stimulating programs and great cuisine. Program: Secrets of Memory Improvement and Brain Health. What causes memory lapses? How to create healthier brain cells. What exercises will boost your mental focus? Research about prevention of Alzheimer's and/or dementia. What specific activity will improve health and memory skills? Can food choices make a difference in your brain function? Recommended by Solana Beach Presbyterian seniors.

Wednesday All Church Suppers

Start January 13, 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/>.

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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.



Making Disciples Jesus' Way

Friday, Feb. 26, 6:30 – 9:15 p.m. and Saturday Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Doug Greenwold, Executive Director of Preserving Bible Times, returns to lead us in a seminar with a focus on discipleship. Using the model of discipleship from Jesus' teaching, as well as contextual Bible study, this event promises to be enriching and challenging for all. \$25 fee covers materials and refreshments (\$5 discount for registration prior to Feb. 19) – scholarships available. Childcare available upon request. To register go to www.rbcpc.org/making-disciples or contact Lisa Belding, lisa@rbcpc.org, (858) 487-0811, ext. 283.

Quilts for High School Seniors

Starting Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7:00 p.m. Room 231.

The meeting will provide an introduction to the project and a cutting and sewing demonstration. Weekly sewing meetings will continue through May, every Tuesday, at the same time and location. Information packets are available in the Welcome Center. Contact Cindy Smith, to submit the name of a graduating senior, (858) 676-0473, smithcynthia@cox.net. Fabric and Student Information Sheets are due by Jan. 5. Parents of graduating seniors and volunteers are invited to help with this ministry! Sewing skills are not required to participate in this project.