

LANTERN

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High School Mission Trip To Ecuador

We had a great mission trip to Ecuador with the high school students from our church. Our team of 37 led Vacation Bible School to 8 different groups including indigenous tribal people in mountain villages and Ecuadorians in the city of Ambato. The work projects consisted of painting churches and schools, digging ditches for foundations and planting trees.

We did evangelism on the streets, plazas, schools, market places, churches, prisons, juvenile halls, hospitals and orphanages. Through all the ministry efforts we saw many children, youth and adults trust Jesus as their Savior for the first time!

It was a transforming experience for all of us and God was faithful in protecting and providing for us every step of the way!

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

Jim Marian

For more information about the trip
www.rbcpc.org/high-school-mission-trip-update/

Heartstrings

Saturday, August 7, 9:00 - 11:00 p.m., Room 220.

Join us for great fellowship while knitting and crocheting beanies and blankets. All skill levels welcome. Contact Cyndi Nolan, (858) 484 -4674 or www.rbcpc.org/heartstrings

Windjammers Prayer Shawl Ministry

This ministry has continued to grow and touches the hearts of many people. However, we still need more prayer shawls. To join in this effort contact Polly Purcifull, (858) 487-9002.

Women's Christian Book Club

Tuesday, August 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Room 181.

The Seven Story Mountain by Thomas Merton. Contact Ellen Norton, ellen.norton10@yahoo.com.

Resale Shops

Support the Resale Shops by donating clothing and furniture. We will gladly pick up furniture items. All that we make goes directly to support the many wonderful missions at RBCPC. For questions or to arrange for a pick up, contact Gayle Marrett, (858) 486-5023. www.rbcpc.org/resale-shop

Savvy Travelers

Tuesday, September 14, Los Angeles.

Getty Center Art Museum, (48 people maximum). For information, visit the courtyard on Sundays or call (858) 487-0811, ext. 300.

Soaking In God's Presence

Saturday, August 14, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m., Room LL50.

Rest on blankets or in a chair as scripture, prayer, and worship music invite you to become more aware of God's presence. Theme: *I AM*. Bring your own blanket and pillow or use blankets provided. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee, mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com.

Women's Celebration Bible Study

Thursday, September 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Room 231 & 235.

Are you ready to rekindle that first love of the Lord? Join us to study *Seeking Him: Experiencing the Joy of Personal Revival*. Contact Cary Boyll, (858) 618-1877.

Grief Recovery Support Group

Sunday, August 8 and 22, 4 - 5 p.m., Room 181. Contact Karen Bassett, (760) 743-2056 or Sally Welty, (858) 485-1859.

Griefshare

Your Journey from Mourning to Joy, will be offered to members, friends, and neighbors of the RBCPC who have experienced loss of a loved one. The class/support group, sponsored by the Deacons, begins *Sat., Sept. 11, 8:30 - 12 p.m.* and continues weekly with Sunday sessions, *3 - 5 p.m. beginning Sept. 19 - Nov. 7.* All meetings are at RBCPC. For information or registration contact Karen Bassett, (760) 743-2056, rickbassett@cox.net, or Sally Welty, swelty@san.rr.com.

CPR Certification Class

Saturday, September 18, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - \$25.

Receive training in adult and infant CPR and response to choking. Instruction included in the use of the AED (automated external defibrillator). Reservations are required. Contact the parish nurse, parishnurse@roadrunner.com, (858) 487-0811, ext. 272.

Women's Cancer Prayer Group

1st and 3rd Friday, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Room 220. Contact Susie Hovey, mshovey@cox.net, (858) 486-3380.

Self-Defense Training

Saturday, August 28, 2 - 4 p.m., Free. Register today!

Self-defense training for young women from teens to college age (12-20 yrs.). Register for the workshops on-line at www.temas.org/keepsafe. Limited space, only 50 per class.

The Treasure Box

Order by Sunday, August 16, Cost \$30.

Deacon Sponsored. Quality food for less! Take advantage of this on-going program for yourself or as a blessing for someone else. Order your box with cash or check at the Deacons table in the Courtyard, or on-line www.rbcpc.org/the-treasure-box.

Operation Christmas Child

Now is the perfect time to shop ads for great prices on back-to-school supplies for the OCC shoe boxes going out to children this fall. Pick some up for your own shoe boxes and to donate for KidsLife assembly. For more information, visit www.rbcpc.org/occ.

Summer KidsLife Dates

Sundays, August 22 & 29, 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Young Family Service Project

Saturday, August 7, 10 - 12 p.m.

Beach cleanup and BBQ. Come and help serve the community with your kids. Contact Steve and Kristine DeMatteo, kristinewalker@hotmail.com.

Stephen Ministry

New training begins Tuesday September 21, applications available in the Welcome Center. Contact Dee Crimmel, (858) 487-0811, ext. 260, to set up an interview. For more information www.rbcpc.org/stephen-ministry.

Library Corner

Living With Purpose in a Worn Out Body by Missy Buchanan.

Jerusalem - One City, Three Faiths by Karen Armstrong.

Visit the church library for these and many other wonderful books. www.rbcpc.org/library.

Women's Day Treat! Save The Date

Saturday, September 25, 8:30 - 5:30 p.m., RBCPC.

Uniquely Connected, Speaker: Kathy Christopher. Cost \$40 includes continental breakfast, luncheon and afternoon tea.

Contact Kathy Wesley, katknits@cox.net or Sheri Woodley, swoodley@rbcpc.org.

Undivided: Bonus Concert

Sunday, August 29, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The RBCPC Concert Series presents a bonus concert to launch a new missional project. Two of RBCPC's vocal ensembles, Joyful Noise and Grace Notes, present their fall outreach concert ready to take on the road to new ears.

O.W.L.S (Older, Wiser, Lively Saints)

Thursday, August 19, 11 - 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, cost \$5 per person.

Donnie Finnell and his trio will sing and play Frank Sinatra and Bobby Darin hit songs. Sign-up in the Welcome Center or Call the Church office, (858) 487-0811.

Stewardship for Life

Giving from the Heart A Legacy that Lasts Forever

Stewardship giving is often like the pieces of a puzzle.

- How can I focus on stewardship when I can't get one car paid off before I need another?
- Am I giving enough if I tithe my income?
- When should I sell an asset and donate the proceeds? When is it best to donate the asset instead of selling it?
- Is it wise stewardship to transfer assets to a charitable remainder trust?
- If I use a revocable living trust, will I save income or estate taxes?
- Is it wise to leave the assets in my IRA to my family or should they be given in stewardship at my passing?

Puzzling? Yes. How can we fit the pieces together? Where do we start on our quest to be better stewards? This article is the first in a series on stewardship that will shed some light to guide our stewardship giving.

The starting and finish line for giving? It all belongs to God. Not just our money, our home, our car, but everything! You cannot lose anything that you give to God since He owns it all (1 Cor. 4:7).

What should we give? We must first give ourselves to the Lord. The Apostle Paul commended the Macedonian Christians not only for their generous giving but because they *gave themselves first to the Lord* (2 Cor. 8:5).

Why should we give? God wants us to give from a willing and obedient heart. Our attitude is the key. *God loves a cheerful giver* (2 Cor. 9:7). Every time we give sacrificially, we give a little of our selfishness away. And when we give, others are blessed and God is glorified.

~Craig Riddle