

The LANTERN

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Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Christmas Eve Services



December 24

1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Children & Family Service: Live Animals • Children's Choirs • Treble Makers • Youth & Christmas Ensembles

3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Children & Family Service: Live Animals • Youth Choir • Youth & Christmas Ensembles

5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Contemporary Service: Contemporary Choir & Band • Brass • Organ*

5:00 p.m., Fellowship Center

Catalyst Christmas: An interactive hands-on worship experience for the whole family*

7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Traditional Service: Joyful Noise • Chancel Choir • Orchestra • Organ*

9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Traditional Service: Joyful Noise • Chancel Choir • Orchestra • Organ

10:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Candlelight Communion: Grace Notes • Flute • Harp Duet • Organ

***Childcare will be offered at the 5:00 & 7:00 services**

www.rbcpc.org/Christmas-Eve



Breakfast in Bethlehem

December 4, 9:00 -10:30 a.m., Fellowship Center.

Start the Christmas Season with family fun: breakfast, crafts, Christmas photos, and an interactive drama. Tickets on sale starting *Sunday, November 14, Courtyard*. Visit, www.rbcpc.org/breakfast-in-bethlehem, or contact Sheri Woodley, (858) 583-4861.

Concert Series

Sunday, December 5, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Christmas is more than glittering tinsel and sparkling lights. RBCPC Music Ministry sings delightful songs that unwrap the many joys of Jesus' birth. Come and enjoy a warm welcome to the Christmas season. Reception follows. Free. www.rbcpc.org/concert-series.

Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, December 5, 9:30 - 11:45 a.m., Courtyard.

In lieu of purchasing a traditional gift, make a meaningful gift in the name of a friend or a loved one. These alternative gifts represent the love of Christ, while the financial contribution will continue to spread His love throughout the world. Pick up your Alternative Christmas Market brochure in the Welcome Center, Courtyard, and online. www.rbcpc.org/alternative-Christmas-market.

Soaking In God's Presence

Saturday, December 11, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Room LL50.

Come set aside time to quiet yourself and rest in God's love. Rest on blankets or in a chair as scripture, prayer, and worship music invite you to become more aware of God's Presence. Theme: Gift of The Son. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee, mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com.

Windjammers

Friday, December 10, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center,

Cost \$7.50 /person. A Christmas Music program featuring The Grace Notes directed by Chris Cook. Advanced reservations requested. Contact Bob and Mailyn Newton, (858) 485-5102. www.rbcpc.org/windjammers.

Christmas Poinsettias

Each year the RBCPC Flower Guild purchases these spectacular plants to honor or remember loved ones. The donations, a minimum of \$10.00 per plant, are used for church holiday decorations with the surplus given to the Deacons for outreach programs. Please look for the special envelopes provided in the pew racks and in the Welcome Center now through Dec. 13. Contact Fran Spear, (858) 748-6195 or Pat Buckley, (858) 748-6799.

Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesdays 1/11 - 5/31, 7-8:30 p.m.

Christ Caring for People through People. Instructors: Bob and Jeanette Lauer. Fifty hours of professional training and materials. Use your compassionate heart and caring soul to provide confidential care in a one on one relationship with those experiencing life challenges. Or if you know someone please encourage them to serve. Brochures and applications are available in the Welcome Center or www.rbcpc.org/stephen-ministry. Contact Marte Reynolds, rreynolds6@san.rr.com.

The Treasure Box

Order by Sunday, December 5, 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 on the Courtyard, or on-line www.rbcpc.org/the-treasure-box.

Holiday Treasure Box Drive

Donate by Sunday, December 5.

We are looking to give holiday treasure boxes to military and needy families for Christmas. Included with each box is a 14-16 lb. turkey with all the trimmings. Each box cost \$35. Visit the courtyard for more information. www.rbcpc.org/the-treasure-box.

Join The Savvy Travelers' Planning Team

Do you like to travel? Does being part of a church team planning and implementing trips for seniors and other adults sound interesting? RBCPC's Savvy Travelers mission group invites you to join our Board. The members of the Board develop the monthly day trips and extensive church-related trips such as to the Holy Land. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church Library. If you would be interested in joining the team, please talk to any of us Sundays on the Courtyard or call (858) 487-0811, ext. 300, savvytravelers@rbpc.org.

Angel Tree For Military Families

November 20 thru December 12.

Help a military family have a wonderful Christmas. Select an ornament 'gift tag' from the Angel Tree on the Military Family Ministry bulletin board. Bring the gift & tag back to the church unwrapped by December 12. The gift will be taken to the S.D. Military Outreach Ministry warehouse. Contact Terry Norwood, (858) 829-5190, www.militaryfamilies@rbpc.org.

Christmas Weekend Services

Sunday, December 26, Traditional, 8:30 a.m., Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 26, Contemporary, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary.

Please note that there will be no Saturday Evening, Worship Café, and Sunday 11:30 services. Please take this time to worship as a family. Regular worship services resume January 1. Youth Programs will resume Sunday, January 2.

Mark Up Your Bible Lecture Series

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Pastor Bruce Humphrey will lead two intensive lecture series as we read through the Bible in 2011. Bring your Bibles as we study and mark them up together! Each series is 10 weeks long:

Mark Up the Old Testament - Jan. 18 – Mar. 22.

Mark Up the New Testament - Apr. 5 – Jun. 7.

Stewardship for Life

Your financial gifts are a blessing to others as the good news of Jesus Christ is shared in so many ways around the campus of RBCPC and in the community. Thank you for your generosity for the work of Christ. Your financial gifts advance the cause of our Lord.

Actual Income and Expense Update

Year to Date (Through October)

Income \$ 919,968

Expenses 1,109,018

Deficit \$ -189,050

Please check out our website for a more detailed statement of the Treasurer's Report at www.rbpc.org/treasurer-report.

Your gifts to the Ministry Budget support all of our day to day ministries including adult education, children and youth programs, adult, youth and children's music programs, worship services, communications and outreach, caring ministries, missions, salaries, facilities, etc. ---Everything to keep our church running for the Lord!

Gifts of appreciated stock or real estate are an act of good stewardship. Call Mary, (858) 487-0811, ext. 212, to get a stock transfer form with instructions.

Electronic Church Giving (ECG) is a simple way to give regularly. Pick up a form at the Welcome Center. Online Giving is another alternative to donate through our website at www.rbpc.org/giving. Or use church-provided envelopes and clearly identify how you want your gifts to be used on the envelope.

Please remember that your contribution to RBCPC must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2010 in order to receive credit in the current year. All donations received or postmarked after December 31, 2010 will be credited to 2011.

Thank you for your generosity to the work of Christ through RBCPC.

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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.



Start the New Year by worshipping with us and be prepared to “*Mark Up Your Bible.*” Pastor Bruce will be leading us as we read through the Bible as a congregation in 2011. Join in the transformation as we become comfortable with highlighting, writing notes, underlining and marking up our Bibles.

January Schedule:

- Jan. 1/2 – *Begin Series: “Let’s Read the Bible Together in 2011”*
- Jan. 8/9 – *Guest Preacher: Dr. Mark Strauss*
- Jan. 15/16 – *“Joseph: A Classic Story”*
- Jan. 22/23 – *“12 Spies; 40 Years”*
- Jan. 29/30 – *“10 Commandments”*