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Stewardship for Life: A Season of Giving



Stewardship *giving from the heart* unlocks the secrets of charitable giving and makes it simpler to make giving your way of life – your lifestyle.

The 2010 Season of Giving Devotional is a great way to prayerfully shape your heart.

Available on line and in the Welcome Center.

Why give? Stewardship, the giving of our time, talents and financial gifts, is a natural expression of our relationship with God. We are to give God “the supremacy” in everything (Col 1:18). There is not a starting or a 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 (1Cor 4:7).

When to give? Give God back his portion first.

How much? Give liberally. “Whoever sows generously will also reap generously (2 Cor 9:6). Since everything we have belongs to Him, it is impossible to place a limit on gifts when we are giving things of eternal value. Stewardship giving is not limited, as God’s love is not limited “...for God is love.” (1 John 4:8).

Giving doesn’t just happen. Most of do not give as much as we should because we don’t plan our giving. We may need to make some tough financial, time and action decisions in order to have the freedom to give more. We may need to reduce our debt or create options to live a simpler life. We may have to budget ourselves. It means we have to pray for creating and understanding the value of our priorities. We, as stewards of all God’s gifts, pray and follow our hearts to give what God wants us to give.

How should we give? Prayerfully complete your pledge cards and return them by *November 20/21, Stewardship Commitment Weekend*.

If you have not received yours by mail, they are available in the pew pockets and in the Welcome Center.

We encourage you to use easy and secure electronic giving:

www.rbcpc.org/giving

Giving from the Heart ... a Legacy that Lasts Forever...

The Well

Thursday, November 4, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, Cost \$20.

Guest speaker: Cheri Kuptz speaking about *Christ, Creativity and the Christmas Season*. Dinner provided. Bring your friends or come alone to connect with other women and be replenished. www.rbcpc.org/the-well.

Heartstrings

Saturday, November 6, 9 - 11 a.m., Room 220.

Join our friendly group to knit/crochet beanies, blankets and more. All skill levels welcome. Contact Cyndi Nolan, (858) 484-4674 or visit www.rbcpc.org/heartstrings.

The Treasure Box

Order by Sunday, November 7, 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.

New Dreams For Old Pipes

Sunday, November 7, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary, free.

Concert Series Presents Christoph Bull. He mesmerizes his UCLA multi-media audiences, but it's his ability to make up music on the spot that sets him apart. Come with a song you want included in the final improvisation. Contact Amy Wazny, awazny@rbcpc.org.

Women's Christian Book Club

Tuesday, November 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Room 181.

A.W.Tozer's, *The Pursuit of God*. Contact Ellen Norton, ellen.norton10@yahoo.com.

KidsLife Operation Shoebox

Collecting donated items: Until November 14.

K-5th grades will be packing shoeboxes. For a list of items to donate visit www.rbcpc.org/kidslife or the Welcome Center. All items must be new and fit into a shoebox.

(Please place donated items in the Welcome Center bin by Nov. 14).

Operation Christmas Child

Collecting completed Shoeboxes: Until noon on November 21.

Send hope to a needy child by packing a gift-filled shoebox. Each child will receive a storybook in their own language about Jesus. Brochures with instructions available on the Courtyard and in the Welcome Center. Contact Cyndi Nolan, (858) 484-4674. www.rbcpc.org/occ.

Men - Dare To Be Uncommon

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

Join us as we discuss Tony Dungy's book, *Uncommon* and aspire to a life of renewed integrity, influence, and faith. Contact Tom Hurn, hurntg@cox.net, (858) 486-4351.

Soaking In God's Presence

Saturday, November 13, 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: *Rest in God's Love*. Childcare is available. Contact Mary Jo Coffee, mjcoffeerb@yahoo.com.

Prime Time

Thursdays, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, \$ 7/person.

Enjoy a full course lunch plus entertainment. For a list of artist and menus visit www.rbcpc.org/prime-time or pick up a list on the courtyard. Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact the Church office (858) 487-0811.

Used Book Sale

A used book sale is coming - November 13-14! Books are going for a song - soft covers \$0.25 and hard \$0.50. Come to the library 7 p.m. Saturday night or Sunday 9:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Library Corner

If you loved the *Left Behind* series you will want to read *The Rising*. Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins have once again collaborated on a new series of fiction you will enjoy.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., Fellowship Center.

Come join us for fun and fellowship for a buffet-style supper. Take advantage of a mid-week cooking break and enjoy delicious food and great fellowship. Cost \$ 7.50 / adults, \$ 5 /ages 6-16, \$2 /ages 4-5, free /under age 3. Or \$20 /family of 4. Menu on-line www.rbcpc.org/programs.

Windjammers

Friday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, Cost \$7.50

/person. Guest Speaker Carol LeBeau former channel 10 newscaster. Dinner provide by our wonderful church kitchen. Reservations on the Courtyard or in the Welcome Center. Contact Polly Purcifull, (858) 487-9002.

Stephen Ministry

Christ Caring for People through People

We can all be a part of the gift of hope and healing that is alive in Stephen Ministry. Request a Stephen Minister contact Betty Guenthard, rbbetty@san.rr.com, (858) 451-1520. Become a Stephen Minister, contact Marte Reynolds, rreynolds6@san.rr.com. More info in the Welcome Center or www.rbcpc.org/stephen-ministry.

Surviving the Holidays

Sunday, November 21, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., Fellowship Center.

The months of November and December are punctuated with holidays – days filled with family, tradition, and memories. These times can be particularly difficult for those who are bereaved. Come join us for Surviving the Holidays, an annual event sponsored by the deacons. GriefShare participants from the past and present will also be coming. Together, we will look at ways that we can use the holidays to heal from our grief. Contact Karen Bassett, (760) 743-2056.

RBCPC Bowlers

Season begins Monday, November 22, 7 p.m., Eagle Lanes, San Marcos. Men and women – all ages – all skill levels. Contact Ron Hubbard, ronandem@yahoo.com.

Veterans Day

When you think of fall what typically comes to mind is football games and holiday celebrations. A less anticipated but no less important event is Veteran's Day. Nov 11th a significant day when we salute and appreciate thousands of service members who have gallantly fought to preserve our rights and liberties.... *(read more online)*

www.rbcpc.org/military-family-ministries.

Pack N' Wrap 4 Military Service Members

Tuesday, November 16.

Join us Nov. 16th to pack and ship items to deployed service members of our congregation so they receive them by Christmas. Cards are welcome, drop off at the Welcome Center. For a list of recommended items visit www.rbcpc.org/military-family-ministry. Contact Terry Norwood, (858) 829-5190, www.militaryfamily@rbcpc.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 12th. The gift will be taken to the S.D. Military Outreach Ministry warehouse. Contact Terry Norwood, (858) 829-5190, www.militaryfamilies@rbcpc.org.

Poway Residents: Your Participation is Needed!

Visit www.rbcpc.org/poway-city-council-meeting or come to the Welcome Center and sign the petition, and plan on attending the Nov. 9, 7 p.m., City Council Meeting. You can also contact members of the Poway City Council and urge them to support Tentative Tract Map 08-01.

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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.



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.

17th Annual Women's Night

December 8, 6 p.m. (Silent Auction Preview), 7 - 10 p.m., Rancho Bernardo Inn, Cost \$25.

This event benefits the Preschool's Sharing Lives Ministry which promotes preschool experiences for all children. Join us for hor d'oeuvres, entertainment, desserts, cappuccino bar, and much more. Invite women to share this elegant inspiring night with you. For more information visit www.rbcpc.org/preschool.

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 church office, starting, *Saturday, November 27*. Contact Fran Spear, (858) 748 - 6195 or Pat Buckley, (858) 748 - 6799.