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# Newsletter



*What's Happening at RB Community Church*

## Thank you...

for helping to make 2018 a year of blessings to our community. Through the RB Community Church Ministry for Missions, you supported hands-on events providing hygiene kits and underwear to the homeless, hundreds of cans of food to local pantries, backpacks and school supplies that were distributed in San Diego and in Baja California, served meals to families in transition, and helped to build homes for Habitat for Humanity.

Additionally, you raised funds for and participated in a food-packing event, resulting in 50,000 meals for hungry families, and provided 39 gallons of blood for the San Diego Blood Bank. LifeGroups and families teamed up to deliver 80 Thanksgiving Dinner Bags to local families, and our Angel Tree provided Christmas toys for children of parents serving in the military. We couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU to everyone that helped with donations to meet the \$50,000 Mission Challenge. You can be assured that these funds will be used to support our local and international missions who are serving in the mission field as the hands and feet of Christ on our behalf. These donations were an added blessing to our mission efforts. The Ministry for Missions already has opportunities on the calendar for you to participate in and continue our hands-on efforts to serve those in our community. For **Play It Forward**, we are collecting gently used toys for children served through Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM), Salvation Army in Escondido, and Door of Faith Orphanage in Mexico.

The **"Souper" Bowl of Caring** event starts mid-January through February 3. We are collecting cans and boxes of food items for PUM and Interfaith Community Services in Escondido. Watch in the gallery as our youth and Boy Scouts create artistic "can-struction" displays.

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*A look back at a few  
2018 Mission Projects*



**COMING TO RB COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**JOIN THE DISCUSSION ON**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019**

# OUR CHALLENGE: THEIR FREEDOM

A Conversation About Human Trafficking

DINNER: 5:00 PM | PRESENTATION: 6:00-7:30 PM  
MORE INFO: [RBCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG](http://RBCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG)

*Tracy Daugherty* is the Director of Freedom Challenge USA. She and her husband Dan have pastored in the local church for 25 years. Tracy's ministry focus centers around her greatest passions - women, missions and teaching the Word of God. She is motivated to create a movement of people with a passion to be challenged personally for the freedom of vulnerable women and children all over the world.



For more information on the Freedom Challenge,  
visit their website: [thefreedomchallenge.com](http://thefreedomchallenge.com).

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Mark your calendar as the **San Diego Blood Bank** will return to campus on February 17. Be a blessing to others by giving the gift of life.

Please contact me if you know of other ways we can provide hands-on opportunities for our congregation to be a blessing to our community.

Serving HIM Together,  
Elaine Johnson  
Mission Coordinator  
[missions@rbcpc.org](mailto:missions@rbcpc.org)



**Just what is a LifeGroup? It is:**

- A place to belong and be yourself
- A place to feel cared for and encouraged
- A place to grow in faith
- A place to develop leadership
- A place to explore spiritual gifts
- A place to share lives
- A place to pray for and serve others
- A place of accountability

**LifeGroups Kick-Off**

*Wednesday, January 16*

*5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Supper (Fellowship Center)*

*6:00 pm - Special Dessert & Kick-Off (Lower Fireside)*

Are you part of a small group? OR are you interested in learning more about why LifeGroups are such an important part of our church community?

Don't miss the celebration as we kick-off the New Year. Come for Wednesday Night Supper and join other LifeGroup members for dessert and information session as Pastor John shares some of the exciting events happening in our LifeGroups.

All LifeGroup members and those interested in exploring what it means to be part of a group are encouraged to attend.

For more info, contact Kathy Wesley: [lifegroups@rbcpc.org](mailto:lifegroups@rbcpc.org).



# Adult Education Classes

## **Daniel: Lives of Integrity**

*Wednesdays, Jan. 16-March 27  
9:30-11:30 am | Upper Fireside*

A Beth Moore in-depth study of a clash in culture between Ancient Babylon, with all its worldly pleasures, and the Jewish culture of Daniel. Join us on this 11-week journey as we investigate the inspirational life of a Jewish exile who chooses to follow God at all costs. From the DVD's of Beth Moore, group discussion, personal application, and prayer, we will glean biblical teachings on how to live a life of integrity.

## **Computer Basics**

*Sundays, Jan. 13, Feb. 17, March 17, April 14 | 11:30 am-2:00 pm  
Upper Courtside*

**\*PLEASE NOTE CORRECTED DATES/TIMES/LOCATION**

Need to use a computer? Want to access the internet? Not sure where to begin? This class will start you off in the right direction, and help you feel comfortable using this technology. We'll cover everything from how to download your precious family photos to answering the question, "What's that cloud thing?!" *Only 7 spaces remain, so register on the courtyard today!*

## **Human Conflict & Christian Peace**

*Mondays, Jan. 14-March 25  
6:00-7:30 pm | Lower Fireside*

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An exploration of the sources and consequences of war, conquests, and clashes found in the human political, social, and cultural spheres with suggested possibilities for peace from historical, analytical, and literary sources and how they stack up to the biblical view of Peace as taught by Christ. An analysis of the 1960's Civil Rights Movement will be a case study included in this exploration.

## **Life-Changing Spiritual HABITS: Healing Prayer**

*Wednesdays, Jan. 16-May 15  
6:00-7:00 pm | Lower Fireside*

Dr. Stamper will lead you through the right Habits that will help you grow in godliness. "H.A.B.I.T.S." stands for six categories of Spiritual Disciplines which include:

- Holy Time
- Accountability
- Biblical Study
- Investments
- Testimony
- Sabbath

For the full class schedule and more information on any classes, pick up a Spring 2019 Course Catalogue, or contact Pastor John at [john@rbcpcc.org](mailto:john@rbcpcc.org). You can also download the Spring 2019 Course Catalogue by visiting our website at [rbcommunitychurch.org](http://rbcommunitychurch.org). At the top of the page, on the menu bar, hover over "Get Involved" and click on "Ministries." Then, click on the blue button that says "Download Spring 2019 Course Catalogue" under Adult Education.

## **God's Prescription for Wholeness**

*Sundays, January 20-April 28  
10:00-11:00 am | Fellowship Ctr  
Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bob Lauer*

We will study the book of James. James wrote his letter so that Christians everywhere might be "mature and complete, not lacking anything" (James 1:4). With this end in mind, he offers us a wealth of practical guidance for our everyday living. In this class, we will work carefully through the book of James, discussing such matters as how to pray to make things happen, how to remain steadfast in the face of temptation, why it's imperative to control the things we say, and how to be friends with God.

## **Online Course: Comparative Religions**

*Online Course | Web Address:  
[scs-university.teachable.com](http://scs-university.teachable.com)*

*Instructor: Rev. John M. Scholte*  
A comparative approach to the teachings of the world's primary religions to Christianity. The religious and cultural expressions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Judaism, Islam, and Sikhism will be explored through their core teachings against the back drop of Christian theology and culture.

## **Online Course: Equipping Leadership**

*Online Course | Web Address:  
[scs-university.teachable.com](http://scs-university.teachable.com)*

*Instructor: Rev. John M. Scholte*  
The Equipping Leadership class is open to anyone, but is primarily intended for leadership training and ministry development. It's for all who are in a leadership role, whether paid or volunteer, whether you lead three people, thirty, or one thousand. It's about assisting all those who have leadership responsibilities at RB Community Church.

## **Quilting Workshop**

*Saturday, January 19  
9:30 am-2:00 pm | Skylight*

Do you want to brush up on some of your sewing skills, or learn some new ones? Projects for a variety of skill levels will be available, from cutting squares, to making pillowcases, to creating placemats for college students to small lap quilts. Working together on these projects is a great way to meet others. Don't worry if you can't stay the entire time; come as you can. You might even find some tasty treats to go along with the fellowship. For more info, contact Kathy at [katknits@cox.net](mailto:katknits@cox.net).

**TACKLE HUNGER.**



## THE KICKOFF

**Saturday, February 2nd & Sunday, February 3rd**

Super Bowl Weekend is RBCPC's Souper Bowl of Caring.

## THE TEAM

- Coach

Souper Bowl of Caring - PCUSA

- Quarterbacks

RB Community Youth, Boy Scouts, Preschool, and the Carpenter's Fellowship

- The Players

YOU! The RB Community Church Congregation

## THE PLAY

Select cans, flats, and packs of soup or other canned goods. Wrap dollar bills or checks (made out to RBCPC) around cans with a rubber band, or tape onto packs and flats. Bring the cans & money to church, aaaaand... Touchdown! Donations go to San Diego Presbyterian Urban Ministries & Escondido Interfaith Community Services.

## Savvy Travelers Trips

The next Savvy Travelers excursion is seeing “Mamma Mia!” at Lawrence Welk Resorts on Saturday, Feb. 2. Includes lunch starting at 11:15 am & 1:00 pm. Please provide your own transportation as church bus is not available.

Also this year, we will be going to the Disney Concert Hall on March 2! Gustavo Dudamel, Music & Artistic Director of the LA Philharmonic, will conduct. Sign up for both or either one of these events at the Savvy Traveler booth on the Courtyard today!

## PrimeTime Returns!

Mark your calendars! After a nice holiday break, PrimeTime will resume on February 7. Mark your calendar as we kick off the Spring Season with crowd favorite, Michael Ruhl. RSVP to Bill Stanley at [bill@rbccpc.org](mailto:bill@rbccpc.org) or call 858.487.0811.

## Fine Arts Academy Registration

RB Fine Arts Academy Spring 2019 registration is open online now! Just go to [rbcommunitychurch.org](http://rbcommunitychurch.org) and click on the Fine Arts Academy link at the top of the page. The Spring session runs from January 13-May 19. You can also have your student attend the first session this Sunday and register in person!

Cost: \$150 for 13 Sessions. Tuition scholarships available upon request by emailing [olivia@rbccpc.org](mailto:olivia@rbccpc.org).

## FAA Volunteers

Our youth Fine Arts Academy (Sundays 11:15-2pm) needs adult volunteers to serve in supervisory roles on a rotating basis. No instructional responsibilities expected! Please contact [liz@rbccpc.org](mailto:liz@rbccpc.org).

## Service Opportunities

### “Souper Bowl” of Caring January 13 – February 3

During the month of January, Carpenter’s Fellowship is partnering with our preschool and youth, Boy Scouts, and Ministry for Missions to sponsor the annual “Souper Bowl” of Caring. We will be collecting individual cans/boxes and flats of cans for food pantries operated by Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) downtown and Escondido based Interfaith Community Services. Drop your cans or boxes off on Sunday mornings in the courtyard or in the Welcome Center during the week. An added feature of Souper Bowl of Caring this year will be Can-Struction projects in the gallery area built by our middle and high school youth and the Boy Scouts of Troop 680. Watch as our construction projects take on new shapes each week leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. For more info contact [missions@rbccpc.org](mailto:missions@rbccpc.org).

## Soaking in God’s Presence

Sat. January 12 | 6:10-7:15 pm  
*Lower Fireside*

Come rest in God’s amazing, unconditional love. Listen to Scripture readings and worshipful, soaking music as the prayer team silently prays for you. Please park in the Lower Parking Lot.

## MSM Winter Camp

Jan. 18-21, 2019 | Cost: \$250

Our Middle School ministry is excited to head to Thousand Pines Christian Camps for a fantastic weekend of biblical teaching, and recreation. Join us for a high-energy weekend filled with wild games, challenging speakers, and a chance to connect with the Lord. For more information contact Tim Wazny at [tim@rbccpc.org](mailto:tim@rbccpc.org).

## In Celebration of Women Art Gallery Installation

January 12, 2019

Kathryn Peterson uses her gifts of artistic expression through very diverse mediums. Her artwork is thematic, symbolic, and relates to women from her own life experience. There are six overlapping themes found in her artwork: Doing (being active and engaged), Fortitude (strength, resilience, courage, grit, and determination), Intelligence, Adaptability (change), Vulnerability, and Ancestors (their positive influence through time). These themes create a narrative about women, who we see becoming empowered and respected through the generations of time.

## Savvy Travelers: Trip Planners Needed!

Do you enjoy traveling and planning trips? Then you are the type of person the Savvy Travelers group would like to have on their planning committee! Savvy Travelers run monthly day trips for church seniors (and seniors in our community) to many types of interesting, educational, and enjoyable venues in the San Diego/Los Angeles area.

They are seeking to recruit 4-6 people to join their board and help plan and run these trips. The board meets once a month on a Thursday afternoon, and work cooperatively on all trips (with small teams taking leads for individual trips). If this sounds interesting to you, please call Don Watkins at 858.484.1683 or Jim McClain at 442.257.2158. You can also write-in “Savvy Travelers Board” under “Other” on the Connection Card. For more info, stop by the Savvy Travelers booth on the Courtyard on Sunday mornings.

## CHANGE OF STAFF NOTICE

*by Frances Lin, Executive Director*

It is with both great sadness, and yet genuine support and happiness that I share some news with you regarding our current staffing situation. Our Food Services Manager, Giovanni Toth, left to pursue another career. He is excited to embark on this new chapter.

Abraham Ortiz, our long time and very faithful custodian resigned a couple of weeks before the Christmas season. Despite our best efforts to retain him, he wanted to take a much-needed break.

Christian Rosales has stepped in to take Gio's place as our interim Food Service Manager. Please join us in welcoming him with open arms into our church family, and keep both Abraham and Gio in your prayers as they begin a new season in their lives.

Our current sermon series goal:

*see for yourself!*

### Daily Devotionals resume!

Want to receive the daily devotional?  
Did you accidentally unsubscribe?

Just mark your Connection Card, or visit [rbcommunitychurch.org](http://rbcommunitychurch.org) and click on **CONNECT** in the menu bar.

Scroll down, and find the section that says "Subscribe to receive Daily Devotional." Enter your first name, last name, and email address and click "subscribe!" Then, follow the prompts from [mailchimp.com](http://mailchimp.com).



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

## Who is considered an Ideal Student Ministry Leader?

You don't have to be young, you don't have to be cool, and you don't have to be a Bible scholar. Students need adults who will consistently spend time with them, pray for them, encourage them, believe in them, and simply laugh with them. Students want to know if you are willing to come into "their world" and discover who they are. Are you interested in engaging our youth as a Student Ministry Volunteer? Then please contact [brent@rbccpc.org](mailto:brent@rbccpc.org).



## What's Happening @ RB Community Church

### MONDAY, 1/14

9:00 am Spiritual Strength & Stretch  
 9:15 am Laubach  
 12:00 pm OEA Meeting  
 5:00 pm Capernaum  
 5:30 pm CBS Men  
 6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #680 Court of Honor  
 CBS Women  
 Human Conflict & Christian Peace

### TUESDAY, 1/15

8:30 am CBS Women Leadership Meeting  
 8:45 am Preschool Chapel  
 9:30 am MomsConnect  
 Serendipity Women's Bible Study  
 11:00 am All Staff Meeting  
 12:30 pm Tuesday AM LifeGroup  
 12:45 pm Preschool Chapel  
 6:00 pm Tuesday PM LifeGroup  
 Tied in Prayer Quilt Basics & More  
 6:30 pm Arabic College Group  
 NAMI Support Group

### WEDNESDAY, 1/16

8:30 am Women's Prayer Group  
 8:45 am Preschool Chapel  
 9:00 am MOPS Leadership Meeting  
 9:30 am Daniel: Lives of Integrity  
 10:00 am Seekers Bible Study  
 12:45 pm Preschool Chapel  
 4:00 pm Mini Melodies  
 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
 6:00 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal  
 High School Ministry  
 Wednesday PM LifeGroups  
 Life Changing Spiritual H.A.B.I.T.S.  
 7:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### THURSDAY, 1/17

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
 8:30 am Abraxas Program  
 9:00 am CBS Women  
 10:00 am Women Crosstalk Bible Study  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts  
 Love in Motion Rehearsal  
 Preschool Open House  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Senior Quilts

### FRIDAY, 1/18

6:00 am Men Crosstalk Bible Study  
 8:00 am Pew Angels  
 9:00 am Spiritual Strength and Stretch  
 Sunshine Singers  
 6:00 pm Musical Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, 1/19

7:30 am CBS Men Leadership Meeting  
 9:00 am Musical Rehearsal  
 Quilt Workshop  
 10:00 am Stephen Ministry Training  
 5:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

### SUNDAY, 1/20

8:30 am KidsLife  
 Traditional Worship Service  
 Worship Café  
 10:00 am Contemporary Worship  
 Middle School Ministry  
 High School Ministry  
 Arabic Speaking Service  
 Arabic Sunday School  
 11:00 am RB Fine Arts Academy  
 Traditional Worship Service  
 11:15 am Musical Rehearsal  
 11:30 am  
 2:30 pm