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Newsletter



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RB COMMUNITY CHURCH

Saying "THANK YOU"



Saying “*thank you*” is a simple act of blessing, for both the recipient and the one sharing the sentiment. In all seasons and circumstances, we are encouraged to “give thanks to the Lord,” for His love endures forever (Psalm 136:1). Gratitude is a part of our spiritual DNA.

This weekend we are giving thanks to God for somebody I greatly admire, Sheri Woodley. When I needed an anchor in a storm, Sheri blessed me with friendship, support and kindness. So it is with passion that I embrace this party as a “thank you,” not a goodbye. My prayer is that there will be ways for her to return to staff with something that fits her calling and giftedness for ministry, which are many. This is her family.

While lots of folks have been blessed by Sheri, I stand in the line with them to say with conviction,
“Thank you for all you have done! I’m not sure what I would have done without your kindness.”

There are other things happening this weekend that are good and important, but for now, let us focus on doing and being the people of God for a saint among us. Let us all say, *“Thank you God, for Sheri, for the many blessings you have given our family through her.”*

- Pastor Bryan

Celebration of Sheri

Sheri Woodley has had many opportunities to draw closer to God through her 20+ years of service to many at Rancho Bernardo Community Church. In March 1989 Steve and Sheri, along with 23 month-old Jeff, joined the RBCC family. Kevin came along a month later, and eventually Danny completed their family. They became involved in the Open Door Sunday School class where they got to know other church families. As is often the case with Sheri, seeing a need resulted in action. She soon volunteered at the church's Vacation Bible School. In 1998, recognizing her gifts and talents, Pastor Dave Turner asked her to join the staff in the area of Children's Ministry. Here Sheri implemented a new Sunday School curriculum with small groups and lots of performances. For Vacation Bible School, she and her team did not buy a stock program, but instead wrote all of the curriculum. Sheri's relational approach to ministry fostered diverse encounters, and she soon found herself leading both Men's and Women's ministries while still serving in Children's Ministry. Over the years, her influence is reflected in an amazing

range of contributions: creating Breakfast in Bethlehem; developing Home for the Holidays Christmas Brunch; the Christmas Eve Family Service; supporting Marriage Mentors; bringing MOPS to our campus; starting Moms Connect at our church; Grow In Your Marriage events, Covenant Groups, New Member Classes, Dinners for 12 and other hospitality endeavors all thrived with her attention. She is most proud of our church stepping up and becoming a beacon to the community during the firestorm. Sheri had a vision for the patio as a gathering space with a stage, courtyard lighting, bistro tables and informational booths providing ministry information. This warm and inviting space continues to draw us as we fellowship between services. Sheri is a connector, and in this space lifelong connections are made. For many of us, Sheri Woodley has personified servant leadership in our church. We celebrate her joyful and tireless devotion. Please stop by on the patio between services to drop her a personal note, give her a hug, or just a smile, as she has done for so many over the years.

Taste of the Renaissance

Sun. June 2

Be transported back in time to the European Renaissance at this refreshing concert featuring the La Jolla Renaissance Singers and professional early music instrumental/choral ensemble, Courtly Noyse. Experience sacred motets from the masters of the early church, alongside cheeky secular madrigals and chansons. A true delight!

In the last series we asked "What do you do when it feels like you're in a dark place" Here are some responses:

- "I put music on and DANCE!"
- "I seek the love of Jesus."
- "Take walks and breathe the fresh air."
- "Get out and invest in others"
- "Listen to corny jokes"
- "I turn it over to the Lord!"



Summer LifeGroups

Summer is a time for a more relaxed schedule with time for family and get-togethers with friends. With that in mind some short-term LifeGroups are forming around the theme of HEALTH, FITNESS, AND RELAXATION. These groups will meet four to six times throughout the summer at various times and locations. This is a great opportunity to spend time in a small group of 4-10 people to share a common interest and get better acquainted without a long-term commitment.

Health related groups include a video study based on the book Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst focusing on finding your "want to" for a healthy lifestyle and a Cooking Healthy group exploring current dietary/lifestyle options. If you are looking at being more fit this summer you may enjoy participating in a walking, hiking or biking group. For those just starting out and trying to get a few more steps each day maybe some accountability with a daily step competition is for you. For those looking to relax a bit this summer join the RB Community quilters and help create a quilt top from fabrics in the sewing closet or for those with a love of coloring reflect on scripture while creating with color.

Check the table on the patio for more information on days/times for these groups or contact Kathy Wesley at lifegroups@rbccpc.org to sign-up.

Fine Arts Academy Jamboree

All are invited to the Fine Arts Academy spring Jamboree. Join us at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall in this Sunday for a children's mini-musical, and presentations from Youth Choir, CrossFire, Drama Team, and Youth Praise Band.

Kings and Prophets Class

This course is a continuation of the series 'From Judaism to Christianity,' and follows an historical overview of the Old Testament as the story (of God) on the road to the New Testament. This summer's course will start with 1 Kings, chapter 12 and the division of David's Kingdom, then continue through to the destruction of the first Temple. It will feature the Prophets of the Old Testament, especially Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah and Jeremiah. A comparison of Kings and Chronicles will also be included. The connections and relevancies from Old to New have been enlightening and exciting for students, particularly as they are brought to light by the instructor who converted from Judaism to Christianity. Students do not have to have attended previous summer courses to attend this course.

Art Gallery Update

Your Art Gallery is alive with a years work of our pre-school children's unique and unbounded creativity!!!! Be sure to browse through the Gallery and experience joy, color, EXPLOSIVE FORM sheer MAGIC! Where does this creativity come from??? It's called process vs. product. What is that???...It's all in the gallery, written out and posted throughout the gallery for your enjoyment!

Stamp Out Hunger Update

Thank you to our band of volunteers who helped unload, sort, and transfer almost 35,000 pounds of canned goods and boxed food items at the Stamp Out Hunger last Saturday. All of the donated food will go to local food pantries in Carmel Mountain Ranch, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, and Rancho Penasquitos. By partnering with the US Postal Workers and Friends & Family Community Connection (FFCC) for this event RB Community Church will have helped serve over 800 families in our area that receive food weekly from local FFCC supported food pantries.

Security Update

Even before the recent tragedy with our neighbor synagogue, our church leadership was concerned about security issues and obtained a "vulnerability assessment" from the San Diego Law Enforcement Coordination Center. This study identified several physical changes in lighting, locks, video surveillance and other areas that can be improved. Church leadership is applying for a grant through the California Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security to implement these changes. In addition, we will be pursuing some operational changes to help mitigate the potential for security problems. If you have any concerns or questions, contact Frances Lin, Executive Director, or Tony Cook, Business Manager.

Spring Campaign for Children & Youth

We have launched a campaign to bless one of the ministry focus points in 2019. Gifts to this campaign will go towards funding our youth music and theatre department for three years, and it will allow us to securely place our children through 8th grade in one, secure location on our campus (a high priority in light of recent community violence). The goal: collect 120 gifts at \$500 each in honor of a special woman in your life. Pick up an envelope with instructions, and thank you for your support. There will be a beautiful art display recognizing your gift and honoree in the completed, renovated space by the fall.

Connection Card

Didn't have time to fill out your Connection Card in worship? No problem. Scan this code and fill it out or go to this website:

<http://rbcc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/43489>



Adult Discipleship Brochure Launch

This weekend our College of the Bible Summer 2019 Catalog is out! Pick one up to learn of the classes and LifeGroups we offer during the summer.

Get Involved!

Pew Angel Recruitment

The Pew Angels work with bulletins, newsletters and reset the pews for services each weekend. All are prayed for as we serve Jesus and RB Community. If you would like to come serve with us on Fridays 8:00-9:30am contact Donna Prather (858) 592-7679.

LOST AND FOUND!

Found: Ring with the inscription "A to R 6-13-48". Contact Luke Graham: (909) 556-9869

Remember to Recycle

We encourage you all to take your bulletin with your sermon notes home. If you do not, please leave them in the tubs at the sanctuary exits for recycling.

Habitat Service Opportunities

If you would like to help build and paint two playhouses for RBCC to donate to families in transition at Solutions for Change and to enlisted military families please join us on Saturday, June 1st from 8:00-12:00 in the lower parking lot. On Friday, June 14th from 10:00-2:00 RBCC volunteers will be helping at the Habitat ReStore in Escondido. Help us organize shelves, assist customers, and inventory new donations. To register on-line with Habitat and to sign their waiver form please go to the following link: <http://vhub.at/rbcpc>. Looking forward to seeing you at one or both of these events.

Helping Hands Wanted

Helping Hands has been an RB Community Church ministry since 1995 and has had many successful opportunities to assist folks in our community with small electrical, plumbing, computer, carpentry, and general handyman projects. Our Helping Hands volunteers, who are not licensed contractors, are in need of some new people to continue this ministry. These jobs don't require a lot of time, but the help is so appreciated by those who need it. We need volunteers to do the work and we also need someone who would volunteer to be the contact person. Questions? Please contact Dick Kurtz at (858) 485-5488 or (951) 217-7352.

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MONDAY, 5/20

9:00 am Spiritual Strength & Stretch
9:15 am Laubach
12:00 pm OEA Meeting
4:00 pm CBS Women's Leadership Meeting
5:00 pm Capernaum
6:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #680
7:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, 5/21

8:30 am Abraxas Transition Program
9:30 am Mom's Connect Bible Study
12:30 pm Tuesday AM LifeGroup
6:00 pm Tuesday PM LifeGroup
Tied in Prayer Quilt, Basics and More
6:30pm NAMI Support Group

WEDNESDAY, 5/22

8:30 am Women's Prayer Group
9:00 am MOPS Leadership Meeting
10:00 am Seekers Bible Study
6:00 pm Highway (High School Ministry)
Wednesday Life Group

THURSDAY, 5/23

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 am Abraxas Program
10:00 am Women's Crosswalk Bible Study
6:00 pm Love in Motion
Traditional Ensemble Rehearsal
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 5/24

6:00 am Men's Crosstalk Bible Study
8:00 am Pew Angels
9:00 am Spiritual Strength and Stretch
9:30 am Tied in Prayer Quilt Ministry
6:00 pm ENGAGE
6:30 pm Arabic College Group

SATURDAY, 5/25

8:00 am Men Walk to Emmaus
5:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

SUNDAY, 5/26

8:30 am Next Wave (Children's Ministry)
Blended Traditional Service
Worship Café
10:00 am Contemporary Worship
Highway (High School Ministry)
MSM (Middle School Ministry)
Next Wave (Children's Ministry)
Old Testament Bible Study
11:00 am Arabic Speaking Service
Arabic Sunday School
11:30 am Traditional Worship Service