



The Newsletter

“Becoming... Like Jesus”

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Week 49

December 4, 2017

THE
Story
OF
Christmas
WORSHIP THE KING

The Colors of
CHRISTMAS
A **Vibrant** Musical for Kids

*Presented by the Children's Choir
and Worship Choir
of Richland Baptist Church
Sunday Evening, December 10th at 6 PM*



Dear RBC,

God is on the move at RBC! We are experiencing an awakening in our hearts and lives to care for and pray for our neighbors. We are seeing the lost all around us through new eyes. And we are growing in hunger for God's Word. There is much to be grateful for this year. I want you to be aware of an opportunity to follow Christ that is coming up this December. When someone trusts in Christ as Savior and Lord, their first act of obedience is baptism. Over the last several weeks, there have been several individuals who have trusted in Christ and want to be baptized. Others need to be biblically baptized to become members of RBC. Along these lines, I am going to be teaching a special class during the Life Group hour on December 17th at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary. There you can learn about Biblical baptism, and we will also walk through the logistics of being baptized. Then on December 24th, we will have baptism available in both morning services. I can't think of a better way to celebrate Christ's birth than to follow Him in baptism on Christmas Eve!

If you would like to be a part of this class and would like to follow Christ in baptism, then send me an email at travis@richlandbaptistchurch.org or call the church office at (509) 943-9177. Let's make this a Christmas celebration to remember in Christ!

For His Name and Renown,

Pastor Travis



Saturday, December 16th at 8 AM Fellowship Hall



We are beginning the process of converting our weekly Newsletter to an electronic email format. The goal is to move from a paper newsletter to an e-newsletter after the first of the year.

There are numerous benefits to electronic communication. You will get information in a much more timely manner. You will

also be able to import dates into your phone/desktop calendar, click on links, and also submit signup forms for church activities electronically. In addition, converting to an e-newsletter has the potential to save the church about \$6,000 per year, not to mention several hours of office time for our staff!

The first step in this process is to sign up! There are links posted on our website and Facebook page to sign up. You can also send an email to karen@richlandbaptistchurch.org and we will send you the link. You will begin receiving the RBC e-newsletter after the first of the year.

There may be a few who cannot receive emails. We want to keep you informed as well! Please call us in the church office and let us know that you would like to continue receiving the paper newsletter, and we will continue to send you a copy.

Thanks for your help with this project!

Pastor Travis



Words from Wells...



“I bring you good tidings of great joy!” (Luke 2:10b)

We certainly have much to celebrate, to look forward to, and to be thankful for! We have good tidings to share with others, here at home, and in lands far away. Thank you for your encouragement at the missions banquet to those who share good tidings in a land far away.

Music Notes



Thank you, Worship Choir for your music Sunday morning! As we celebrate the Christmas season, Jesus is the center of that! Thanks for that reminder.

Mark your calendars for this Sunday, December 10! That evening, the Children’s Choir and the Worship Choir will present Christmas music for us all to worship together! That will be at the regular 6:00pm time. Please do make plans to come and worship with us, and to bring others for that also!

Other Christmas things to do . . . the Bells of the Desert will present a Christmas concert this Saturday evening, Dec. 9, at 7:00pm at CUP. Two ladies from our church ring with that group. That group does a great job, and you will enjoy that concert! There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person.

While you are marking your calendar, don’t forget to mark Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, to come to the church and go caroling with us! We will go to the homes of some individuals, and also to a retirement center in Kennewick. Come and sing with us, and then come back to the church for some hot chocolate and goodies. Oh, reminder . . . we need you to bring some goodies to share!

Sunday evening, Dec. 17, the Preschool Choir will sing for us at the beginning of the service! Also, especially kids, if you have a piano song, or other instruments that you would like to play and share with us that evening, please let me know so I can get you signed up! We would love to hear from you!

Then, of course, don’t forget the Christmas Eve service, Sunday evening, the 24th, at 6:00pm! I can’t wait!!!!

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refuge
One died for all
all for the glory of One

Romans 6:9-11 - *We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

As our students continue to walk through Romans, we continue to see more incredible promises of God! We “must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” because of God’s grace and His great promises!

Jesus Christ conquered death, “death no longer has dominion over Him!” Jesus Christ “died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God!”

Thank you for partnering together with the families of our students by praying and being living examples they also need to see! And please pray this week as we study Romans 6:12-23!

For the glory of King Jesus!
Ron



BJ Olson is the Pastoral Care Counselor at RBC. If you have a need for counsel in a life issue, relationship, or other spiritual matter, BJ has an open door and would be pleased to meet with you. Contact him by phone or email.

509-521-9374 or BJ@richlandbaptistchurch.org

For anyone experiencing life challenges that would benefit from counseling with BJ, there are funds available to assist with that cost.

Please don't let concern over cost keep you from availing yourself of this valuable help.

Christmas Food Baskets



We Need Your Help!

It's hard to believe but it's time to be gathering items for the Christmas Baskets!

Items needed are:

ham, potatoes, fresh carrots, canned green beans, 1 lb. dried beans, fresh mandarin oranges, cake mix, canned frosting, brownie mix, and cream of mushroom soup.

Donations of money to buy perishable ingredients would also be much appreciated! Thank you for being a blessing and helping others! We are thankful for **YOU!**

CHRISTMAS BASKETS will be distributed on
Wednesday, December 20th
between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Please submit names for the baskets now. You may call the church office or email karen@richlandbaptistchurch.org.

The names **must** be received by the
deadline of Sunday, December 17th.

To submit a name for a basket, **you must be willing to be responsible for pick up and delivery** of that basket on December 20th between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Thank you Greg and Kathy Smith for your hard work!

Each of us is an innkeeper
who decides
if there is room
for Jesus!

Neal A Maxwell

Christmas Caroling for All Ages!
Wednesday, December 13th
at 5:30 p.m.

Please bring your favorite goodies to share.

PRESCHOOL children MUST have a parent or guardian to participate. Also, if any minor first grade and up will be attending without a responsible adult, a permission form available in the church office MUST be signed.





Thank you for continuing to assist **over 50 families!** It cannot be fully expressed what a tangible difference you are making in these lives! Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving. Several members are using the method of buying for their own family and then adding an extra one or two for their Chief Jo family and bringing those items in every few weeks. Some give more at a time but less often. However you choose to give and how little or how much, it is used to provide for real needs. It is also a clear example of how when Jesus fills our hearts we show His love to others! Bless you!

This week's list of needs are:

Tuna
Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit

Canned Corn
Canned Carrots
Canned Green Beans

Boxed Potatoes

Bells of the Desert
TRI-CITIES, WA

Ring Noel

Bells of the Desert in Concert

December 9, 2017, 7:00 pm
Central United Protestant Church
1124 Stevens Drive, Richland

2017 FROM A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Doing Life Together



DECEMBER

- 10—Christmas Choirs Musical
- 13—Christmas Caroling for all ages at 5:30 p.m.
- 16—Men's Monthly Breakfast in fellowship hall 8:00 a.m.
- 20—No Wednesday Night Dinner or regular activities
- 22—Church Office closed
- 24—Christmas Eve Service
- 25—Christmas Day—Church Office closed
- 27—No Wednesday Night Dinner or regular activities
- 31—Combined Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

JANUARY

- 1—New Year's Day—Church Office closed
- 3—Wednesday Night Dinner and regular activities resume
- 7-13—RBC Week of Prayer



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RBC FAMILY PRAYER

Hospital/Rehab/Hospice:

Dick Downard Sr.– recovering/Richland Rehab room #311

Laura- (Jani Larson's grandniece) in rehab process

Dan Lyons– recovering from triple bypass surgery/Richland Rehab

Linda Lyons– cancer in brain worsening/now in hospice care

Alex McLaughlin– in hospice care

Sophia- (6 yr. old friend of the Southern) brain surgery/stroke/complications

Randi Tucker- recovering /Avalon Pasco

Harley Unruh- (Betty Boldt's brother) recovering from surgery/cardiac issues

Jim Vines– cancer/chemo/blood count issue with probable transfusion

At Home:

Phyllis Abbott (Pastor Travis' mom) recovering from back surgery/pain

Andrea Blackard– recovering from surgery

Doug & Ginger Bromley– medical issues

Mike Clements- eye surgery 12/07

Beth Crowder & family– cancer/chemo treatments

Jodi DeCola & family– recovering from cancer surgery/chemo

Cecilia DeLargarza– health concerns/pain

Dave Downard– pulmonary embolism

Larry Dunn- (Mandy Southern's dad) infection/cardiac ablation on 1/10

Dennis Guttromson- (submitted by Moffitt's) losing the use of his feet

Larry Humphreys– PICC line treatment for serious wound infection

Barbara Marsh– recovering from cataract surgery

Doug Marsh– cardiac issues/adverse side effects from medication

Noah- (Rusthoven's grandson) optic nerves destroyed/needs sight restored

Larry Richards– (friend of Bettie Rhodes) recovering from heart surgery

Shellie Roberts– recovering from lung removal/upcoming breast cancer surgery

Lisa Robinson– upcoming foot surgery 12/07

Doris Saisslin– very painful and slow to heal wound

Charlie Stevens– 18 yr. old/medical tests/possible brain tumor

Brad Swartswalter– continuing serious liver issues

Special Requests:

Employment Needs: Joe Cichy, Vanessa, Josie, David & Rachel

Ezra Project–

Hasan Bytyqi– salvation of people in Kosovo

Our own on the mission field

Jarrett, Edgecomb, Clements, DeCola and Roberts families

Tony & Rayda & daughters (ESL family)- need political asylum approved

Peggy Real- (Susan Hamon's daughter) deployed to Afghanistan

Roger Goehring– health concerns & seeking God's direction

Lucy Carver- (submitted by M. Parks) 11 yr. old with serious GI condition

DEACONS ON PLATFORM

Sunday, December 10th
Dale Ingram and Tom Schneider

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

December 6th
Pastor Travis

**SUNDAY MEET & GREET VOLUNTEERS
for DECEMBER**

1st Service: Volunteer
2nd Service: Volunteer

SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE

Life Groups: 275
Worship: 352



Ladies Night of Crafting & Fellowship
Tuesday, December 12th 6:00– 9:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring any craft to work on that you'd enjoy!
Sign up on the sheet on the counter outside of the church office.

NURSERY WORKERS

If you are going to be absent on a Sunday that you are scheduled to be serving in the nursery, *please trade with someone else on the schedule for that month.* It would be a great help to those who are keeping the nursery staffed. Please contact Cindy Cornett if you have any questions.

Nursery Workers
for Sunday, December 10th

Please report to the Nursery area for your room assignment.
8:30
Diana Shelby / KC Clements
9:45
Patrick Barnes / Linda Barnes
Jolene Acevedo / Andrea Blackard
11:00
Henry Clark / Tammy Dean
Joan Parisien / Brenda Gould

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