

# Raiders News

November 23, 2022



## Devotion: Blessed

As we prepare for Thanksgiving this year, I came across this sermon that I thought helped put being thankful into perspective. Please see the excerpt below from his message. The link at the end brings you to the entire sermon if you would like to read or watch it. I highly recommend it. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

### Blessed

"How are you doing?" That's probably the most commonly asked question: "How are you doing?" It's also probably one of the hardest questions to answer. Do you ever tell the truth? "How are you doing?" What do we say? "Good. Pretty good. Okay." That's what we always say, right? Because you know that other person doesn't really want you to bare your soul to them. What else could you say? How about this: "Blessed." Whenever I hear someone say that—"I'm blessed"—I think to myself, "I should say that. 'I'm blessed!'" But I usually don't. Do you tell everyone that you're "blessed"? For some reason, it can be hard to make those words come out.

Maybe because we often don't feel blessed. We feel poor. Maybe poor financially. This inflation stuff is a real thing. Money's on your mind. Will you have enough? Those worries bring real stress and anxiety. Maybe you feel poor in spirit. Like a nobody. Like nobody cares. Blessed? How can you be blessed when you're poor? We can say the words, but they don't sound true.

You are blessed. At least, according to Jesus. He has an upside-down way of looking at the world. To us, when we hear the word “blessed,” we immediately think of what’s going on in our lives. Money. Health. Job. Family. We think we’re blessed when the outward circumstances of our lives are going well. That’s not what Jesus means when he calls us blessed. A blessed person is a recipient of God’s grace. A blessed person is someone whom God loves dearly. Who’s that? That’s you! Blessed is not, “Everything’s going great!” Blessed is “Jesus loves me, this I know.”

I’m afraid we Christians often just believe half the Bible’s message. Do you know which half? The good stuff. “Every good and perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). We get that. Good things come from God. But what about the bad things? The hard things. There must be some mistake, right? God must not get it right all the time. No! That’s the other half of the Bible’s message. Do you know whom even the bad things in life come from? God. Both the good and the bad are gifts from God. To show us his grace in Jesus and focus us on his promise of heaven.

Do you feel poor? Listen! “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” I read a great description of “poor” this week. Being poor means to be thrown on God’s grace. If you’re poor financially, what do you have to trust in? The grace of God. If you’re poor spiritually, if you recognize your sins, what do you have to trust in? The grace of God. Being poor means to be thrown on God’s grace. What a blessing! Why? God gives his kingdom to those who trust in him. If the circumstances of your life force you to fall on God’s grace, you’re blessed! Because “blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” Do you see how this works? Jesus’ perspective is upside-down. Don’t get stuck in the now. You are blessed!

So how are you doing? Can we practice this? “I’m blessed.” Can you say that with me? “I’m blessed.” That doesn’t mean everything’s going great. It means you know what Jesus has done for you at the cross. It means you know Jesus’ promise of heaven. So you don’t have to get stuck in the now. The outward circumstances of life don’t define us. God’s grace does. We’re blessed!

For the full message click here:

[https://upsidedownsavior.home.blog/2022/11/06/blessed-2/?fbclid=IwAR01JSxxXH5gx0hEGNLLyUp\\_vgRZ\\_0SASkwovkRKvdirh2chlBQuL4ldCNI](https://upsidedownsavior.home.blog/2022/11/06/blessed-2/?fbclid=IwAR01JSxxXH5gx0hEGNLLyUp_vgRZ_0SASkwovkRKvdirh2chlBQuL4ldCNI)

**SCRIP ORDERS DUE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1!**





Reformation's Christmas Scrip order will be placed Thursday, December 1.

Place your order and avoid the hassle of going to the store.

Go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)

Enrollment Code: B923448L56332

Contact: Jenny Mangini

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## GOT SCRIP?

Do you go to Starbucks every week? Shop at Target often? You can use Scrip to raise money for our school while also shopping for yourself or grabbing gift cards for a special occasion.

- Scrip is our school fundraiser that uses gift cards to help raise money for our school. In the past we raised money to purchase a laminator and playground equipment.
- Easiest way to order Scrip is through the RaiseRight app. If you prefer to order in person further information and order forms can be found in the office.
- **The Scrip order this year is due Thursday, December 1**
- For more information please contact Jenny Mangini @ [jenmangini@aol.com](mailto:jenmangini@aol.com) or call/text (619)873-7952.

## Save the date for Christmas in Clairemont!

On Saturday December 17 from 6-8pm everyone is invited to Christmas in Clairemont! Celebrate Christmas with a live nativity at 6:30pm, live music and caroling, crafts, cookies, coffee and more throughout the evening.

We are seeking adults to be Live Nativity cast participants! Please contact Sarah Rodrigues if you'd like to get involved with this. ([Rodriguess@refsd.org](mailto:Rodriguess@refsd.org))



# Christmas in Clairemont



Enjoy a live nativity play, live  
music and caroling, storytelling,  
crafts, cookies, coffee and more!



Saturday, December 17

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Live Nativity at 6:30pm



## School Uniform Store

Is your child growing too fast? Does it feel like you're buying school uniforms all year round? Well look no further for you children's uniform needs. Reformation has a well stocked Uniform Store that is open 5 days a week, Mon-Fri 8am-9am and 2pm -4:30pm. We have boys and girls sizes from 2T up to Xtra Large.



This year, on the last Monday of the month, we will be putting out clothing on tables to make shopping that much easier. Our next "open store" will be **Monday, November 28th**. Drop on by for some awesome deals! And don't forget, we are always accepting donations of "gently used" uniform items to add to our collection.

## Hot Lunch – Orders due by noon on Friday!

Treat your student to a hot lunch! Thanks to parents volunteering to help, we are able to offer a limited hot lunch program. Each entree item will be served with a small bag of chips and a fruit or vegetable. Prices and available items are listed on the online order form. A new order form will be available every Monday.

ORDERING CLOSSES AT NOON on the Friday prior to each week of lunch choices. There will be no late orders as volunteers will be ordering, purchasing, and preparing items according to pre-orders.



Orders will be billed through FACTS at the start of the following month. Sorry, no credit or refund for students absent due to illness or other unexpected absence.

Volunteers are needed to help on hot lunch days. We're asking for two people to help, from 11am-12:15pm. Click here for more information and to sign up:

<https://signup.com/go/aeuwobT>

## Soccer Day for Grades 3–8 Friday, December 2

Each year, our students in grades 3-8 participate in a Soccer Day along with students from other schools in our WELS Lutheran School network in the Southern California area. This is similar to the volleyball afternoons recently enjoyed by students in grades 5-8. This Soccer Day is considered a classroom field trip/PE activity and all students are strongly encouraged to participate.



Our Reformation students will be assigned to a team that is comprised of students from all the other schools. Students really enjoy having a chance to meet students and teachers from the other schools, many of whom they have seen or will see at similar events such as volleyball, basketball, the spring Track Meet, etc. The teams will be assigned a color, and the students will be asked to wear a shirt of that color (team assignments and shirt colors will be available on Monday, November 28.) Students should bring a sack lunch, water and snacks – please pack all this in a backpack or bag they will carry.

We are asking for help with transporting students to Soccer Day. The activity will be held in Temecula at Birdsall Park (32380 Deer Hollow Way, Temecula, CA 92592) and begins at 9:00am. We will plan to leave Reformation at 8:00am, families will be asked to meet here at 7:45am so we can assign students to carpooling vehicles. We should be returning to campus at about 3:00pm.

Today your student will be given a permission slip for Soccer Day – please ask them for this handout and return the completed portion to your student's teacher tomorrow, if possible, or as soon as possible. This will assist us with planning transportation and the teams themselves. Thank you! ([Click here to print and complete the handout.](#))

Please contact your student's teacher with any questions.



## Raiders Basketball Has Begun!

Boys basketball team practices will be Mondays and Thursdays, 3:15-4:45pm, beginning November 21. The boys will have a Grades 4-6 team (referred to as the B Team) and a Grades 7-8 team (referred to as the A Team). The boys teams will play in a league from mid-December through January, two tournaments in February and additional games.

Girls basketball team practices will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:15-4:45pm, beginning December 13. The girls will have one team of students from grades 4-8. The girls league will take place from February through March, and the team will have games in January along with two tournaments in February.

A sign up sheet for both teams was sent home with students, the form is also found here <http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/forms-and-information/>. It's not too late for students to join the teams. We're looking forward to another great season of Raiders Basketball!

## Bible Class for Grades 5-8

Mrs. Jessica Bohl has started a new bible class for grades 5-8. This class will meet in room 18 from 9:30am to 10:15am. We are looking forward to covering topical bible studies to help our students prepare to be the light in our broken world. This class will be covering "Tough Questions Reasoned Answers" by Dr Paul Kelm. See you there!



## Kids4Christ Sunday School

Kids4Christ (Sunday School) is back in person! Children of all ages will meet in the gym for a fun, interactive series of Bible lessons.

**When:** Every Sunday 9:30 - 10:15AM

**Where:** PreK-K & Grades 1-4 in Room 16

**Administrator:** Barbette Lowndes

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## Reformation Family Calendar

### November

- 24-25** Thanksgiving Break - No Grade School or Preschool
- 30** Advent Worship Service (7:00pm) and Soup Supper (5:45pm)

### December

- 7** Advent Worship Service (7:00pm) and Soup Supper (5:45pm)
- 11** Sacred Christmas Concert at CLHS (4:00pm)
- 14** Advent Worship Service (7:00pm) and Soup Supper (5:45pm)
- 16** 1-8 Grade Christmas Program 7:00pm
- 17** Christmas in Clairemont
- 18** PK/K Christmas Program 10:30am
- 21-26** Preschool Christmas Break
- Dec. 21 to Jan. 3** Grade School Christmas Break





Chapel Service - Wednesdays at 8:30am

Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am

Kids4Christ - Sundays at 9:30am

Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



*For we are God's  
workmanship,  
created in Christ  
Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared  
in advance so that  
we would walk in  
them.  
Ephesians 2:10*



## About Us


 Facebook

The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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