Raiders News

December 2, 2022

Devotion: Our King Comes in Gentleness

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." **Matthew 21:1-5**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The president of the United States rides in a limousine nicknamed "the Beast." It's a fitting name! His car has armor plating and bullet-proof glass; it carries weapons and rides on tires that can't go flat. When you see a car like that coming down the street, you know a powerful leader is coming.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem to die for our sins, he wasn't riding anything like that. He wasn't in a chariot or riding a powerful horse. He was riding on a small, young donkey. But he was coming to be a King.

There were at least two reasons why Jesus rode a donkey. Hundreds of years before this, God made a prophecy—a promise!—through one of his prophets: When God's true King came to his people he'd be riding on a young donkey. God said, "When you see this sign, pay attention. You'll know I'm keeping my promise."

And riding a donkey showed what Jesus was like. You wouldn't ride a donkey out into war. Donkeys were lowly and humble. Gentle. Jesus wasn't coming to attack people; he was coming as a gentle King who would lay down his life for his people.

Jesus still comes to us today. We'll celebrate Christmas soon and rejoice in the miracle of God coming as a baby. But there's a miracle taking place, even right now. God comes to us in his Word. He promises he's speaking to us through the Bible. So are you reading the Bible tonight? Are you going to church soon? Then, pay attention! God's keeping his promise to you.

And it shows what God is like, too. He doesn't come to us in a thunderstorm or an earthquake, but in words that help us see our sin and promise us salvation. He doesn't want to scare us; he speaks gently because he wants us to know him. That's the kind of King you have.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus, when you entered Jerusalem on a donkey, you came exactly the way you promised, but so many people didn't recognize you. You promise to come to us in your Word. As we read it tonight, as we worship you on Christmas Eve, help us to recognize you and receive you as our gentle and loving King. Amen.

End of First Trimester Parent Teacher Conferences

Last Wednesday marked the end of the first Trimester. Grades are being finalized by our teachers and they have begun communicating about scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences. Please watch for communication from your child's teacher about scheduling these conferences.

CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

SACRED CHRISTMAS CONCERT December 11 | 4PM



Plan to attend 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. Invite a friend or neighbor to remember the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of our Savior Jesus.

We are seeking adults to be Live Nativity cast participants as well as volunteers to help with event! There are sign up sheets in the church entryway, or contact Sarah Rodrigues if you'd like to get involved with this. (<u>Rodriguess@refsd.org</u>)

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 **in January**. 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 CLOSES AT NOON on the Friday prior to each week of lunch choices. Order form for December 5-9: <u>https://forms.gle/kFNoqvdQMs2AjeUGA</u>

There will be no late orders as volunteers will be ordering, purchasing, and preparing items according to preorders. 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: <u>https://signup.com/go/aeuwobT</u>



Raiders Athletics Update

Due to forecasted inclement weather, the Soccer Day planned for Friday, Dec. 2 was cancelled. A rescheduled event date will be announced as soon as it is determined.

Students in grades 4-8 are invited to join the boys or girls basketball teams. Using our God-given abilities to learn to play a sport is a blessing! Our extracurricular sports teams are a great way to stay active, learn new athletic skills and develop individual and team strengths. We emphasize individual goals and achievements, positive Christian sportsmanship and commitment to the team. Coaches are volunteers or school staff members who are excited to maintain a positive environment while bringing glory to God through sports.

Boys basketball team practices have begun, and we're so excited to see so many players out on the court! Girls basketball team practices begin December 13. A sign up sheet for both teams was sent home with students, and is also found here <u>http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-</u> 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



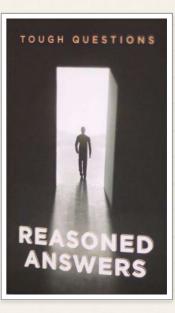
Kids4Christ Sunday School

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 BHLowndes@att.net

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 Quesions Reasoned Answers" by Dr Paul Kelm. See you there!



Reformation Family Calendar

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. (<u>http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/</u>)





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

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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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