Raiders News

December 9, 2022

Devotion: Let's get ready for the King of peace

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him.""

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Matthew 3:1-6

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

Don't you hate it when you get caught doing something wrong? We don't want other people to know about our sins. We're ashamed of them, and so we try to hide our guilt so no one finds out.

But look what happened when John the Baptist arrived. John was the last great prophet that God sent to prepare people for Jesus. And as John preached, people lined up just to be able to confess their sins! They were eager to admit the things they did wrong. Imagine that!

But why?

When they heard John's preaching, they realized that they could try to hide their sins, but that doesn't get rid of them. It's like pushing a splinter deeper into your finger because you're too scared to pull it out: it's just going to make the problem worse. And they weren't there just to admit they did bad things. John was baptizing them. He was washing them with water and promising them that God forgave all their sins. That's how he got people ready for Jesus: he told them to confess their sins and told them that Jesus was bringing forgiveness.

As we get ready for Christmas, there are so many things to do: we wrap presents and get the house ready for visitors or help our family make a big dinner. Those are wonderful things, but that's not really what it means to be ready for Jesus. Do you want to be ready for him? Then be honest about the sins you've done; there's no point in hiding them and no reason to hold onto that guilt. Sometimes that's hard to do—almost as hard as knocking down mountains or straightening out crooked roads. But there's a reason why we want to get those things out of the way: Because Jesus is coming to share forgiveness and peace with us and to wash us clean from our sins.

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, you didn't come to bring us guilt, but to take guilt away. You didn't come to fill me with sadness, but with peace. So help me to recognize that my guilt, my fear and my sadness all come from my sins. As I confess those sins, fill me with your peace. As we remember your birth this Christmas, give me faith that this peace is really for me. Amen.

Christmas Card Gifts to Reformation Church and School Families

On Wednesday, chapel buddies worked together on some Christmas cards for our congregational and school families. We are very thankful for each one of you and wish you a very Merry Christmas!





















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.

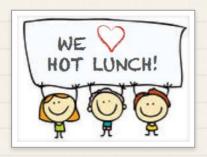
We are seeking adults to be Live Nativity cast participants as well as volunteers to help with event! There are sign up sheets in the church entryway, or contact Sarah Rodrigues if you'd like to get involved with this. (Rodriguess@refsd.org)

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!

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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 12-16: https://forms.gle/FdeeeZ7tH6PWDwWAA

There will be no late orders as volunteers and staff 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: https://signup.com/go/aeuwobT

Raiders Athletics Update

Our Raiders boys basketball teams begin their league competition next week, with games on Tuesday and Thursday. You can find the game schedule on the online calendar here: http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/calendar/

You can also add our school calendars to your personal calendars with the "Google calendar" link in the lower right hand corner.



Girls basketball team practices begin December 13at 3:15pm. We are excited to begin 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.

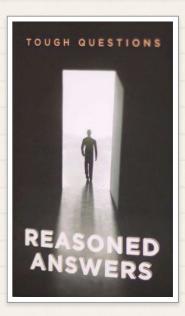
When: Every Sunday 9:30 - 10:15AM Where: PreK-K & Grades 1-4 in Room 16

Administrator: Barbette Lowndes

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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

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 Gods 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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