

Raiders News

December 16, 2022

Devotion: The Messiah is Worth the Wait

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:7-8

Did you know that throughout their lifetime, the average person spends five years waiting in lines? That's a long time to wait! We wait in line at the grocery store, at the gas pump, at a stoplight. We are people that are used to waiting.

Today, God's Word encourages us to wait for the Lord as farmers wait for the harvest. Why a farmer, you ask? Well, I think we have a lot to learn from farmers and the way in which they wait.

You see, farmers are some of the most patient and skillful "waiters" in society. They are forced to wait for months to see the fruits of their labor. They don't just sit around and do nothing, but rather they work while they are waiting. They trust in God's provision while they wait. They don't give up waiting when times are hard. Farmers have a lot to teach us about waiting.

Sometimes, we want God to go by our own timeline. We can begin to think that he has forgotten us. In truth, there is so much beauty in the wait. God is growing and strengthening us, just as the crops, as we wait for his timeline to be revealed.

God also has work for us to do in the wait. Just as the farmer works the fields in the wait, we also have important work to do as we wait for Jesus' return. We are spreading the seed and watering the faith of ourselves and those around us while we look for the coming of the Messiah.

While we wait, we can trust that God will provide for us just as he sends rain for the farmer's crops. Even when times are hard, we need not give up, because we know God's promises are always true and that he is coming to take us home with him in heaven.

Advent is a time of waiting. As humans, we are used to the wait, but that doesn't always make it easy. Scripture gives us incredible encouragement today in James. "...be patient, and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." Brother and sisters, find beauty in the wait, work in the wait, trust in the wait. Rest assured that God keeps his promises. The Messiah is coming for us!

Prayer:

O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

Cookies Still Needed for Christmas Programs!

To help celebrate our annual Christmas programs on December 16 and December 18, we will have a cookie social immediately following. This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle and share Christmas cheer. We ask that every family bring in a dozen cookies for the social. Please bring your cookie donations on Friday, December 16. You can drop them off at the front office. We are looking forward to presenting the story of Jesus' birth to all of you. May the Lord bless your Christmas preparations.



1-8 Grade Christmas Program December 16, 7:00 pm
PK-K Christmas Program December 18 10:30 am

Children's Christmas Services

The students and teachers at Reformation have been working hard to prepare the Christmas Services this week! We are excited to be able to present them to you Friday Evening and Sunday Morning. Both the Grades 1-8 program and the Preschool-Kindergarten program will be live streamed, please see the links below.

After each of the children's programs, friends and family members are invited into the gym for some cookies and refreshments!

GRADES 1-8 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TONIGHT AT 7:00PM

Friday, December 16, 2022



PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 10:30AM

<https://youtu.be/MSRCaZsWYHw>



TOMORROW EVENING AT 6:00PM! ALL ARE WELCOME!



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

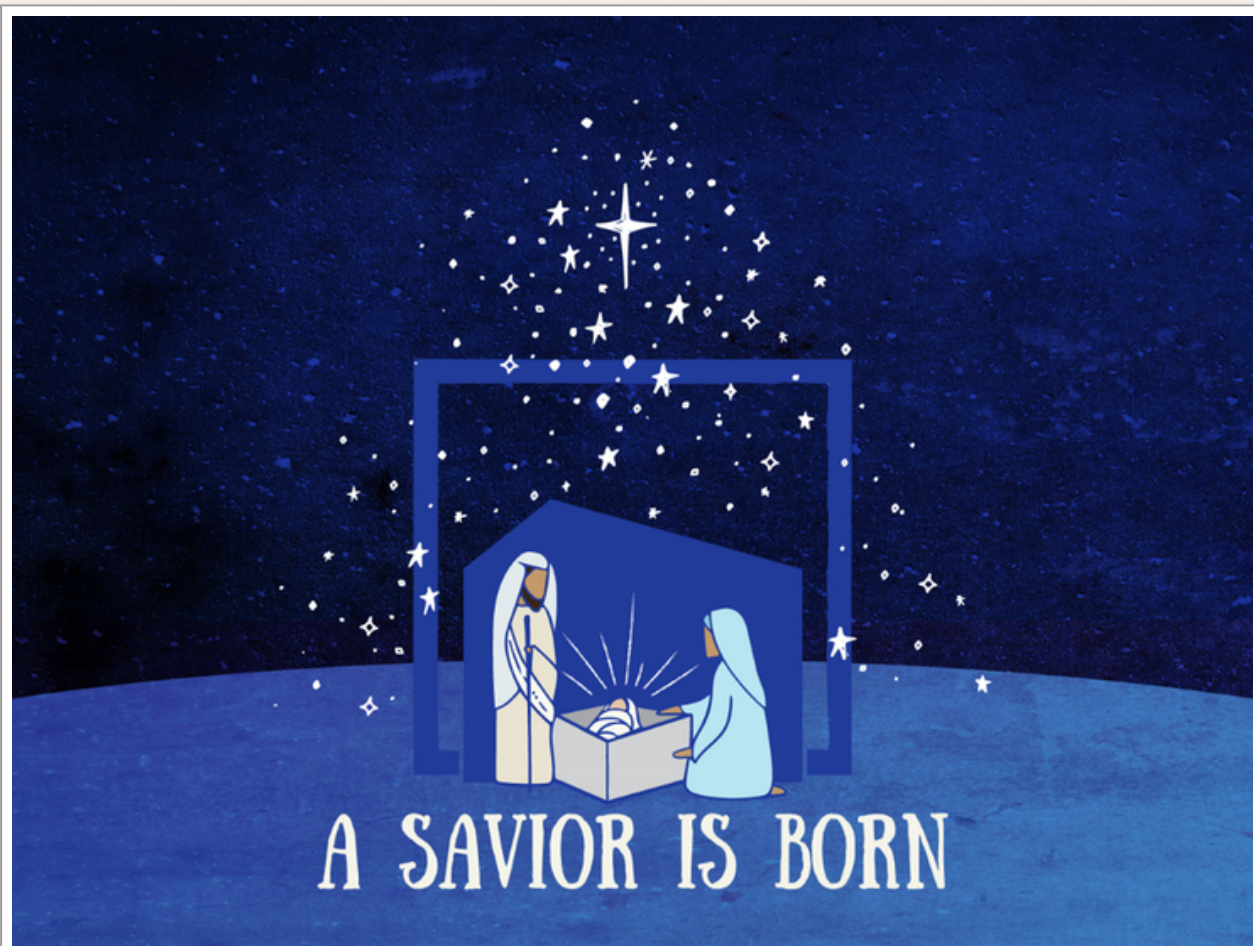


Plan to attend Christmas in Clairemont!

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)

UPCOMING 2022 CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES



Saturday, December 24

7:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

10:30AM Christmas Day Worship with Communion

You and your family, and friends and neighbors, are invited to join us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to see and sing and celebrate that "A Savior is born!"

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.

Raiders Athletics Update

Our Raiders boys basketball teams began their league competition this week, with games on Tuesday and Thursday. They play as an A Team (6th-8th grades) and B Team (4th-6th grades), so everyone is getting a chance on the court. The A Team lost their only game of the week, and the B Team split their two games and are off to a 1-1 start. 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 began this week and are working toward their first games in January.

We are excited to begin another great season of Raiders Basketball!





WEEK 6		
12/17 Saturday		
Game 1	#4v#5	8:15 AM
Game 2	Win GM 1 v #1	10:15AM
Game 3	#3v#6	12:15PM
12/18 Sunday		
Game 4	Win GM 3 v #2	8:15 AM
	Championship	10:15AM
		12:15PM
		2:15:00 PM



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. Hot Lunch is available next week Monday, Dec. 19 (Chick-fil-A). Order form for December 19-23: <https://forms.gle/XZjWdAeKkdMaio5d7>

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>



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

Reformation Family Calendar

December

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

January

4 School Resumes

15 WELS Youth Night

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




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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