

Raiders News

May 21, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: ABOVE THE CROWD

"Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus. . . . He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd" (Luke 19:1-3).

This is my favorite Bible story. One reason is that Jesus concludes it by stating his mission in no uncertain terms: *"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"* (verse 10). That's concise enough to pass the T-shirt test. We could all wear tie-dyed T-shirts imprinted with *Seek and Save*.

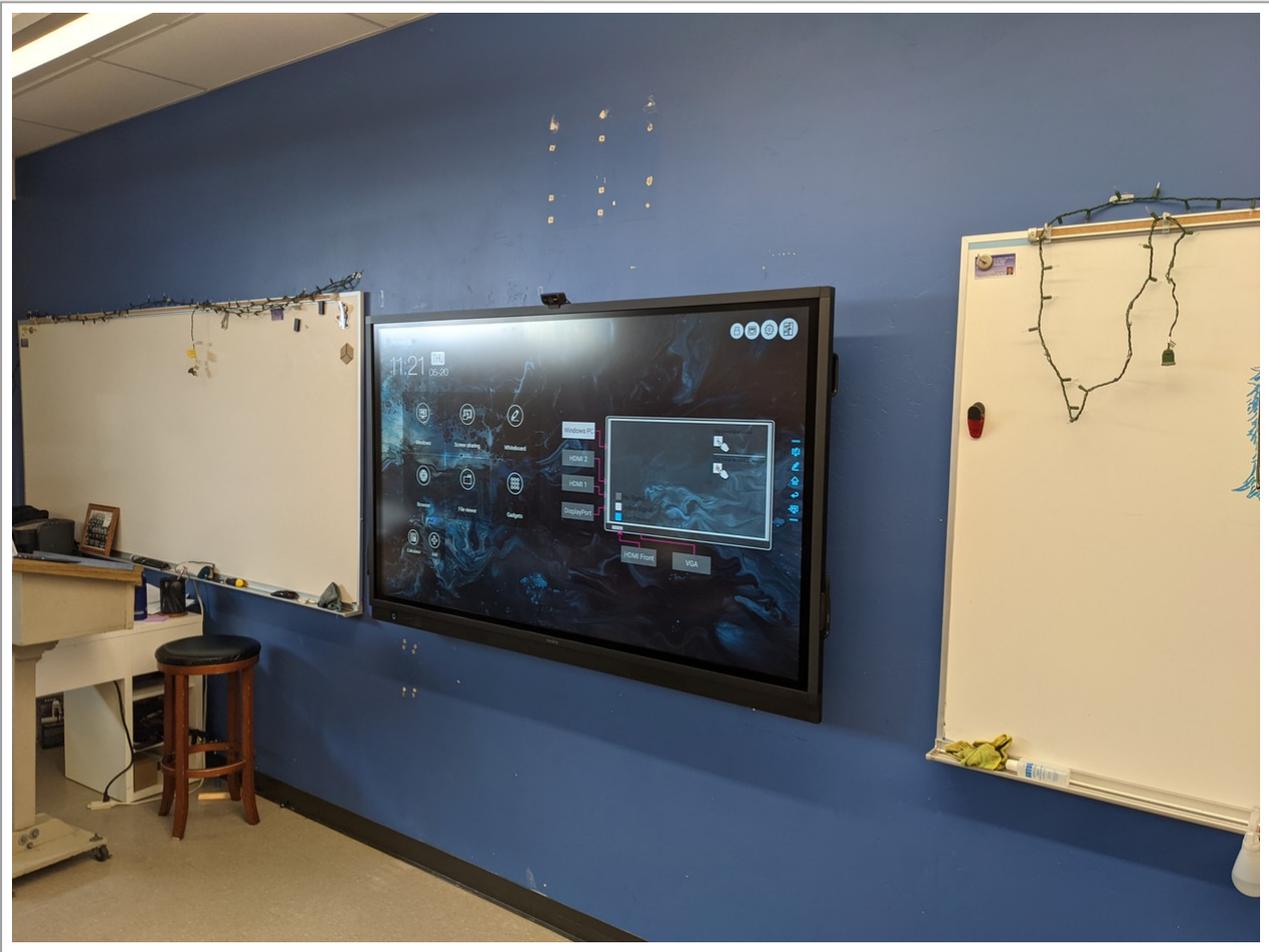
Another reason is that Zacchaeus had the same problem every child has: trying to see Jesus over bigger people who are obstructing a clear view of Jesus and his mission. It illustrates our job as parents. To always raise our children to see above the crowd. To always lift them up and elevate their thoughts to the ways of the Lord.

How do we do that? Set the devices aside. Let them climb up in your lap with a big Bible story book that takes two hands to hold. Show them beautiful pictures that almost look real but still leave room for imagination. Point to the sycamore tree, Zacchaeus, and Jesus. Let them repeat the names as you tell them the story until they can tell it to you. Ask a few really important questions. Who did Zacchaeus want to see? *Jesus*. Why did he climb a tree? *So he could see Jesus above the crowd*.

Posted in Time of Grace/Living My Faith

Tech Tip

A huge thank you to all of the people who gave to help update the interactive boards in some of the grade school classrooms! They were installed this past week and the teachers have enjoyed using the updated technology. They have also been a bug hit with the students as well. Having a clearer more reliable picture has been a major blessing! If you would like to see the boards in action please stop by or let one of the teachers know!



Mr. Ash's Classroom Update

The students in grades 3-4 are finishing up things this school year! They are excited to be done in a few weeks! We finished our third round of testing this week. The students were working hard to display all of their knowledge from the school year and earlier.

They also were working hard to record their presentations from social studies class. They recorded a virtual tour of many tour locations in California. The parents will be able to watch their presentations when the school sends out the videos from all of the classes at Reformation.

Many of the kids in grades 3-4 participated in our basketball clinic this spring. They learned many techniques and skills for basketball. They can take many of these skills they learned from the basketball clinic and practice them this summer. Thank you so much to Mr. Konrad, Miss Halie, Miss E, Mr. Holladay, and Pastor Birkholz for leading the 3-4 graders in the basketball clinic!

Praise the Lord for the many blessings He has given to the 3-4 graders and our Reformation school! We have been so blessed to learn in person and online. The students learned so much this school year!

Reformation is Hiring!

Join our **Summer Camp team!** Our Summer Camp program cares for children in grades 1-7 throughout the summer with fun activities, opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends—all while staying focused on the love of Jesus. Summer Camp staff members lead and actively participate in daily activities, monitor behavior, and ensure a safe and clean program site. Staff members work together to establish a positive relationship with all program participants and their families. Requirements include: 18 years of age or older; available Monday through Friday, 6:45am-5:30pm, June through August; Enthusiasm and love for working with children; self-directed and responsible. Interested? Contact the Summer Camp team at summercamp@refsd.org.

Reformation Lutheran Preschool is in need of excellent caregivers to add to their **substitute teacher roster**. For various reasons, we need to call upon substitute or on-call staff persons to fill staffing needs due to illness, vacation or other personal time away from the classroom. Persons who can fill this role must meet the following qualifications: 18 years of age or older; high school diploma and completed 6-9 units of Early Childhood Education coursework; desire to provide loving care to children and willingness to work in a diverse multi-cultural setting; work together as a supportive team member with staff and parents; desire to actively support the ministerial objectives of Reformation Lutheran Preschool. Interested in learning more? Contact Lynelle Schleusener at MissS@refsd.org or Mike Ross at principal@refsd.org.

Coming Soon! Reformation Summer Camp June 7–August 20.

Registration is now open online.

**REFORMATION
SUMMER
CAMP**

ABOUT US
Reformation Summer Camp is all about strengthening your faith in Jesus, building friendships, and making memories to last a lifetime.

June 7 - August 20
Open From 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

2nd child discount of \$50 per 4 weeks

\$210 per week 8am - 3pm

\$260 per week 7am - 5pm

\$800 when signing up for any 4 weeks

Boys & Girls 1st - 7th Grade

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Crafts & Science
- ✓ Water games and fun
- ✓ Games & Wilderness Survival
- ✓ Singing & Dancing
- ✓ Cooking

For Details:
summercamp@refsd.org

<http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/summer-camp-2021/>

Sunday School for Children!

Kids4Christ (Sunday School) is back in person beginning May 2. 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 and Grades 1-5 in the gym

Grades 1-4 meet in Room 15

Administrator: Barbette Lowndes

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VBS Planning has begun!

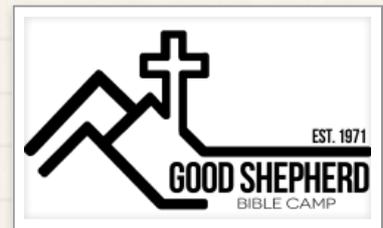
Each summer, we typically are blessed to host as many as 200 children in our Vacation Bible School activities. Like with so many things in 2020, we had to take a departure from our typical VBS efforts, and we offered an online VBS program that families used in their homes. We believe that the Lord's plans will allow us to return to our typical in-person VBS program this summer, or something very close to it. When we host 200 children, we assemble a team of 75 volunteers to make it all happen! What can we accomplish together this summer with VBS to carry out the Lord's work to 'go and make disciples' here in our neighborhood?

In order to plan accordingly, we're asking you to tell us whether you can join our VBS team later this summer (July 26-30, 2021). Individuals age 14 and older can join the volunteer team, leading small groups of kids, leading activities, preparing supplies or taking on a variety of other roles. We plan to prepare a VBS program that adjusts according to the available volunteers, in order for everything to run smoothly and successfully. Please complete this survey in the next week to help us plan: <https://forms.gle/KsWWbyEsokPfRCVS9>.

And yes, families, you can pencil VBS into your calendar for July 26-30! We'll keep you informed with details as they are confirmed. If you have any questions about VBS, please contact Sarah Rodrigues (rodriguess@refsd.org) or Pastor Neil Birkholz. God's blessings to you today!

GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP: JULY 11-17, 2021

For over 40 years, Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC), has been providing the perfect blend of outdoor adventure and Christian fellowship to kids from 4th to 10th grade. It's a full week (6 nights/days) of fun in the California mountains during July. You'll experience the chance to have fun with old friends and make plenty of new ones while you apply God's word to your life.



Spend the week of July 11-17, 2021 growing in your faith, while you also play countless games, eat amazing food, swim, canoe, become the perfect archer, sing exuberantly around a campfire, play basketball/volleyball and anything else involving a ball, run around in the infamous "gaga" pit, build forts, unleash your creative side in some arts and crafts, and of course explore God's beautiful creation through a little hiking.



GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP

50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEN: JULY 11-17, 2021

WHERE: SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS

**WHO: CAMPERS: FALL 2021 4TH - 10TH GRADERS
STAFF: 11TH GRADE AND UP**

Come celebrate our 50th Anniversary with us!

**MORE INFORMATION & FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT
www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com**



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For More Information or to Register, Click Here!



Used Uniform Store

Have your kids experienced a growth spurt? We have a used uniform store! It is located in the library. We have shirts, shorts, pants, skirts, and dresses in all sizes. We also have preschool sizes. All items are \$2 each and will be billed through FACTS. Proceeds from the Uniform Store benefit 7th and 8th grade class trips.

Wednesday Chapel available on YouTube

Parents and families are invited to join us for our weekly chapel worship service, Wednesday mornings at 8:30am, using videos through YouTube. Chapel services, along with Reformation's weekly worship services, are available on our YouTube channel at



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0y6DBdor8AryGfhd2cfYA>.

Wednesday chapel services are streamed live at 8:30am and also posted online for viewing at your convenience. Please join your Reformation family for these worship opportunities. For more details about weekend worship at Reformation Lutheran Church (Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 8am), go to <http://www.reformationsandiego.org/worship-services/>

Reformation Family Calendar

Wednesdays at 8:30am - Live-Streamed Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!

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

Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

Men's Bible Study - Last Saturday of the month 9:00 am

Women's Life Group - Tuesdays starting February 9 at 6:00 pm

Parenting Book Club - May 3 & 17 at 6:30 pm



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/>).



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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