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GOOD NEWS



'Tis the Season...

...to be Jesus to the world and give God to someone in need of Eternal Love this Season.

We are excited for this Holiday Season that is approaching. This little church with a huge heart will be embarking on a brand new ministry at Christmas. With the end of our ATM and CHOC Christmas ministries, the Council of Ministries decided to create a new ministry to bring Christmas joy to people not expecting it. Because monies were donated with the intent of bringing the Spirit of Christmas to those living with HIV/AIDS, we wanted to do something specifically for those with HIV / AIDS this year. We've identified an apartment community of people living with HIV / AIDS and will be delivering Christmas baskets early Christmas morning to each apartment in this community. This is a surprise to those living there and our hope is that people feel the love of Christ through this random act of Christmas.

We are seeking donations to go in a Christmas basket of love. We will be doing some bargain shopping with the funds donated and if you would like to participate in this, please speak with a member of the Council of Ministries.

QCC Loteria Nights

Sat. Oct. 8th and Sat. Dec. 10th at 7 pm

QCC launched a fun new community-building event. LGBTQ and Friends Loteria celebrates the contributions of important LGBTQ persons and Straight Allies to our culture and the equality of



humanity. This is a 50/50 game in which 50% of the cash raised is kept for the QCC and 50% of the cash is split with winners. All players are entered to win a raffle set for March, for 50,000 American Airlines frequent flyer miles which could purchase 2 round trip tickets in the US. QCC Loteria nights are also being supported by a Facebook advertising campaign that has generated over 100 page likes.

The 2nd Annual Fiesta de los Muertos Fundraiser Party

Sat. Oct. 22nd 6 PM - 2215 Orange Ave., Santa Ana

We had such a blast doing this last year that we just had to do it again. On Saturday, October 22 we are hosting this party again!!! RSVP to Andy V at 714-393-5911 by Wednesday, October 19th to qualify for a free raffle ticket.



Come in costume, earn two free tickets. Bring a copy of a photo of a deceased loved one and earn 3 free tickets. Donate a gift card to Target, Food-4-Less or Northgate Market and receive one free raffle ticket for each dollar loaded on the card. You also win 4 free tickets for bringing a dish to share... Bring a fruit dish if your last name starts with A-H, Bring a dessert if your last name starts with I-O, Bring a salad if your last name starts with P-Z.

Loteria cards are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. All proceeds will go to benefit RBMCC's ministry to provide Christmas gifts to women and children escaping abusive households as well as entire families whose parents are involved in domestic violence prevention.

Speakers & Events Schedule

October

- 10/2 - Roi Hudson
Anaya
- 10/9 - Jon Beam
- 10/16 - Andy Verostek
- 10/23 - Rev. Barbara H.
- 10/30 - Praise & Worship Sunday

November

- 11/6 - Michael Southerland
- 11/13 - Nicavangelists
- 11/20 - Dale Brown & CONG. MEETING
- 11/27 - Rev. Barbara H.

December

- 12/1 - World AIDS Day Service
- 12/4 - Rev. Eric Buter from Christ Chapel MCC
- 12/11 - Jon Beam
- 12/18 - Jason Warden
- 12/24 - Joint Christmas Eve Service
- 12/25 - Rev. Barbara H.

Holiday Boutiques Are Back!

Sat. Nov. 5th & Sat. Dec. 10th from 10 am to 3 pm

For the third consecutive year, RBMCC is hosting Holiday Boutiques to raise money for the General Fund. These have been a great success and we hope to continue this tradition in the spirit of Holiday fun. All are encouraged to come out, shop and support the folks who are selling their wares.



Volunteers are needed to help set up and break down the booths. Please contact Andy V at 714-393-5911 if you can help set up the night before or come in the afternoon to help return the sanctuary to normal.

Queer-E-Oke Returns with a 90's Theme

Sat. Nov. 12th 7 PM



It's been 3 years since we've hosted a Queer-E-Oke. So it's about time we get our groove on! We're going to have a few musicians playing along with tracks of some of the best hits of the 1990's for you to sing an impromptu croon. For those interested in singing a song, please RSVP by Nov. 1st. to Andy at 714-393-5911. We will be rehearsing the live acts with the musicians ahead of the show.

Nicavangelists to Visit RBMCC as Their Final Stop on a North American Tour

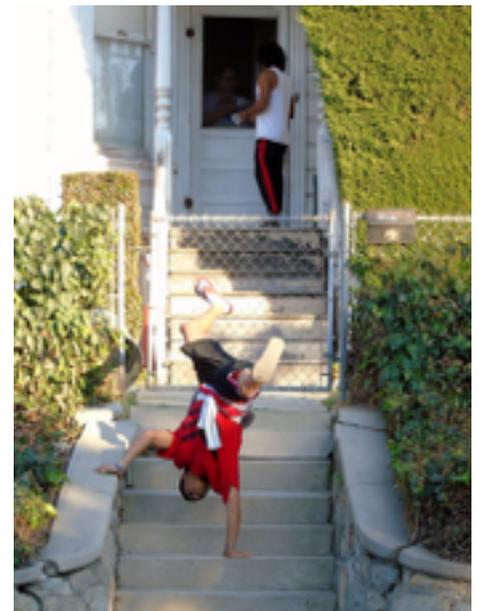
Sun. Nov. 13th, 6 PM Service



An acrobatic troupe of boys from Managua, Nicaragua, will be stopping by RBMCC to share their testimonies and perform a bit of their street art during our 6 pm service on November 13th. The Nicavangelists have been visiting churches and knocking on doors to

spread the message of Jesus Christ to the neighborhoods of America. They have toured close to a dozen states for 3 months and we, RBMCC, will be their 40th and final stop before they return home.

Earlier in the year, their leader, an Australian named Jedd with a heart for missions, contacted us via Facebook. After a long correspondence and the building of trust, it turns out that Jedd has been trying to bring the boys to an MCC for quite some time, to expose them to a broader view of who God is and whom God loves. This will be the first MCC and the first truly open and affirming church the boys will have visited and will be a transformative experience for all. A love offering will be taken.



Harvest Dinner

Sat. Nov. 19th, 4 PM at Freda & Louise's

A truly 'filling' experience for the stomach and the soul, our annual Harvest Dinner at the home of Freda and Louise is a tradition not to be missed. Please ask Freda or Louise what could be brought to augment this huge harvest of food, fellowship and love. Also, be sure to let them know you are coming, even if you tend to burn microwave popcorn and thus you can't bring a dish to share because all are welcome, including your friends and family.



Trans Remembrance Day

Sun. Nov. 20th

Last year, RBMCC participated in the Trans-Remembrance Candlelight Memorial in downtown Santa Ana. We will be seeking a way to participate and represent RBMCC in this important day in the LGBTQ community. As we will also be having the Congregational Meeting at the same time, our participation may be limited this year. Thus we are seeking the involvement of several people who are not members of RBMCC who would be willing to participate at a booth in downtown Santa Ana. Please see Andy or Dale if you are interested in helping us with this booth.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Sun. Nov. 20th, Following our 6 PM Service

Every year we have a Congregational Meeting to approve changes to our Bylaws, vote for Board of Directors members, as well as review the finances of the church and approve an annual budget for the following year. We need all members who can make it to attend this important discussion. The past two meetings have taken less than 90 minutes. We will be starting this meeting at approximately 6:45 pm on Sunday, November 20th and hope to be done by 8:30 pm. Should we not have 50% +1 of there membership attend, we will need to reschedule and postpone important votes. Your attendance is



Christmas Decorating Party

Sat. Nov. 26th, 10 AM

Before it can look a lot like Christmas, we need people to come help decorate. Show up on Saturday, November 26th at 10 AM to help decorate the church in advance of the advent season which begins the following day.

World AIDS Day Service

Thurs. Dec. 1st, 7 PM

Michael Southerland and Dale Brown are preparing a special inter-faith World AIDS Day service on Thursday, December 1st at 7 pm. We will honor all those who have died of HIV related causes and will lift up those living with HIV / AIDS. We hope to make this a special annual service and look forward to inviting members of the community to attend.



Corbin Center Christmas Ministry Gift Wrapping Party

Sat. Dec. 10th, 10 AM

For several years now, we've brought Christmas joy to dozens of families in need of some love. The Corbin Center, located in Santa Ana, seeks to help women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence as well as the men in need of help with their anger management. They do a lot of work in the community and our church has been a huge blessing to their efforts at Christmas.

In 2016 we will be operating this ministry a little differently. While members and friends can still adopt an entire family, we've felt that this puts tremendous pressure on those that do adopt to spend incredible amounts of money on their families.

So this year we will be creating a gift registry list that will serve all the families that we adopt as a church. Simply select a gift or several gifts from a list that will say something like this:

"A 4 year old girl would love something from the movie Frozen."

"A 13 year old boy would love a skateboard."

"A 26 year old Mom needs a dress size 12 and a gift card to Northgate Market."

Then bring that wrapped gift to church and on Saturday, December 10th, we will be bundling these gifts by family and be preparing them for delivery. You may also bring your gift unwrapped, and the team on Saturday will wrap those gifts. If you would like to volunteer to deliver gifts to the families on behalf of our church, please see Louise.

New Mystery Santa Christmas Ministry Basket Assembly

Sat. Dec. 17th, 10 AM

As mentioned on Page One, we are launching a new ministry this year in the spirit of our past ministries to CHOC HIV services and the AIDS Team Ministry clients provided to us by Laguna Shanti. As the need for these services has waned and we've collected funds for this purpose, the Council of Ministries adopted a new ministry which will continue the spirit of the



gift baskets that have been a part of our church for well over a decade. We will be committing random acts of Christmas on Christmas morning. Baskets assembled on Saturday, December 17th will be delivered early Christmas morning to the doorsteps of the 30+ residents of an apartment building dedicated to those living with HIV / AIDS.

We will not only need to collect items for these baskets, we will also need people to come on Dec. 17th to help us assemble the baskets and then we will need a few people to play Santa Claus early Christmas morning as we deliver to Christmas to the residents of the building that has been selected.

In addition, and this may be one of the most fun activities all year, we need a few experienced bargain shoppers to hit the stores to buy items to fill these baskets with the money that has already been donated to the cause.

This will be a huge blessing to total strangers in the truest spirit of Christmas.

2nd Annual Joint Christmas Eve Service with Christ Chapel MCC

Sat. Dec. 24th, 7 PM - At RBMCC

Last year we were truly blessed to share in the Christmas spirit with our good friends at Christ Chapel MCC in Santa Ana as we joined them at their church for a Christmas Eve Service. At that service, Rev. Eric Buter performed a dramatic piece that brought us closer to what Joseph may have been thinking so many years ago. This time around, Rev. Eric and a friend of his will be performing another original dramatic piece. This year, RBMCC will be hosting the service and refreshments that will follow.



Plastic Grocery Bags and Balls of Yarn Needed

RBMCC is crocheting warmth for the homeless in two unique ways

Continuing in our passion of helping the homeless, RBMCC is collecting plastic grocery bags which are crocheted into insulating bedrolls. About 5,000 bags go into the making of one bedroll! So any bags that you can bring to the cause, we would greatly appreciate them. If you would like to help us make the bedrolls, please speak with a member of the Council of Ministries.

We are also collecting balls of yarn which will be turned into scarves and other items for the homeless. If you have yarn or are willing to purchase and donate yarn to this ministry, know that you will be bringing warmth to folks who really need it.