



# The Rincon Mountain MESSENGER

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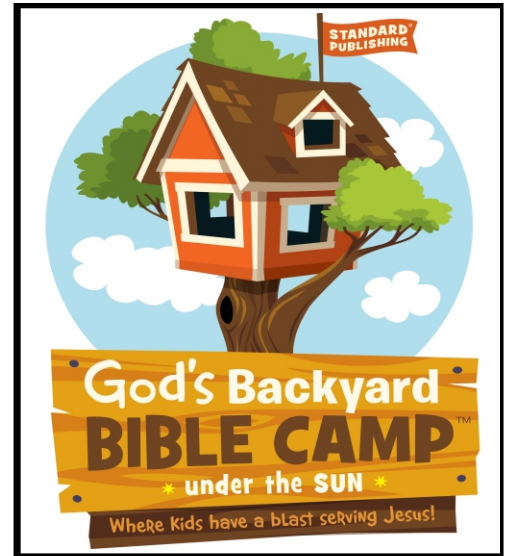
## God's Backyard Bible Camp

Get ready for Vacation Bible School at Rincon Mountain Presbyterian Church, June 3rd to 7th! This will be an exciting opportunity for kids age 3 to 5th grade to learn more about Jesus and the Bible. The theme of this year's program is God's Backyard Bible Camp.

According to Victoria Wates, Children's Ministries Coordinator, "This program was selected because of the Gospel content, the overall emphasis on service, and the theme, which provides easy and simple inspiration for decorating and fun."

The goal is to have 125 kids participate. Besides encouraging children in our church family to attend, there will be pre-event publicity in the surrounding community. Signs will be posted at community locations, and door hangers will be distributed at two nearby apartment complexes. Rincon members can also help by inviting neighbors or children they have a relationship with.

During the week of VBS, the children will also be doing outreach by engaging in some type of service each day. Victoria says, "We plan to bless policemen, fire fighters, neighbors and local assisted living facilities.



To truly make VBS a success, contributions of various craft and food items are needed. Check in at the VBS table in the narthex or contact Victoria directly to find out what items are still needed.

Each daily session will run from 9 am-12 pm. Kids can be registered at [www.rinconpres.org](http://www.rinconpres.org). Through prayer and hard work, we anticipate God's Backyard Bible Camp being a great blessing.

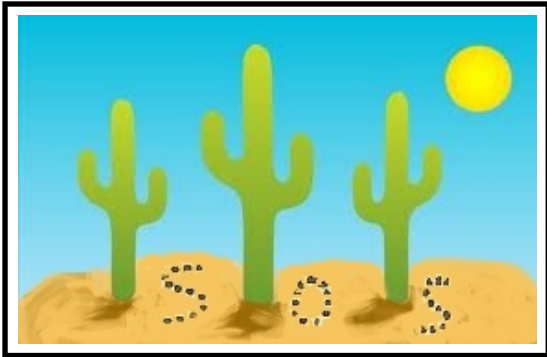
## Children's Playground a Reality



New playground behind nursery area

We are excited to finally have an enclosed playground for our younger children. The play equipment was donated by Oasis church which had moved into a former daycare facility and didn't need the items. Brenda Wiersma designed the play area. Various stages of construction were supervised by Paul Marien, Steve Sleight and Tom Heeringa. The playground is intended for children age three to first grade. The next step is to install a shade cover. Thanks to all whose vision made this project possible.

## "Season of Service" to Span Summer Months



This summer, Rincon Mountain will reach out to our local community with a variety of church-wide events. Through service projects and other opportunities, church members have a chance to impact those around us. "Season of Service" (S.O.S.), from June - August 2013, will involve local community organizations and also allow for individual initiatives. Some of the highlighted events will be:

- Summerfest: A Party at Bear Canyon Apts. May 31st
- Patriotic Caroling at Local Care Facilities July 7th
- Projects at Collier Elementary TBA
- Clean-up at McDonald Park TBA

Families, individuals and life groups are encouraged to plan their own service projects which can impact those in our community. We will celebrate what God has accomplished in an August worship service. To find out more about how you can be involved and for an update on "Season of Service" activities, call the church office at 327-2390.



Pastor Phil Kruis

### Kruis Korner

#### *Is Rincon Mountain a Hospitable Church Body?*

We often hear people say that we are a friendly church, but are we hospitable? What is the difference? Here's how I would put it: a friendly church is inviting and warm and welcoming; a hospitable church brings healing through a vital gospel ministry. We have room for growth in both being friendly and being hospitable.

A few months ago I gave a talk at a seminar on disciple making that we hosted at our church. The talk I gave was on being a hospitable church. The following includes a few key ideas on how we can be more hospitable.

First of all, we expect every member to invite non-Christian friends, co-workers, and family members into your lives so that some may join you at church events and so that some may ultimately be reconciled to Christ.

Second, having invited them into your lives, invite them to our worship services. It is as we are gathered corporately as the church that people meet God. We believe that the preaching of the word of God is the most effective means of making disciples (1 Corinthians 14:24-25 ESV). You can be assured that the gospel will be accurately and winsomely preached each week: appropriately

from God's word, winsomely emphasizing God's grace as the solution to our sin problem. When the pastor preaches, he will preach to the empty chairs, expecting you to fill them!

Finally, invite your friends to other events at our church building like Vacation Bible School. We expect non-Christians at virtually every church event. Every door is an open door. We've got a big tent. Our box is a big box.

And here are some helpful hints for us all to follow: Never communicate "You're not one of us, are you?" Until someone is in Christ they have not yet been made new, and they have not put off the old. Never address issues of sanctification until you have a relationship with them, and they have a relationship with Christ. For example, addressing issues of outward appearance are appropriate only when you know someone well—if ever. We assist in putting off and putting on best through loving example and gentle encouragement.

In conclusion, hospitality is 'lovingly housing' someone. Bring others into your life and bring them into the life of the church. Make them feel at home, so this becomes their temporary home on the way to their eternal home.

## Luke Smith Called to Rincon Mountain



*Luke Smith, new Assistant to the Pastor, and wife Joelle.*

Rincon is pleased to welcome a new assistant to the pastor! Luke Smith, a 2013 MDiv graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, will assume his duties this summer. Once ordained, Luke will become Assistant Pastor. Luke will be responsible for our worship ministry and will also have other pastoral duties to include preaching and oversight of life groups. Luke will be joined by his wife Joelle, also a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary and a native of Washington State.

Luke's background includes work in the corporate world, church planting, and being worship leader for various congregations. Luke grew up in Memphis, Tennessee and has bachelor and master's degrees from The University of Memphis where he was involved in RUF. Please make Luke and Joelle feel at home when they arrive this summer; just throw another shrimp on the barbie.

## Missions Update

The Missions Committee is now chaired by Jim Collins. The planned short term trip to support the Pettengills, our missionaries in Honduras, had to be cancelled. We were not able to get the minimum number of people required for such a trip. However, we have sent teams to Honduras in the past and plan to do so again in the future.

Joel and Jessica Rinn, our missionaries in Italy, will be visiting us from August 10th through the 16th. The Missions Committee welcomes help to make their visit a success. For more information, contact the committee at [rincomissions@googlegroups.com](mailto:rincomissions@googlegroups.com).

A reminder that the missionaries we support are listed each Sunday in the church bulletin. Their ministries are also highlighted on a bulletin board in the narthex. Your prayers are key in lifting them up as they advance God's kingdom.



*Joel and Jessica Rinn and family, PMI missionaries in Verona, Italy.*



*Rincon ladies offer joyful service at the celebration of Gospel Rescue Mission's 60th anniversary.*

## Gospel Rescue Mission's 60th Anniversary

On April 27th, the Gospel Rescue Mission of Tucson held its 60th anniversary celebration. During the open house at the Women's Center, men and women from Rincon Mountain helped set up and then served hamburgers and hot dogs to those who attended.

The Rincon Mountain family has taken advantage of several opportunities to support this vital ministry, including serving a Mexican dinner once a month at Bethany House, the Women's Center. To participate in this ministry, sign up at the Connect Cart in the narthex.

## Evans Family Heads for the Alamo

Luke Evans, who serves as Associate Pastor at Rincon Mountain, will relocate to San Antonio, Texas this summer. With the blessing of Rincon Mountain and the Southwest Church Planting Network, Pastor Luke will start a new fellowship, Christ Church San Antonio. Luke will be joined by his wife Marianne and their children Nathaniel, Ainsley and Benjamin.

In his six years at Rincon Mountain, Luke has been a shining light with his great preaching, teaching and his responsibilities for Connect @ Rincon and supervision of Life Groups. Very few people ever slept through one of Luke's dynamic sermons. We will miss Luke and his family but are excited for how God will work through them as they return to their Texas roots.



*Pastor Luke Evans and family, church planters to San Antonio, Texas  
(Photo courtesy of Nicole Long Photography)*



*Rincon ladies enjoying fellowship at the Spring Tea.*



*Joyful worship at Rincon's Annual Easter Sunrise Service*

## RINCON MOUNTAIN MEMORIES

### STAINED GLASS

Broken. Broken.  
Broken.  
Piercing shards bleed bright red.  
Deep blue drowns in grief.  
Worthless array of  
Shattered Hope.

What good can come  
Of broken bits  
And scattered shards  
Of Life—  
Pain, Sorrow,  
Disappointment, Grief?

The Mender  
Picks up pieces,  
Fits together  
Pain with Grief,  
Sorrow and Disappointment,  
Leading  
Each to Each  
With Love.

Lifting it,  
Holding it  
Before His face,  
Light of Grace  
Illuminates.  
Glory-Fire Ignites,  
Enlivens  
Artistry  
Fit for halls  
Of a King.

~RDB

## Jesus Jaunts!

**Jesus** – *Our Lord, Savior, and King*

**Jaunt** – *a short journey taken for fun and enjoyment*

This summer RMPC children's ministry invites your family to take some Jesus Jaunts! Our goal is to equip families to have faith conversations as they enjoy summer activities together. Each Jesus Jaunt has three parts: a destination, a faith reflection, and a Kodak moment.

We have selected approximately twenty different jaunts that can be taken here in Tucson or as part of your vacations somewhere else. There will be at least one organized RMPC group jaunt in June, July, and August. These

will be great opportunities to enjoy some fellowship with other RMPC families.

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Faith is most effectively and deeply passed on when it is modeled in the home and done in an engaging environment. We also hope that this will be a great opportunity for your family to witness to the community

and challenge you to invite a neighbor to join you on one of your jaunts.

If your family is interested in taking some Jesus Jaunts together, stop by the welcome center and pick-up your jaunting guide. You are also invited and encouraged to share your adventures and pictures from your Kodak moments in our RMPC Children's Ministry group on Facebook. If you are not a member already, please email Victoria at [victoriawates@gmail.com](mailto:victoriawates@gmail.com) so that you can be invited to join.

Blessings on your summer and happy jaunting!

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## Mark Your Calendar . . .

**June 3-7:** Vacation Bible School, 9 am – 12 pm  
Contact: Victoria Wates, [victoriawates@gmail.com](mailto:victoriawates@gmail.com)

**June 11:** Bethany House Meal provided by RMPC  
Sign up in the church narthex

**July 7:** Patriotic Caroling at Nursing Homes, 2:15 pm – 6 pm  
Contact: Becca Blunk

**July 9:** Bethany House Meal provided by RMPC

**Sunday Mornings:** Prayer at church, 9 am – 10 am  
(through the summer)

**Wednesdays:** High School Youth Group, 7 pm – 9 pm

**Second & Fourth Fridays:** Middle School Youth Group,  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm