

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Rock Church to host Christmas outreach

POINT LOMA — Rock Church, in partnership with Walter J. Porter Elementary and Abraham Lincoln High schools, will present its 14th annual Toys for Joy Christmas event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at Lincoln. As many as 16,000 people are expected to attend.

Guests at the event will receive a toy for each child ages 11 or younger, non-perishable food, clothing, a fun zone, entertainment, prayer and a free food court.

Those wishing to help can sponsor a toy or non-perishable food drive, sponsor promotional items, volunteer with your family or company or provide cash donations.

The high school is located at 4777 Imperial Ave.

For more information, visit www.toys-for-joy.org or call (619) 226-7625.



A small child is all smiles as she receives a toy at last year's Toys for Joy outreach sponsored by the Rock Church.

Celebrating 'God With Us'

SPRING VALLEY — Faith Chapel presents "God With Us," a family friendly Christmas production Dec. 10 and 11.

Performances are 7 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday.

The church will also mark Christmas Eve with "Carols, Candles & Communion" service at 5 p.m.

The church is located at 9400 Campo Road.

For more information, visit www.fchapel.org or call (619) 667-7189.

Treachery on the stage

OCEANSIDE — Downtown Oceanside's New Vision Theatre Company presents "Trapped By a Treacherous Twin or Double Trouble," family-friendly musical melodrama Dec. 10 to 12 and 17 to 19 at Sunshine Brooks Theatre.

The theater, associated with Choose Life Church, is located at 217 North Coast Highway.

For more information, visit www.sunshinebrookstheatre.org or call (760) 529-9140.

Christmas concert centers on Jesus

SAN DIEGO — Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church will present a free Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Dec. 15.

The church's music ministry is presenting the concert as a reminder that Christmas is more than glittering tinsel and sparkling lights. Selected songs were designed to "unwrap the many joys of Jesus' birth."



PHOTO BY MARCUS HALLMAN

A mom shares a free Thanksgiving dinner with her children Nov. 20 at the San Diego Rescue Mission. The meal gave the guests a few hours of reprieve from a rainy November day. Nearly 250 volunteers served about 1,500 clients during the annual outreach. In addition to the meal, the guests were treated to toiletries and other items including T-shirts, socks and information about the various programs offered by the mission.

The church is located at 17010 Pomerado Road.

For more information visit www.rbpc.org or call (858) 487-0811.

A wonderful singing life

SAN DIEGO — San Diego First Assembly of God Church presents "It's a Wonderful Life: The Musical" December 10 to 12.

The drama, featuring a choir and live orchestra, is based on the 1946 original movie by Frank Capra.

Show times are 7 p.m. Friday and 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The church is located at 8404 Phyllis Place.

Tickets are \$5. For more information, visit www.sdfa.org or call (858) 560-1870.

Business expo seeks vendors

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Christian Business Expo III is seeking vendors and sponsors for its Jan. 22 event at the Community Concourse in downtown San Diego.

As many as 100 exhibitor spaces are available.

In addition to the vendors, the event will offer educational seminars, a fashion show and live entertainment.

Doors to the event open at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.sdcbe.com or call Bill at (619) 246-6131.

will present its "Back to the Manger" production at 6 p.m. Dec. 5.

Finally, the church will host candlelight Christmas Eve services at 5 and 6 p.m. Dec. 24 with a special message by Dr. David Jeremiah.

The church is located at 2100 Greenfield Drive.

For more information, visit www.shadowmountain.org or call (619) 440-1802.

Pro-life campus tour seeks team members

RIVERSIDE — Campus Life Tour, a team of young adults who do pro-life ministry on universities across the country, is accepting applications for candidates seeking full-time appointments.

According to administrators, the Campus Life Team will be "traveling throughout the West Coast this spring to promote the dignity of life and the love of Christ among college and high school students."

Among the activities scheduled for the second semester include Walk for Life West Coast, an annual outreach at the San Diego Earth Fair, as well as ministering to mothers during a Mother's Day outreach.

The team is also planning to expand its ministry to Baja orphanages.

The spring tour begins Jan. 16.

For more information, send an e-mail with your name and telephone number to Kristina at campus@survivors.la or call (951) 750-1114.

Christmas for Kids

SAN DIEGO — Reformation Lutheran Church will hold its Christmas for Kids outreach for children ages 3 to 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 11.

The birthday party for Jesus will include a variety of activities, including crafts, songs, creative learning activities, cookie decorating, a Christmas video and a reading of the Christmas story. The program concludes with a performance by the children singing a Christmas song they learned at the event.

There is no charge, but pre-registration is requested. For more information, visit www.ReformationSanDiego.org or call (858) 279-3311.

Adoption seminar planned

OCEANSIDE — Family Connections Christian Adoptions will host a free information session from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 2.

Couples interested in adopting are invited to attend to learn more about the pressing need for adoptive families. Free packets are available.

The ministry, which has matched needy children to families for 27 years, is located at 2191 S. El Camino Real No. 202.

For more information, visit www.fcadoptions.org or call (760) 966-0531.

'A Shadow Mountain Christmas'

EL CAJON — "A Shadow Mountain Christmas," featuring the congregation's choir and orchestra, will be presented Dec. 10 to 12. Performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday.

Free tickets are available for that production.

Not to be outdone by the adults, the Shadow Mountain Children's Choir



Christian retailer C2B, which operates stores in various Southern California malls, draws a crowd at last year's San Diego Christian Business Expo. Vendors are still being sought for Jan. 22 event.

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