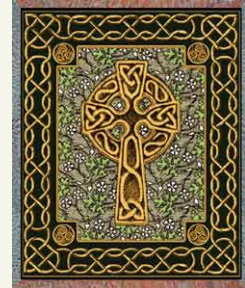


"LIVES CHANGED TO CHANGE LIVES"

In the Know...

therockchristianchurch



WELCOME...

WHAT'S NEW?

Message Series:

- Expanding Our Understanding of W-O-R-S-H-I-P

Plan Ahead:

- **Labor Day PICNIC**
Monday, September 7th @ 4PM
Exploration Park @ Mountains Edge (Buffalo & Blue Diamond)

New Babies:

Tabitha Hornyak gave birth to Luca at 8 AM on Aug. 11th, weighing 8lbs. Dena Reese gave birth to Rachael on Aug. 23rd, weighing 6lbs 13oz.

We are excited that you have decided to be here with us today. **"The Gathering"** is our worship experience designed to be interactive and engaging. Our desire is to connect with God and each other through relationships.

We want you to know that you matter to us because you matter to Christ. Vicki Lynn and I, along with the partners of The Rock, look forward to connecting with you sometime during The Gathering.

We will begin in a few moments. Meanwhile enjoy the baked goods in the back along with a beverage.

We have developed a prayer station in the case that you need prayer or simply a place to be silent and reflective. Our goal is to create an experience that is relaxed and meaningful. We hope you enjoy the service and we look forward to your next visit.

Blessings,

Chris & Vicki Lynn Tong



HOW ARE WE DOING?

- **Baptisms 2009:** (3) Julian Tryhorn, Jeremy & Rebecca Jordan.
- **Newborns 2009:** (4) Noah Hemphill & Mia Ventimiglia, Luca Hornyak, & Rachael Reese.

• Giving Report: 2009

January	\$7,385.62
February	\$8,341.50
March	\$12,526.07
April	\$ 6, 241.53
May	\$10,345.59
June	\$8,495.76
July	\$6,040.40

Monthly Need: 8,300

'09 Need: \$58,100 (7 mos)

'09 Giving: \$59,376.47

'09 surplus: \$1,276.47

• Prayer Needs:

Those expecting babies Alexia & Josh Purdy & Rebecca & Jeremy Jordan. **Financial** strength and stability for The Rock so that the pastor & staff may return to their original pay scale instead of the 33%-50% salary cuts. Faith to increase our budget to reach people and take care of our fully committed staff.

SERVE 'N' SCORE!!!

Volleyball season is in full swing and Pastor Chris is in his 6th season serving our community by coaching junior varsity girls at Sierra Vista High School. This is one way where he is able to make a difference in our community. There will be 16 girls on the team and numerous of opportunities to connect with their friends and family. Please partner with Pastor Chris by praying that there will be a harvest.

Speaking of opportunities, The Rock has been blessed with a growing relationship with the school where we meet (Judith Steele). We have been praying for an opportunity to serve on campus and God has opened the door this fall.

Our 8-week soccer program has been approved and will begin September 21st. We will run two sessions for each age group each week: 1) Ages 6-9 Monday & Wednesday 2) Ages 10 and up Tuesday & Thursday. All sessions will run from 3:30-5:30pm.

Tanny Ancheta, a veteran soccer coach of 15 years, has volunteered his time to invest in these children. He will be recruiting adults to help

him love on kids and help them have a great time.

This is where you come in...We need The Rock partners to serve.

You don't have to be at every single session or with every age group. You don't even have to have soccer skills, just a willing heart to serve. All we are asking is that you volunteer a minimum of 2 hours once a week (for 8 weeks). Many of us have our days off on weekdays. Consider surrendering 2 hours towards "kingdom work." We are all extremely busy people but imagine what God can do with 2 hours of serving.

In volleyball, when you serve, your opportunities to score increases. Without the serve, it's difficult to score even in a rally scoring system.

Imagine if partners of The Rock sacrificed 2 hours each week to love on kids. Imagine if partners of The Rock served our community by serving our school...Imagine what God will do in and through us. Imagine the possibilities...Does this cause goose bumps? It should.

As this is being written, three people have already verbalized their interest to volunteer: Patrick Cleveland, Theresa Chung & Jeremy Jordan. This is one of the reasons why we love this church. We are a community of believers growing in our faith while seeking to understand what it means to follow Jesus Christ...He (Jesus Christ) came to serve; not to be served.

At the end of 4-weeks and 8 weeks, there will be a tournament and at the end of 8 weeks we will host an awards night.

It really comes down to this: Do you want to "Score?" Then we should "Serve." See you on the soccer field.

CONTACT Tanny Ancheta @ 279-3662 to serve on the team. Soccer experience not needed, Tanny will teach & instruct. We will need people to help with breakouts, drills, registration, refreshments, and any other jobs. All volunteers will need to fill out a "Volunteer application form" due to the fact that we are working with minors in a public setting. All volunteers are pending until approved.

YOUR NEXT STEPS...

• Your Journey...

...begins with your next steps. The Rock is about a community that is relationally driven. We are designed for a relationship with God and each other. Our desire is to discover God through the context of authentic community. When we do life together, we witness the power of God in community. When we share life together, we experience the love of Christ. When we seek God together, the journey is far richer and deeper. That is why we place a priority on each person stepping into an SG (Small Gathering)...Where you become and belong. Stop by the connection table for a list of SG's offered & step into the journey. We guarantee that you will not regret it.

• Small Gatherings List

MONDAYS

- 1) **[Family SG]** 6:30 pm, Noreen Tong & Mitzi Gill Meets @ 266 Bella Matese, 89183 v: 270-8668 [by South Point]
- 2) **[Women's SG]** 6:30 pm, Jennifer Krejci's, Meets @ various locations Call v: 575-3739

TUESDAYS

- 3) **[Mixed SG]** 6:30 pm, Dave Reed & Eric Honea Meets @ Various Southwest locations v:245-4742 [Mountains Edge]

WEDNESDAYS

- 4) **[Moms & Women's SG]** 9:30 am, Vicki Lynn Tong Meets: Various Locations v: 340-6378 [Southwest]
- 5) **[Worship Teams]** 6:00 pm, Joe Ancheta Meets: various locations v:308-6748

THURSDAYS

- 6) **[Men's SG]** 6:30 pm, Keith Krejci Meets: various locations v: 575-2740
- 7) **[Mixed SG]** 6:30 pm, Steve Ranney & Christine Hardin Meets @ 9545 Swiss Stone Court, LV, 89123 v:528-8805 [Silverado Ranch]

• Meet the Pastors-Sat, Sept. 12th; 6:30pm

Take a step towards becoming a partner and a part of the family at The Rock. Those who have visited The Rock will receive personal invitations to hear about the mission God has given us along with Q&A time with our staff & leadership team over a light meal provided by our hosts.

• New SG's...Wednesday & Tuesday

Look for more details as Dave Reed (SG Team leader) will be starting new communities with PC.

YOUR JOURNEY CONTINUES BY SERVING & GROWING...

Labor Day Picnic

The Rock will host its 2nd annual LABOR DAY PICNIC, Monday, September 7th at 4:00PM @ Exploration Park in Mountain's Edge (Buffalo & Blue Diamond) at the "Sand Volleyball Court."

- FOOD: Carne Asada & hot dogs will be provided. BRING: a Side Dish enough for 10-12 people and a 12-pack of soda.
- ACTIVITIES: Volleyball & Flag Football.

Invite your friends and family. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and sun screen. See you there!

Google Maps

You can help us by writing a review under our name for Google Maps:

1. Create a Google account (follow instructions) on Google site.
2. Place "The Rock, A Christian Church" in the search field
3. Find us & click "write a review" - follow instructions

- OR -

1. Place "The Rock, A Christian Church" in the search field.

2. Find us & click "write a review" It will then advise you to login into your Google account or setup a new one; choose setup new one if you do not have one already. Set up and follow instructions.

SIGNS

You may have noticed that our large yellow A-frame signs have disappeared on Rainbow. But God is up to something bigger & better. We now have the opportunity to raise up a larger sign and it will be paid for by a private donor. Please keep this in your prayers as our signs have been one of the most effective ways of attracting guests.

E Street Essentials

Together we can help our homeless friends survive the hot Vegas summers. Below is a list of essential needs...

- Toiletries: travel size (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, & deodorant)

- New or used summer clothes
- New Socks & underwear
- Wet wipes, tissues, washcloth.

Every 3rd Saturday; 9:00 AM @ Ethel Pearson park (Washington & E St.) Next date: Sat., Sept. 19th.

Daily Bread

Looking for resources that will help you mature as a disciple of Christ? Every month we receive a box of daily devotionals that help you connect with God daily. Pick up a FREE copy at the connection table while supplies last.



Fantasy Football

Can you believe it? The NFL opening day kick-off is only 1 week away. "Are you ready for some football?" Call Steve Ranney, our commissioner, @ 528-8805 and reserve your spot...there are only 2 spaces left. Our "Live Draft" is Wednesday, Sept. 9th @ 6:30PM.

Got job leads?

Share with us, so we may share with others. Send your findings to ctong_therockLV@cox.net. Check out the following links:

www.indeed.com
www.hotjobs.com
www.2010census.gov

Also check with Social Security Administration, our sources say they are hiring in Henderson.

Facebook US

Join facebook and stay connected by becoming a fan of The Rock facebook page. Go to our website www.therockLV.com and click the "facebook" banner & make a request to be a fan of our page. We are working hard to see how this new technology & networking can help us stay connected & achieve our mission & vision.



STAYING CONNECTED

• DVD recommendations

Faith Like Potatoes, the Soloist

• NEXT SG Leaders Mtg.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 6:30 PM

• NEXT Meet the Pastors

Saturday, Sept. 12th, 6:30 pm

• Rock T-Shirts

Available @ the connection table
 Short sleeve \$15; long \$20

• Paypal

You may donate your tithes & offerings online by going to our website @ www.therockLV.com.

• LEADERSHIP TEAM

- David Reed (Team Leader)
- Tony Davis
- Eric Honea
- Haleigh Honea
- Keith Krejci
- Christine Hardin
- Glenn Cazar

• NEXT Leadership Team Mtg.

Monday, Sept 14th @ 6:30 pm

• Copies of a Message:

Missed a Gathering? Email us...
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SENT PARTNER...

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JONATHAN & JOJO BRADLEY

Rock partners who are now missionaries in New Mexico as a teachers at Shiprock High School (Navajo Nation).