

## 1.2022

"Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore, for here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come." Hebrews 13:13-14

- Winter term runs Jan. 3- Feb. 11. Pray that students can return from Christmas break refreshed and ready to learn. Pray also that we will know how to navigate COVID complexities with wisdom and grace so that campus can be a safe and hospitable learning space for everyone.
- Nine new students are planning to join campus for the winter term. Pray that returning students will warmly welcome the newcomers and help them adjust for this concentrated term of study.
- Pray for all the faculty members who will be teaching courses this term: Conrad and Lynette Showalter/Intro. to Counseling; Marriage & Family; Matt Cordella-Bontrager/Hebrews; Christology; Matt Showalter/Biblical Literature II; Reuben Sairs/Gospel of John; Dion Peachey/Engaging Contemporary Culture; Josh Yoder/Principles of Microeconomics. Pray especially for both Josh and Dion who are new, first-time RBC teachers.
- Remember Conrad and Lynette Showalter who will be travelling back and forth to Goshen, IN on weekends, often on wintry roads and now with the added complications of COVID.
- Rehearsals for the **Salt & Light** ensemble continue during winter term. **Chorale** selection and rehearsals will be finalized. Ken Miller requests prayer for the Chorale program and tour plans amidst the uncertainties of COVID. He's begun plans for a Chorale tour in northern Indiana and Michigan. Pray also for a much-needed drama director who would be a good fit for RBC.
- The next online session of **Training in Ministry** classes runs **January 3-14** and includes **Bible Survey** with Reuben Sairs, **Congregational Care** with Preston Yoder, and **Leader Self-Care** with Mark Miller. Pray for more non-residential students to avail themselves of this opportunity to become better equipped for ministry while remaining in their home contexts.
- The second spring session for online **Training in Ministry** courses runs **March 21-May 25** with **Spiritual Formation** with Jay Conn, **Anabaptist History and Theology** with Jon Showalter and **Congregational Gift Development** with Jon Risner. Pray for more students and for renewal and deepened spiritual hunger among us!
- Ask that God will draw more students for the 2022-23 school year. Pray for energy and creativity for **Ericka Byler** as she works at student recruitment through school and youth group visits as well as hosting events like the **Rosedale Invitational** for high school basketball teams, Jan. 27-29, and **Discover Rosedale**, March 3-4, that draw prospective students to campus.
- Last year we began seriously praying and planning for needed campus upgrades. This fall the RBC board approved Phase 1 of a **Forward in Faith capital campaign** to build one new residence hall. Pray for Jeremy Miller and the board as they lead the way in raising \$6 million for a new residence hall to replace the old men's dorm which has serious structural flaws.