

## Sermon Notes

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

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## Richview Baptist Church

Sunday, December 16, 2007

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

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### Welcome to Richview

Whether you've been here for a while, or this is your first visit, we're glad you have come. If you have any questions about this service or about Richview, please ask one of the ushers, greeters, or pastors.

### Children and Youth

Care is provided in our nursery and preschool areas upstairs from the beginning of the service.

School age children will remain in the service this week. Next week the children will make a special Christmas presentation before the congregation.

### Reflection

In saying "no" to over-spending we are then invited to say "yes" to give in relational ways. We do this because we worship a God who gave us a relational gift. God gave us His Son. This is an incredible opportunity to reclaim the heart of what matters most as we learn together to give gifts of meaning instead of simple material gifts.

Pictures, poems, pieces of art, a baseball bat and a trip with dad to the ballpark, all become relational alternatives that foster what matters most in life.

### Next Week

Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Sermon Topic: Loving All



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## Events

Location & details for these events are listed in the Bulletin Board section which follows.

Today	Event	Ministry
10:30 AM	Worship Service	General
This Week		
Tues. 10:00 AM	Tabitha's Cupboard	Women
Tues. 10:30 AM	Seniors Bible Study	Seniors
Tues. 7:00 PM	Jr. High & Sr. High	Youth
Wed. 10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Women
This/Next Month		
Sun. Dec. 23, 10:30 AM	Advent Special Offering	General
Mon. Dec. 24, 6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service	General

## Bulletin Board

### Advent Special Offering

On December 23, we will be taking up a special offering, beyond our regular one, that will be given through Living Water International Canada to help provide for the over 1.1 billion people living without clean drinking water. Please make your checks to Richview Baptist Church. 100% of this money will be given to Living Water.

### Seniors

**Seniors' Bible Study** meets Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Craft Room. They are studying the Epistle to the Hebrews. Please talk to Pastor Ebenezer Sikakane at 416-247-8701 ext. 225 if you have any questions.

### Women

**Tabitha's Cupboard** meets Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to noon. Please talk to Sylvia Solomon for more information.

**Women Praying Together** meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Room. They are off now and will be back January 9th, 2008.

**Women's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Activity Room to study "God's Story," covering the first 11 chapters of Genesis.

### Youth

**Jr. and Sr. High Youth** groups are having their Christmas Party next Tuesday December 18. There will be no meeting on Tuesday December 25 & Tuesday January 1, 2008

For Jr. High call Paul or Fariza Payne (416-614-1511). For Sr. High call Laurie Dormer (416-237-1351).

### Small Groups

**Small Groups** are where people are known and cared for. They are gatherings of up to twelve people meeting in homes throughout the city for study, sharing, and prayer. To join a Fellowship Group, please contact the church office.

### Finance

**Financial Update** - Thank you for your sacrificial giving. We have made good progress but still have some work to do in eliminating our deficit before year end.

As of today our actual contributions have been \$352,603; our actual expenses have been \$379,359; and our deficit is \$26,756.

### Deacons Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for deacons. Please pick up a form at the Information Centre and prayerfully consider nominating candidates you believe could serve in this important role.

### Christmas in Romania

Bob Fukumoto and all the members of the Romania team would like to thank everyone who donated for the project, for their support and for helping them share the love of Christ with the children.

### Banns of Marriage

We are pleased to publish the banns of marriage for Michael Warman and Michelle Hillier, who will be married on January 5, 2008.

### Potluck

Our next potluck is planned for Sunday, January 13. If you have not yet volunteered to work in the kitchen for a potluck, we would love to have your help! Please sign up at the Information Center.