

HOPE AT THE CENTER 1/30/19

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A new **Bible study and prayer time** will begin on Monday, February 4, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Choir Room. Our initial 5-week topic will be *An Essential Introduction to the Old and New Testaments*. Everyone will be able to participate, whether the Bible is new to you or an old friend.

RBC Book Club Thursday, February 14 at 7 pm in the parlor – *The Mushroom Hunters: On the Trail of an Underground America* by Langdon Cook. *Within the dark corners of America's forests grow culinary treasures. Chefs pay top dollar to show case these elusive and beguiling ingredients on their menus. The mushroom hunters, by contrast, are a rough lot. They live in the wilderness and move with the seasons. Motivated by Gold Rush desires, they haul improbable quantities of fungi from the woods for cash. Langdon Cook embeds himself in this shadowy subculture, reporting from both rural fringes and big-city eateries with the flair of a novelist, uncovering along the way what might be the last gasp of frontier-style capitalism. Rich with the science and lore of edible fungi—from seductive chanterelles to exotic porcini—The Mushroom Hunters is equal parts gonzo travelogue and culinary history lesson, a rollicking, character-driven tour through a world that is by turns secretive, dangerous, and tragically American.*

CHILI FEST Sunday, February 24, 12-2:30 pm. Food, games, music, and great fellowship...not a bad way to spend a cold winter's day! The proceeds from this event will provide much needed funding for the Youth Group's REACH trip. Only \$15 to enter your favorite chili recipe (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners receive prizes). Only \$5 suggested donation at the door (\$3 for 18 and under) for all-you-can-eat chili (for those who prefer eating to cooking). So join us and bring your friends and family too! We would love to see all of RBC there to support our youth! Please register to enter as a contestant or be a judge at the Welcome Center in the RBC lobby! Ready...set...SIGN UP!

Hold the date for the RBC Women's retreat. April 12 and 13, 2019. We will be gathering in our church in the Youth rooms for the retreat. Many people wanted to come back to RBC for the retreat this year.

DOERS OF THE WORD *and not hearers only (James 1:22)*

If you have an announcement to be made on Sunday morning, please email it to the church office at rbcabc@rbcabc.org by Friday at 11 am. Normally, our worship leader will make the announcements.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."
Helen Keller

If you have a quotation to encourage the faithful, send it to rbcabc@rbcabc.org.