

## **Ramoth Baptist Church**

"A Christ-Centered Community of Refuge for Families Who Love God, Love People, and Change Our World"





"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?" (**Dr. Seuss**)

How, indeed, did it get so late in 2019 so soon? From Memorial Day to Labor Day has been lightning fast this year. If you don't think that Christmas and the turning of the calendar to 2020 (yes, 2020) will be here before you know it, then you will be surprised (perhaps not in a pleasant way).

Because time is such a precious commodity and one of the few things that we cannot get back once it's gone, we are called to use our time wisely. In fact, the Apostle Paul instructs us in both Ephesians 5:16 and Colossians 4:5 that we should "make the most of the time" that God has given to us.

The question becomes, "How?" The Bible gives us the answer to that question. Paul, in both these two passages of Scripture goes on to tell us how we can "redeem" the time that we have. First, we are to be wise — not foolish — in how we live in these "evil days." That

wisdom should be evident to both those within the church and those "outsiders" who are unbelievers.

It has often been said that King Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived. However, there is One who is actually wiser than Solomon, One who is wisdom Himself — Jesus Christ! To know Jesus is to know wisdom. Without Jesus, we simply cannot have wisdom. We may perhaps be wise in our own eyes, but we will never be wise in the eyes of Jesus. And, wisdom begins with a fear or holy reverence for God:

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." **Proverbs 9:10** 

Secondly, if we are to "make the most of the time," we must pair our wise living with understanding — understanding who God is and understanding God's will for our lives:

"So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:17

When you know what the Lord's will is for your life, then do it — regardless of what people may think or say — and ask Him to help you to "make the most of the time" that He has given you, so that you'll never have to ask, "How did it get so late so soon?"

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Howell

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# KICKOFF TO HOMECOMING

2019

DATE: OCTOBER 5TH
TIME: 3:00-6:00

We're Havin' a Havin' BAR-B-Q!

All are invited to enjoy an evening of Fellowship, lip smackin' BBQ, and Good Ole Southern Gospel music provided by "Front Porch Gospel" Food & Drinks provided. Bring your lawn chair and a dessert to share.

\*Donations will be accepted for



For the

BEST Pulled Pork BBQ

Contact Sam Raney or Jan Schranz to enter

Rain or Shine



the Deacon's Benevolent Fund.



Join us for a time of worship and reflection of 153 years of serving God through the ministries of Ramoth.

There will be special music by our Ramoth Family and of course DINNER ON THE GROUNDS after the 10:45 Service.

Watch bulletin for specifics on food.

## **MOPS**

Mother of Preschoolers will resume

## September 9 at 9:00AM

They will meet on the

2nd & 4th Monday of each month unless otherwise posted.





## **Emotion and Substance**

I often say that before one comes to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, one comes to a moment of desperation. This may not be the same for everyone, but I think it is a true statement.

The old man is desperate as he faces death. Finally, after years of struggle, he turns to God in a moment of salvation. His life is salvaged. The young man sees the destructive path he is on and turns to Christ in a desperate attempt to find

meaning for life. His life has meaning. The little boy sees the happiness everyone in his family enjoys through their salvation, and he desperately want to have what his family has. His life is changed.

We are desperate when we are separated from God. We either react in sin (rebellion) or we cry out to God for help. We run to God or away from Him. In Psalm 85:15 we read,

15 From my youth,

I have been suffering and near death.

I suffer your horrors; I am desperate.

David is desperate to have God close to him. We are desperate to have God in our lives or we choose to refuse Him and live for ourselves or for others and try to find fulfillment in the things of this world or in efforts to make this world a better place.

The problem is that a selfish life and a selfless life does nothing to remove the punishment of sin. It is only in a desperate run to Christ that we find forgiveness and once we love Jesus, we soon learn how to love others. A selfless life for others is really a life lived for Christ.

But emotions are just the beginning of the journey. Substance sustains us on that journey. We cannot just run to Christ without embracing Him. We must learn. We must grow. We must change. This is far too often the problem. So many people want to know Jesus, but they do not want to be like Him. We want to know Him during that moment of desperation but once the desperation passes, we go on as before. In other words, we want to be saved from Hell but not from sin.

Psalm 119:18 tells us to learn and to study.

<sup>18</sup>Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wondrous things from your instruction.

We need to have our eyes opened to become a Christian, but we also need to have our eyes opened to become a mature Christian. Talk to any teacher and they will tell you they not only want their students to learn but to

become life-long learners. God wants the same for us. Desperate emotions start us off on the journey, but the substance of the word keep us on the journey. This is a journey full of discovery.

I talked with an older Christian not too long ago and they were shocked to realize that Mary washed the feet of Jesus at the beginning of His final week before His crucifixion. She had heard the story many times but never looked at it as an anointing before His death. It changed the meaning of the story for her forever. We must grow daily. We must learn daily. We must digest the word as we read it, sing it, hear it, and share it. It is my prayer that you will be on a journey with Jesus for your entire life. I pray you will be discipled and that you will disciple others.

Pastor Chuck

WORSHIP



## If you have a heart for children...

Please contact Jaynie Hudson at: children@rbcstafford.org



## **WE-WANT-YOU!**

From our nursery, where caregivers love on the smallest of babies in the name of Jesus, to our 5th graders who are on the verge of their teen years, Rise-Up Children's ministry is passionate about discipling your kids. Whether it is in Sunday School, Children's Worship Classes, or AWANA, it is our desire to partner with you in the spiritual maturing of your child.

Do you have a heart for children?

We would love to have you help in Children's Ministry!!

we need volunteers to help in even area, from Nursery to preteen.

Please see Jaynie Hudson to find out where we can get you plugged in!



## Wednesdays 6:05-7:35PM

Awana is in full swing! We have over 40

children in our Awana program this year and we need all the help we can get.

We would love you to help us lead kids to Christ through this awesome program!

## October 26 3-6 pm

Come on out for a day of Fall festivities! We will have a cake walk bounce houses, Bacon Ball, bobbing for apples, carnival games, fried treats, apple cider, and tons of family fun!

Sign up in the fover to





We have started two new series for our weekly youth meetings. During our Sunday School class, we have begun studying **Gospel Foundations.** This next year we will be looking at how the Bible is the story of the gospel, God's good news to redeem humanity from our sin.

Naturally, we begin with creation. In this incredible instance where God creates everything from nothing, ex nihilo, and all that has ever been comes into existence. And at the end of the process, after all of the magnanimous landscapes, after the all the wonders in the heavens, He creates the pinnacle of creation. This creation He makes in His own image. He makes us.

This act of creation displays many truths about God, but the one we are focusing on in this study is that creation establishes God's authority over everything, including our lives. But as sinful creatures, we use the will God has given us to reject His authority and to follow our own path. This choice incurs the wrath of God, something we



cannot avoid or earn our way out of.

But in the midst of our own sin, God makes a plan to redeem us. His plan has always been through His son, Jesus Christ. On Wednesday, we are studying a series called **Boss.** It is an examination on who and what we allow to have influence and au-

thority in our lives. Is it stuff? Is it other people? Ultimately, if we want eternal life and life abundantly, we must submit our whole lives to Jesus who saves us from the sin we chose to take part in.

This month, we've given our students a challenge. It is called the "Lunch Table Challenge".

Students have received either a devotional they may share with other Christian students in their schools, or a survey to help them start gospel conversations with classmates.

I encourage you to talk with your students about these lunch table discussions as well as how they are processing the truths they are learning about the gospel.

Below are some passages you can reference. (Genesis 1-3; Psalm 139:14)

-Jason Baird

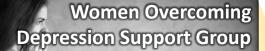


Join us as we bridge the gap between ourselves and others, youth and adulthood, a life once unchanged, but now transformed by Christ

# B.R.I.D.G.E. SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM in room 103

As always, if you have any questions about anything going on with the BRIDGE ministry or are interested in joining us or know someone who could use a young, welcoming, and exciting environment in which to grow . . . send them our way. We will be glad to have them!

Katie & Seth Thompson / Pachess & Sergio Wooden



**Breaking Free from Spiritual Strongholds** 

If you feel you are experiencing defeat in any area of your life, you are welcome to join us as we journey through Beth Moore's "Praying God's Word – Breaking Free from Spiritual Strongholds". We are all called to be "Overcomers" through the power of Jesus Christ, to surrender anything that holds us back from liberating freedom in Christ. As Galatians 5:1 states, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery".

Contact Karen Larrabee for more information at

karen.larrabee@yahoo.com

every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 10:00AM







# LET'S GO BOWLING

The Women's Ministry will be going bowling on Saturday, September 28 at 1:00PM. We will be going to the bowling alley on Quantico

It will be \$12 per person. (this includes shoes and your game)

Sign up in the bulletin if you plan to go.

Point of Contact: Carmen Hill (540-907-5363)



After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives.
But your grief continues and you feel alone.
Often friends and family want to help, but don't know how.

That's the reason for **GriefShare**. This DVD driven grief support ministry is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel because they have been in the same place. They will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

GriefShare, a ministry of Church Initiative, is a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief.

# There will be a breakout for teen/young adults and adults

For more information on GriefShare contact Karen Larrabee (karen.larrabee@yahoo.com) or Sergio Wooden (woody2473@yahoo.com)

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**



Join us in one of our Men's Small Group Bible Studies

## WEEKLY

- → Men's Bible Study with Rod Montgomery 7:00AM The topic will be "Revelation: What is Pre-Trib, Pre-Millennial, Amillennial, Post-Trib, or Pan-Millennial?"
- ⇒ Men's 8:30AM Bible Study with Sergio
   "Woody" Wooden. They will finish up Volume
   3 in the 33 Series during September.

## **MONTHLY**

 ⇒ Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Bible Fellowship meets the 1st Monday of the month. September 2 at 7:00PM is the next meeting.

READING: Matthew 20, light supper provided.

For more information about our Men's Ministry and how you can plug in, please contact Rod Montgomery, <a href="mailto:sitrchip@gmail.com">sitrchip@gmail.com</a>.

## **RTV ACTS 1:8 MISSION TEAM**



How can you be "On Mission?"

Look for more details in the bulletin coming soon as mission opportunities. Pray about how you can be "On Mission".

We would like to thank all of you who donate to the RTV ACTS 1:8. Your donations help to spread the Word of God in our parking lot, in our schools, in our county, in our state and throughout the world. Every time that we are involved in a mission project the Word of God is given out in the form of a Bible, a tract or by word of mouth and you make that possible.

If missions is your thing, come join us.

We meet the second Wednesday of each month room 301 (across from the Pastor's office).

RTV ACTS 1:8 Mission Team Next Meeting
SEPTEMBER 11 @7:45pm

## PRIMETIMER (Sr. Adult Ministry)



PrimeTimers is Ramoth Baptist Church's group for senior adults (50+). We believe that followers of Jesus NEVER retire and that the Senior Saints at RBC are invaluable to the process of making disciples who

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These people are integrated into other ministries, but their monthly gatherings provide opportunities for fellowship and activity-planning. There will be special outings throughout the year for you to enjoy as well.

Our Theme this month is

"Fall in Love with Jesus"

Come join us and our new

Students Pastor

Jason Baird as he brings our

devotional this month.

It is Birthday Month, so let's

celebrate our September,

October, and November

Birthdays.

Margaret Canter



## REFUGE MINISTRY CENTER

The Counseling Corner

Greetings and God bless you all. I am delighted to introduce to you a new column in the Beacon that will highlight a new ministry here at Ramoth Baptist Church. The new ministry is a Biblical counseling center called the Refuge Ministry. This ministry is dedicated to providing sound biblical counsel, encouragement, and guidance through the issues and concerns that plague the lives of believers and non-believers. Being led by God and His word, we seek to help those in need, with God's truth and direction. There is solace to those in despair if they seek God's assistance in their lives. We are a part of that assistance, as we offer love, support, and a ministry dedicated to helping people become whole again through the healing and restoration of God's holy power. In Proverbs there are numerous occasions where the passage speak The Refuge Ministry Center will be open to church fami-

to the benefit of wise counsel and to the blessing of finding those who will lead you in the way of God's word.

This is the mindset behind this new ministry area and we are devoting ourselves to the following purposes:

1) To restore to a body of believers and to establish in new believers, the power, the ability and the authority of the Bible to address all matters or concern or need in their lives.

- 2) To educate, equip, and encourage Christians on how information about this ministry or any of the programs to respond biblically to the challenges of life, this world, that we will be offering in the weeks and months to come. and the struggles therein. To assist those Christians in We covet your prayers, as we seek to assist those who the implementation of sound doctrine and principles that are in need of wise counsel. We look forward to serving will have a lasting impact on them and those around you or serving with you; God bless and be well. them.
- 3) To direct all believers, young and old, to the Bible and other sound materials and resources that will be beneficial to their development, growth, and maturity as a believer and follower of God.
- 4) To help bring people into a saving or restored relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

We will be offering counseling outreaches in the following manner. Couples, family, and individual counseling is available to address with any issues, problems, or concerns related to, but not limited by marriage, divorce, finances, parenting, addictions, co-dependency, death, stress management, loneliness. fear, abuse (verbal, emotional, physical), mentoring, and many others. There are a number of specialized support groups and services that are also available and are listed below: GriefShare Support Group, Blended Family Support Group, Celebrate Recovery, Women Overcoming Depression, Prepare and Enrich Pre-martial and Martial Counseling, SYMBIS Pre-martial Counseling, Financial Peace University, Parenting, Men and Women's Discipleship, and Christian Fundamentals, to name a few.

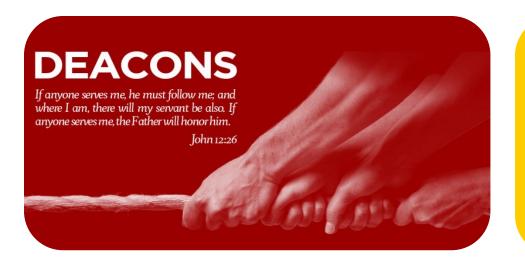
lies and members starting September 4th, Ramoth Baptist Church followed by availability to the local community in the coming months. The center's operating hours will be Monday through Friday, 9am to 4 pm, with visits taking place by appointment. If you have any questions about this ministry, please feel free to contact me via email at counseling@rbcstafford.org or phone

540-659-4588 ext. 9 or Ms. Karen Larrabee at karen.larrabee@yahoo.com. You can also visit the church website www.rbcstafford.org for additional

Sergio "Woody" Wooden

Director, Refuge Ministry Center

Proverbs 19:20-21, "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."



### **2019 DEACON OFFICERS:**

Chairman Sam Raney

Co-Chair Jason Breidenbach

Secretary Matt Sarkissian

Master of Arms Brian Doerr

After prayerful consideration and including receiving a detailed Deacon Service Questionnaire Form, each of the following men have been nominated to serve as a Deacon of Ramoth Baptist Church.

Carroll Blake Chris Hudson Flavius Lungoccia
Joe Pearson Cary Veteto Jon White

The members of RBC will vote whether or not to affirm these men to serve as Deacons in a Special Called Business Meeting at the conclusion of both morning worship services on **September 22, 2019** 

To be affirmed to serve as a Deacon, each man must receive a majority "YES" votes from those present and voting. Please be in prayer for the men, their wives and families as they answer God's Call to this important office of service within the church.

The **next** Deacons Meeting will be Tuesday, **SEPTEMBER 24** at **7:00PM** in the Chapel.

# Deacons of the Week

Point of Contact for RBC's Deacon Ministry needs is Deacon Chairman

# **SAM RANEY** 571-334-4256

#### SEPTEMBER 1

Kerry Knowles

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Shelby Burnett	540-903-0470
SEPTEMBER 8	
Jason Breidenbach	703-254-3445
Sam Raney	571-334-4256
SEPTEMBER 15	
Sergio Wooden	207-632-8876
Ken Hill	540-207-7270
SEPTEMBER 22	
Matt Sarkissian	909-855-2881
Max Waugh	540-295-3306
SEPTEMBER 29	
Seth Thompson	330-209-0262

540-834-6631

## STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORT (AS OF 08/25/2019)

**Undesignated Giving to date:** 

\$632,833.34

Expenses to date:

\$503,869.03

**Budget Requirement to date:** 

\$768,434.00

Designated Giving to date:

\$27,851.56

Average Worship Attendance for August:

Give in person, by mail, or online at www.rbcstafford.org



## RAMOTH CEMETERY MEMORIAL FUND

Balance July 1, 2019	\$142,564	.60
Memorial Gifts	\$ 0.	00
Paid Out		
Mowing	\$ - 1,100	.00
Fuel	\$ - 130	.76
Trimmer line	\$ - 103	3.12
Balance JULY 31, 2019	\$141,230	.72

NO MEMORIALS GIFTS IN JULY



# eptember

#### SEPTEMBER 1

Stephen Lane

## **SEPTEMBER 2**

Katelyn Skidmore

#### SEPTEMBER 3

Rickev Baltzelle Trish Daley Dehorah Robinson

Jason Wyatt

## **SEPTEMBER 4**

Timothy Browne Fiona Farrar

### SEPTEMBER 12

Jeff Smith

#### **SEPTEMBER 13**

Hannah Hill

## Jimmy Raines **SEPTEMBER 14**

Joan Cramer Beren Farrar

Benjamin Springer Noah Tuckwiller

Eva Wyatt

Margaret Wyatt

#### SEPTEMBER 15

Donnie Shelton

## **SEPTEMBER 17**

Aleah Bagley Michael Pierce

Jackson Schneider

## **SEPTEMBER 18**

Shannon Gallagher

#### SEPTEMBER 19

William Armstrong, Sr. Peggy Limerick

### **SEPTEMBER 20**

Charlie Thompson

### **SEPTEMBER 21**

Alta Mae Lockette

Anthony Ngalla

#### **SEPTEMBER 22**

Melissa Musselman

**Brian Setser** 

## **SEPTEMBER 23**

Brian Doerr

Nikki Farmer

Lillian Gordon

Helen Young

### SEPTEMBER 24

Ben Raines

#### **SEPTEMBER 25**

Chuck Embrey Sarah Kirby

Steve Malpass

## SEPTEMBER 26

Juanita Malev Sharon Montgomery

## **SEPTEMBER 27**

Chris Hudson Jeanie Pritchett

## **SEPTEMBER 29**

James Shirk

#### SEPTEMBER 30

Wyatt Delano Joyce Vinson

## SEPTEMBER 5

Chad Kuczka Kash Pare

## SEPTEMBER 6

Kaitlyn Scott

### **SEPTEMBER 7**

Beverly Hager

Paula Menteer

Shirley Thompson

## **SEPTEMBER 8**

Greg Garner **Bobbye Haves** 

Mackenzie Hudson

## SEPTEMBER 10

Katura Wooden

## SEPTEMBER 11

Autumn Edson

Candence Harvey

Chris Turman

# Welcome Ministr

## Ushers

## **September**

## 8:15AM USHERS

<u>September 1</u>
Charles Embrey
Paul Germain

## **SEPTEMBER 8** David Tuckwiller

John McCravev

## **SEPTEMBER 15**

Sean Truax

#### **SEPTEMBER 22** Pat Wade Lance Gentry

## **SEPTEMBER 29** Charles Embrey Paul Germain

## 10:45AM USHERS

## **SEPTEMBER 1**

Dylan Kuczka John McCravey Dan Mehnchkn Jackson Mehochko **Brad Setser** Chris Turman

## SEPTEMBER 8

James Fraley David Gavle Chris Hudson Clint Nussberger Mark Nussberger Jerry Rochefort

## **SEPTEMBER 15**

Mark Blake Shawn Blake Mark Drinkwater Steve Malpass JR Rigole Jeff Tyson

## SEPTEMBER 22

Sergio Wooden

Barry Denson Tony Dingus Ken Hill Rich Mehnchkn Herh Schweiter Gavin Schweiter

## SEPTEMBER 29

Dylan Kuczka Hans Morris Dan Mehochko Jackson Mehochko **Brad Setser** Chris Turman

## 8:15AM GREETERS

#### SEPTEMBER 1

Jasmine Sarkissian Mary Studebaker

## **SEPTEMBER 8**

Sumarra, Wooden Paches Wooden Maargaret Canter

#### SEPTEMBER 15

JoAnn Embrey Nancy Anderson

## **SEPTEMBER 22**

Darrin Whaley Julianna Whaley Rosie Young

## **SEPTEMBER 29**

Paula Menteer Terry Menteer

## 10:45AM GREETERS

## SEPTEMBER 1

Pattie Foster Sandy Sampson Sarah Rurnett Janet Martin

#### **SEPTEMBER 8**

Brittany Nussberger Leann Nussberger June Lucas Mark Lucas

#### SEPTEMBER 15

Brian Doerr Ree Doerr Brooke Shipe Michael Shipe

#### **SEPTEMBER 22**

Emma Shifflett Jean Skidmore Steve Skidmore Patti Walls

#### SEPTEMBER 29

Brian Doerr Ree Doerr Brooke Shipe Michael Shipe

## 5:00-6:00PM **Fellowship Dinners** 6:05-7:30PM

- **Awana Clubs** (3 year old—5th Grade)
- **Youth Discipleship**
- **Adult Prayer Meeting**

#### 6:30-7:30PM

- Adult Bible Study
- **Exalted Worship Choir** Rehearsal

7:35-8:30pm **Praise Team/Band** Rehearsal

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



## **SEPTEMBER 4**

Pork BBQ on Bun, coleslaw, baked beans. dessert, and drink

## **SEPTEMBER 11**

Penne Pasta with Marinara and meatballs. tossed salad, parlic bread, dessert, and drink

## **SEPTEMBER 18**

Mystery Dinner

## **SEPTEMBER 25**

Baked Potato Bar, dessert, and drink

If you have not made a standing reservation yet for this Fall (last year's reservations do not carry over), please make sure you sign-up in the bulletin or call Jan in the church office. If you are unsure if you have standing reservations, please call Jan to confirm. If you would like to make or change reservations for the upcoming Wednesday, please do so by no later than Monday at Noon.

Your cooperation with informing us of your reservations will help ensure that our teams have plenty of food bought and prepared for everyone who has indicated they will be attending that week.



## **BY BAPTISM**

Trent Hill

# Ramoth Baptist Church

478 Ramoth Church Road Stafford, VA 22554



FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES
ON SUNDAYS AT 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

DURING THE SUMMER ALL ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 6:00PM