



Ramoth Baptist Church

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



Wow! Where has the summer gone? With tax-free shopping this weekend, it will be one week from Monday when Stafford County Public Schools are back in session. Needless to say, with the shortened break, families will be scrambling this week to get things ready for the return of a "normal" schedule.

At Ramoth, we will also be moving back to a normal school-year schedule this month. AWANA registration will happen on Wednesday, August 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with the first regular club meeting kicking off the following week on August 21.

The night of August 21 will also see the return of our Fellowship Meals at 5:00 p.m. We are still looking for a 3rd Wednesday night meal team to cook for us. If you love cooking or helping in the kitchen, this would be a great place to use your culinary talents to serve the Lord.

Of course, there are many other opportunities at RBC where you can serve. From AWANA to Student Ministry and from Discipleship Ministry to Worship Ministry, those are just a few places on Wednesday night that you could plug into.

Speaking of getting plugged in, we are excited to have Pastor Jason, Melissa, and Graham Baird plugged into the RBC family. Pastor Jason's first Sunday will be on August 14. They are looking forward to moving down to Stafford and beginning a new chapter in Ramoth's ministry to students and their families. Please pray for the Bairds this month as they sell their home in Leesburg, move to Stafford, and make the transition to RBC's Youth Ministry.

I want to take a moment to thank Sergio "Woody" Wooden for his faithful service to our youth over the past year. He has done a wonderful job during this transition period and I appreciate his commitment and servant's heart. In the coming weeks, Woody will be transitioning to a new position leading RBC's Refuge Ministry Center. In addition to offering Christian Counseling, the RMC will also facilitate support groups (Grief Share, Depression Support, Life Coaching, Celebrate Recovery, etc.) and Discipleship classes.

Please be in prayer for all of RBC's ministries as we move forward, trusting God for all that He has planned in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Howell

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Tuesday, August 6

5:00PM-8:00PM

Stafford Marketplace!

See you there!



Registration

Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00PM

5:00PM Hot Dog Dinner

6:00-7:00PM Register your child(ren)

3 years-old - 5th Grade for
2019-2020 Awana Clubs



resumes, Wednesday, August 21 @ 5:00PM

EVERYONE needs to submit a reservation form for dinner, new year, new form,
no standing reservations for first month.



**PLEASE GIVE A BIG
RAMOTH WELCOME**

to

**JASON, MELISSA, AND
GRAHAM BAIRD**

**Jason will begin his ministry
with our Students on
Sunday, August 11!**



TUESDAYS 8:30AM - 10:30AM

**We accept donations of
non-perishable items.
Bring them on Sunday and
leave in Chapel, or
bring by the office
Mon-Thu 8:00AM-6:00PM**



RBC

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Are BACK

5:00-6:00PM

Fellowship Dinners

6:05-7:30PM

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

6:30-7:30PM

**Exalted Worship Choir
Rehearsal**

7:35-8:30pm

Praise Team/Band Rehearsal





What Does God Say About Music?

As a worship pastor, I don't do music. I do worship. Well, I do music but not for music's sake. You see, music can be deceptive. A good tune can bring you to tears or cause you to dance. It can make you smile or bring back a flood of memories. Music can create many different types of emotions.

You haven't seen anything until you see my house when we play the song, *Baby Shark*. The dancing, the smiles, the arm motions for baby, mommy, daddy, grandma and grandpa shark are wonderful!

It is not unlike the Washington Nationals when Gerardo Parra steps up to the plate with *Baby Shark* playing. The fans in the stands all do this chomping motion with their arms and smiles break out on everyone's face. But that is just an emotional response. The fans are having fun and though there is nothing wrong with fun, it doesn't always lead to worship.

Bob Kauflin tells the story of a health clinic in South Africa. A worker was listening to the African women sing a haunting melody in beautiful harmonies and was moved to tears. She asked another worker, who understood the language, if she knew what they were singing and was told, "If you boil the water you will not get dysentery." The music was beautiful and created an emotional response but there was nothing worshipful about the song.

Music was made to be impactful and we have some very talented musicians and singers but make no mistake about it, we didn't create music, God did! He even expects us to use music when we worship Him. Just look at the longest book of the Bible. It is Psalms, a collection of songs.

Psalm 47:6 tells us to sing praises to God. "Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise!" It sounds like God wants us to sing praises to Him.

According to Bob Kauflin in his book, *Worship Matters*, there are four reasons why God wants us to use music.

(1) *Music stirs up and expresses God-glorifying emotions.* I am not talking about emotionalism which is an end to itself. I am talking about emotions in response to who God is and what He has done.

(2) *Music helps us to reflect on what God has done and is going to do.* We sing about His greatness! Ephesians 5:18-19 tells us the Holy Spirit inspires songs in believer's hearts. We create songs for Him!

(3) *Music helps us remember the truth about God.* In Dt 31:21 God told Moses to write a song to help people remember. We sing to learn about our God!

(4) *Music helps us express our unity in the gospel.* We come together in Christ as we sing in corporate worship and tell the truth about Jesus our Savior and King!

Music is important. It raises up emotions toward God. It gives us common ground on which to worship. It teaches us about God. It reminds us of His great works. It teaches us the gospel. But it should never overshadow the lyric. The lyric is where the real teaching lives. Otherwise we may be worshipping the emotion and not the message. We will love the tune and not the God. We will embrace the memory but not remember. We will teach lessons that are heretical instead of truth. Allow the music to wash over you. Lift your voice with others around you. Enjoy the songs, both old and new. But never lose sight of the real reason we sing, to worship!



Pastor Chuck



If you have a heart for children... we want you!

Please contact Jaynie Hudson at:

children@rbcstafford.org

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 every
area, from Nursery to preteen.

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



Awana Registration

AUGUST 14

5:00-7:00PM

1st Night of Club

AUGUST 21

6:05-7:30PM

We still need volunteers workers and leaders,
please prayerfully consider helping out.

Contact Jaynie Hudson children@rbcstafford.org

Fast forward to just a couple of weeks ago for our B2SB; first off, I would like to say how much I appreciate all the volunteers who braved the heat that Saturday. It was 110 degrees with the heat index and I didn't hear one complaint! That's a feat in itself! I am constantly amazed at the dedication of our Ramoth Church Members. Everyone worked together seamlessly and we could not have done it without all of you. I am so proud that we live up to our motto,

"A Church with a Heart in the Heart of Stafford County".

We had 133 registered guests in attendance, with 93 of those being kids. I considered B2SB a success being that it was so HOT! There were at least 2 decisions that were made according to Chang3 (guest speaker), and Sergio "Woody" Wooden is following up on those. ALL praise be to God! For those of you that missed the music and Chang3, it was awesome! You could truly tell that the Holy Spirit moved through them that day. Again, thank you for all of your prayers, help, and overall willingness to make this day go smoothly.



WHAT IS NEXT?!?! Part 3

This is the last part in the "What Is Next" series. While I initially placed my focus on what the church and older generations need to be doing, I want now, to turn my focus on the "next" generation of believers. I want to focus on their choices and character building. I also want to take a moment to encourage them, but to also challenge each of them for what's next to come.

I want to challenge you, to decide today what it is you will accept, believe, follow, and commit your lives to being associated with, God or the World. For some, this will be an easy choice, but for others not so much. I am here to tell you, you do not stand alone in making this decision. You all have been blessed to be connected to a God fearing, honoring, and teaching church. You have been blessed with parents, grandparents, extended family that wants you to know the love and promises of God. That is why you are here at Ramoth Baptist Church.



You are now at a pivotal time in history and in our society, where you have to firmly choose what side you are going to be on. The World is going to try and entice you with its pleasures, its lies, and webs of deceit. It is going to try and tell you that belief in God is giving too much control to a concept that has no bearing. The World is going to try to tell you that Christians are hypocrites and that the church is only concerned with your money. That is what the world is going to try to convince you of and it will not stop trying to do so.

What I want you to see though, is much greater than any lie or any offer that The World will present you. What I want you to see is...God. He is much greater than the lies, He is greater than the false and hollow

promises of The World. He is so much more than we could ever image....He is love, grace, mercy, joy, comfort, peace, faithful and so on. He is here and present, waiting on your "What Is Next" move. He is waiting to see if you are going to choose Him over The World? That is really the big question.

So, if you are getting ready for college, the military, or some of you are getting ready for a new school year in new schools, while others are preparing for their last year in high school. Some are dealing with new relationships, new responsibilities new opportunities, but with all of that on the horizon, the question still remains: What Is Next, God or The World? The challenge is to boldly proclaim whose you are and to not waver in that decision. The encouragement is found in Isaiah 42:1, which expresses the delight of God's heart when His people accept, believe, trust, and follow Him. You can have that, if you choose God.

God bless you and be well. It has been my joy and pleasure to have served you this past year. I hope that I have had a positive impact on your lives, as God had intended. I will continue to be available to talk, joke, and grow with you, should that be something you want. But just like with any relationship, it takes both sides working together for things to really work.

Your Brother In Christ,

Sergio "Woody" Wooden



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 that 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 Wooden



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

**Will return on August 12
every 2nd and 4th Monday
of the Month at 10:00AM**



Tea and Thee Bible Study
resumes Tuesday, September 3
at 10:00AM

Thursday Morning Bible Study
resumes Thursday, September 5
at 9:30AM

Ladies'
Bible
Studies



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.

**New Session will begin August 26 at 6:30PM
It will go through November 18
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 **will take a break** during the summer. Watch for updates here, the bulletin, and website.

MONTHLY

- ⇒ Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Bible Fellowship meets the 1st Monday of the month. August 5 at 7:00PM is the next meeting.

READING: Matthew 19, light supper provided.

For more information about our Men's Ministry and how you can plug in, please contact Rod Montgomery, sitnchip@gmail.com.

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

AUGUST 14 @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

**LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, and
CHANGE OUR WORLD.**

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.

*Join us for a SONshine filled day with a lunch of **hamburgers and hotdogs**, we are asking you to bring side dishes to share with the group!*

Pastor Chuck will be our guest speaker for the SONshine Day

Margaret Canter

DEACONS

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26

2019 DEACON OFFICERS:

Chairman	Sam Raney
Co-Chair	Jason Breidenbach
Secretary	Matt Sarkissian
Master of Arms	Brian Doerr

Deacons of the Week

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

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AUGUST 18

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AUGUST 25

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The **next** Deacons Meeting
will be
Tuesday, **August 27**
at **7:00PM** in the Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORT (AS OF 07/28/2019)

Undesignated Giving to date:

\$545,602.64

Expenses to date:

\$429,640.65

Budget Requirement to date:

\$678,030.00

Designated Giving to date:

\$18,943.41

Average Worship Attendance for July:

295

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

RAMOTH CEMETERY MEMORIAL FUND

Balance June 1, 2019

\$142,792.93

Memorial Gifts	\$ 700.00
Paid Out	
Mowing	\$ - 550.00
Gas & Trimmer line	\$ - 54.64
Repair mower (bent blade & spindle)	\$ - 323.69

Balance June 30, 2019 \$142,564.60

In Memory of Elmer & Annie Wine

Given by Lillie Wine Mills \$ 50.00

In Memory of Gladys Armstrong

Given by Richard & Beverly Helmke \$ 50.00

Given by Charles & Shirley Thompson \$ 50.00

In Memory of Julian & Hallie Knight Family

Given by Richard & Beverly Helmke \$ 550.00

August

AUGUST 1

Rylee Ellison

AUGUST 2

Jaime Bryant

Kendall Garrison

Frances Graninger

AUGUST 3

Penny-Rae Pare

Patti Walls

AUGUST 4

Charles Gentry

Sara Kuczka

Byrd Pritchett

Betty Sharp

AUGUST 11

Brenna Armstrong

Michael Drinkwater

Sandy Gilbert

David Tuckwiller

Christian Williams

AUGUST 12

Greg Chapman

Ree Doerr

AUGUST 14

Aubrey Canter

Zachary Clay

Joshua Ellison

John Embrey

Sarah Helms

Andrew Scott

AUGUST 15

Brenda Gray

Joe Pearson

AUGUST 16

Renee Kuczka

Joe Penski

Kylie Schindel

AUGUST 17

Lauren Bennett

Nancy Bryant

Caleigh Jett

Nathanael Lungoccia

AUGUST 19

Rich Mehochko

AUGUST 20

Gary Bennett

Evan Thompson

AUGUST 21

Isabella Good

AUGUST 22

Britney Shackelford

AUGUST 23

Everleigh Eicher

AUGUST 24

Lew Steinhoff

AUGUST 25

Brooke Shipe

AUGUST 26

Avery Armstrong

Brenda Ojibway

Ashlee Schneider

Jan Schranz

AUGUST 29

Libby Edwards

Violet Spears

AUGUST 30

Tony Dingus

Cydney Leech

Bob Lingo

AUGUST 31

Shayna Eicher

AUGUST 5

Ashley Turman

AUGUST 6

Grace Fraley

Joan Nutton

AUGUST 7

Tony Sokolowski

Sam Steinhoff

Melanie Tutor

AUGUST 8

Arthur Limberick

AUGUST 10

Alyssa Ascione

Jeffrey Moorman



Welcome Ministry

Greeters

Ushers

AUGUST

8:15AM USHERS

AUGUST 4

Chuck Embrey
Sean Truax

AUGUST 11

Lance Gentry
Sergio Wooden

AUGUST 18

Pat Wade
David Tuckwiller

AUGUST 25

David Tuckwiller
John McCravey

10:45AM USHERS

AUGUST 4

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

AUGUST 11

James Fraley
David Gayle
Chris Hudson
Herb Schweiter
Gavin Schweiter
Jerry Rochefort

AUGUST 18

Mark Blake
Caleb/Shelby Burnett
Shawn Blake
Steve Malpass
JR Rigole
Jeff Tyson

AUGUST 25

Barry Denson
Tony Dingus
Ken Hill
Rich Mehochko
Clint Nussberger
Mark Nussberger

8:15AM GREETERS

AUGUST 4

Jasmine Sarkissian
Rosie Young

AUGUST 11

Pachess Wooden
Sumarra Wooden
Margaret Canter

AUGUST 18

JoAnn Embrey
Nancy Anderson

AUGUST 25

Mary Studebaker
Darrin Whaley
Julianna Whaley

10:45AM GREETERS

AUGUST 4

Pattie Foster
Sandy Sampson
Sarah Burnett

AUGUST 11

June Lucas
Mark Lucas
Brittany Nussberger
Leann Nussberger

AUGUST 18

Brian Doerr
Ree Doerr
Brooke Shipe
Michael Shipe

AUGUST 25

Emma Shifflett
Jean Skidmore
Steve Skidmore
Patti Walls

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER



— What's on the Menu? —

AUGUST 7

NO Wednesday Night Meal

AUGUST 14

Awana Registration Night
Hot Dogs, Chips, and Dessert

AUGUST 21

To be Announced

AUGUST 28

Gourmet Hamburgers, all the
Fixings and then some, dessert

• welcome •

NEW MEMBERS



BY STATEMENT

Marshall Harvey

BY BAPTISM

Lillian Sarkissian

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service *Times*

Come & Worship with Us

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