



# Ramoth Baptist Church

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



.. From Brian Autry, Executive Director  
SBC of Virginia

## PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN

I know many of you are pastors and church leaders, and others are actively following Jesus. Today, I want to take a moment to encourage parents. For those who may not have children, like the Apostle Paul, you can have children in the faith and pray. For those blessed with children, you no doubt wrestle with worrying about your children. As a father of a twenty-one year old, eighteen year old, and thirteen year old, I find myself desiring to be prayerful for them as much as ever. We are not perfect parents, but we can be prayerful parents.

### 1) Write/say, journal and/or message prayers and scriptures for/to your children

Your children likely have a cell phone or will one day. We can text and message Scriptures and prayers to our children and grandchildren. We can gift them a Bible that we have marked as a prayerful journal.

### 2) Join with others in praying

*Matthew 18:19-20*, "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

### 3) Develop a prayer "mantra" for your children

Perhaps there is a Bible verse you claim for your children or a "family motto" that you emphasize for your children. *Luke 2:52*—"May you grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with man." In our family we came up with "Be Third" - based off Greatest Commandment

### 4) Turn worries into prayers.

There was a survey taken by USA Today citing major sources of worry. And after work and money, people admit they worry about their children. I have to admit that I can be a worrier. Sometimes I feel like being a parent is like being a professional worrier. Yet, I know the Bible tells me that worrying does not really benefit them or me (*Matthew 6*) *Philippians 4:4-9* teaches me to turn worries into prayers. First, I can rejoice IN THE LORD always. Second, I need to be careful that my worrying does not result in an ungentle spirit as I seek to relate carefully to others. Third, I can relieve my worries by making my requests known to God in prayer. Fourth, I can reflect on praiseworthy things.

### 5) Pray in/through the Bible for your children

Some example Scriptures to pray for our children: *Genesis 2:24*; *1 Samuel 1:28*; *Psalms 119:37*, *Proverbs 3:5-7*, *Proverbs 18:22*, *Isaiah 54:13*, *Luke 2:52*, *Ephesians 5:18*, *Colossians 1:9-12*

An Example of Praying for Your Kids (*from Focus on the Family, May Patterson*)

- Cultivate a grateful heart with them (*Psalms 118:28*)
- Help them speak the truth to others and to themselves (*Ephesians 4:25*)
- Fill them with joy and peace (*Romans 15:13*)
- Make them a blessing to everyone they meet (*1 Peter 3:9*)
- Help them to listen to Your Word and do what it says (*Luke 11:28*)
- May they never walk away from You, draw their hearts closer so You will always be near them (*James 4:8*)

May God Bless you as you seek Him, walk in His Word, and turn your worries into prayers.

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# Cry out to God!

*We call out or we cry out. The difference is desperation!*

There is a huge difference between the words, “call” and “cry.” To call out to God is to ask for His help, to call for His protection, to call for His blessings. But to cry to God is to pray with urgency. There is something needed at that moment. It cannot wait.



Cancer, kidnapping, runaways, drug abuse, rebellion. All of these things send a parent or a loved one into a time of desperation. “Cure my cancer, Lord! Find my child, Father! Bring my child home to me! Keep my child from going down the path that leads to destruction!”

I heard a pastor talk about the difference between call and cry like this. You call to God when your daughter is away at college and you want her to live true to her faith. You cry to God when your daughter has been kidnapped and her life is truly in danger and you may never see her again. Urgency!

**In November we often think of Thanksgiving and we are truly thankful.**



Our country falls into this category of urgency. When we pray, we must cry out to God! We must cry out in desperation. If we wait on the government to save us, I am afraid we will be disappointed. This is why we are desperate. Only God can save us. Only God can bring us back from the edge of despair.

In November we often think of Thanksgiving and we are truly thankful. God has blessed our Country, our church, our lives. We cannot begin to be thankful enough for all He has done, but what He has done in the past is not a guarantee He will continue to do the same in the future. We must pray. We must call. We must cry out to Him for salvation and a revival.

**When we cry out to God, we expect an answer!**

When we cry out to God, we expect an answer. We wait for Him to reply. We listen for His voice and we continue to cry out to Him for help.

The Lord does not always answer our calls in the affirmative. Sometimes He says “No.” But never forget, He always provides for those who believe in Him through His Son. Cry out in desperation. In desperation reach out for Jesus. In Jesus find comfort.

Psalms 5:2

Pay attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for I pray to you.

Psalms 5:3

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you and watch expectantly.

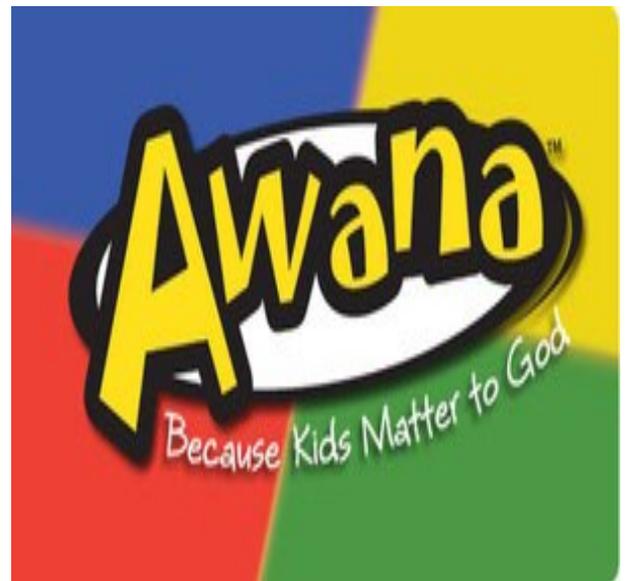
For you, Lord, bless the righteous one; you surround him with favor like a shield. Psalms 5:12

Pastor Chuck



We are averaging around 22 children in Sunday School at 10:45. We are definitely growing! After the first of the year, we are looking at going back to a 9:30 Sunday School time. Please be in prayer for more volunteers to support our growing ministry.

The Week of October 14 was our first week of Awana. We had 65 in total downstairs. It was nice to see the excitement on the kids faces to start the year! We are looking forward to another year of this amazing program!



October 28– Crazy Hair Night

November 4 - begins We "CAN" Do It

Collecting non-perishable food for RBC Food Pantry all month.



## Fall Festival

October 31, 3-6 pm

Trunk or Treat, Car Show, Popcorn, Hot Dogs, Carnival Games!!

Come out and enjoy this wonderful time of fun and fellowship!

## What Will Be Happening?

Nerdcon (date change)

November 8: A night of games, food, and fun centered around all things nerdy. This event is for middle and high school students from 6pm-8pm.

Camp Signup: Fuge camp and YEC registration are now open!

Visit the church's website for registration information.

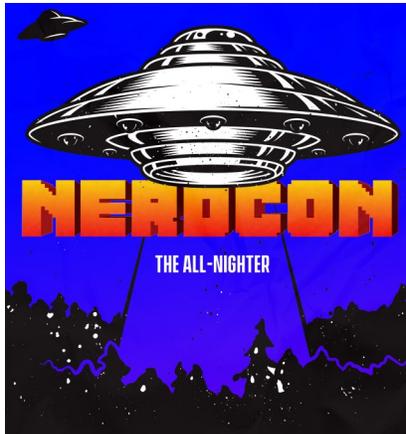
## Tip of the Month

As much as we love our teenagers, we recognize that kids can be mean sometimes. How can we handle when our teenager is being bullied, or even worse, when they are the bully? Here are 5 things to consider when dealing with teenage cruelty.

**Call it out**— One either side of the coin, call bullying what it is. If your child is being bullied, let them know that is not ok. Let

them know they do not deserve that. If your teenager is the bully, you need to be clear with them that kind of behavior is not acceptable.

**Provide support**— From handling being bullied to consequences for bullying, let



your child know that they are still yours. Let them know you will walk with them through this.

## Help manage emotions

Teenagers are experiencing emotions to a degree they've never had to deal with before. Help them manage these emotions so they can react to things appropriately.

## End with encouragement

Whether the bully or the victim, remind your teenager they are loved and that they are made in God's image

## Intervene when necessary

We know we don't want to fight every fight for our kids, but sometimes they need us to step in. Part of the difficulty of being bullied is a feeling of helplessness. Help them use the resources they have through their schools. But when that's not enough and they can't fight the battle alone, do not be afraid to jump into the ring with them. Let them know you are their ally.

—Pastor Jason Baird



## ...a place of Hope, Help, and Healing.

The church is in a buzz with projects, events, and new families visiting and new members joining. It is a great time to be a part of Ramoth Baptist Church. With each of these things happening, we as a body of believers are called to give God the praise and glory for them.

**Ephesians 5:20** declares, “always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” We are also called to see how we can help further each of those areas as well. We are instructed by **Colossians 3:23-24**, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

There are ministries, just like people that are in need of help. For both of those, we should be praying for the need and how we can address them. We should be looking at the ways that God has gifted us and see how those gifts can be used to further His Kingdom. We should also be looking at the opportunities and people that are there, to see if God is calling us to grow and stretch our faith and abilities to the greater good of those around us. This is very much the sentiment behind the name of our church and the efforts surrounding the Refuge Ministry Center. In **Joshua 21:38**, Ramoth in Gilead, was called out to be a city of refuge and hope. Today, Ramoth in Stafford is being called to be the same. The Refuge Ministry Center as an extension of Ramoth Baptist Church is looking to further reach the community at large, but it needs your help.

Our local community is in need of prayer, is in need of volunteers, and is in need of hope, help, and healing. If you believe that you are being called by God to assist with this ministry area and opportunity, pray to God for clear guidance and then contact me and let’s see where we can get you plugged in. We have all been called to share the Gospel, **Matthew 28:19-20** directs, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Let us endeavor to do God’s will and by doing so, know that we may be pointing someone in the direction of the hope, help, or healing that they need. I take delight in walking in the words of **Psalms 40:8**, “I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”

God has made this church, its ministries, and His people to extend hope, help and healing to those who need it. If you can help share that, then share it. If you are in need of it, then let us know. Be assured that you can trust the Lord and those He sends.

Refuge Ministry Center, open Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 4pm...by appointment. Call us at (540) 659-4588 ext.9 or email at [counseling@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbcstafford.org).

Your Brother In Christ,

Sergio “Woody” Wooden



Refuge Ministry Center



Is Closer Than You Think...

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

One can easily be overwhelmed by the day-to-day needs and stresses of caregiving, often times neglecting one's own emotional, physical, and spiritual health. This support group will offer respite and encouragement as we navigate difficult times and foster hope for daily challenges.

This support group will be divided into two groups – ***One for caregivers of the elderly and one for caregivers of special needs.***

**If you are interested – email Karen Larrabee if you have questions.**

### Women Overcoming Depression Support Group

#### 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](mailto:karen.larrabee@yahoo.com)



GriefShare presents

### SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Thanksgiving and Christmas can be very painful when you are grieving a loved one's death. We want to help you survive, and even enjoy, this holiday season.

GriefShare is offering a special SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS 2-hour seminar to help provide practical holiday coping strategies and hope for the days ahead. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend and does not require participation in a weekly GriefShare support group.

This **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS** special event will be held Monday, November 23 6:30pm, in the chapel. Registration is required due to COVID guidelines. You can do this by emailing Karen Larrabee at the email below.

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## MEN'S MINISTRY

- ⇒ **7:00AM Men's Bible Study - overview of 66 books of the Bible. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturdays .**
- ⇒ **Iron Sharpens Iron will meet on Monday, NOVEMBER 2 at 7PM. This group will meet in Fellowship Hall for social distancing requirements. Monthly reading will be MATTHEW 24:32-51**

**For more information about our Men's Ministry and how you can plug in, please contact Rod Montgomery, [sitnchip@gmail.com](mailto:sitnchip@gmail.com).**



All Women's Ministry Bible Studies and Events have been suspended until further notice.

For more information about our Women's Ministry and how you can plug in, please contact church office

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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

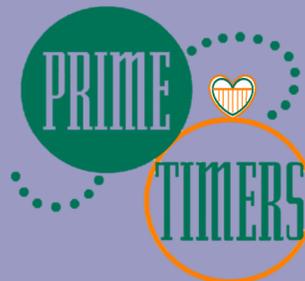
We are still not meeting for Sunday Morning Bible Study, but we are meeting at 8:45AM and 10:45AM for Worship Service.

**Wednesday Discipleship Class**  
(room 307)

is meeting Wednesday at 6:00PM

**Katie & Seth Thompson**  
**Pachess & Sergio Wooden**

## 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.**

We are missing everyone, we are hoping that we will be able to see each other as a group again very soon. Watch the website, bulletin, and December Beacon for updates on coming together again.

*Margaret Canter*

# Deacon Ministry

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SHELBY BURNETT 540-903-0470

### NOVEMBER 8

JOE PEARSON 540-628-5383

CARROLL BLAKE 540-903-7724

### NOVEMBER 15

SETH THOMPSON 330-209-0262

JON WHITE 540-623-6184

### NOVEMBER 22

CHRIS HUDSON 703-350-1934

GARY GRAHAM 540-446-8814

### NOVEMBER 29

JEFF TYSON 540-840-7491

BRIAN DOERR 540-429-8379

### 2020 DEACON OFFICERS:

#### Chairman

Gary Graham

#### Co-Chairman

Shelby Burnett

#### Secretary

Chris Hudson

#### Master of Arms

Seth Thompson

### Next Deacons' Meeting

Monday, NOVEMBER 23 @ 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall



The grass withers,  
the flower fades, but  
the word of our God  
will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:8



# Mission Matters

and YOU shall be MY witnesses Acts 1:8

EVERY CHURCH EVERY TRIBE EVERY NATION



## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING



The El Salvador  
Mission  
**URGENTLY NEED  
ASSISTANCE**

PLEASE **DONATE** TODAY!!!

*The Hughes Home Needs Adult Depends  
Send BIRTHDAY CHEER to the  
Residents*

11/4 Alfred Newton	11/18 Violet Heflin
11/5 Marie Sullivan	11/20 Thomas Purtell
11/7 LeRoy Sullivan	11/24 Corann Devine
11/8 Michael Wilson	11/28 Edmee Pastor

HUGHES ADULT HOME 100 Caroline Street  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

News from The Child Evangelism Fellowship and The Good News Clubs  
Please **PRAY** with and for the **CEF** and **GOOD NEWS CLUBS**

### Our Church Plants

Pastor Tony & Souzan Ghreeb  
Arabic New Life Baptist Church

Pastor Daniel Tesfasselase  
Emmanuel Eritrean Baptist Church  
BonAir Baptist Church Arlington, Virginia

Pastor Billy & Amanda Gwinn  
Northwood Fellowship Saltville, Virginia



# International Mission Board

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

*connecting*



# NOVEMBER

**NOVEMBER 1**

Sylvia Sullivan

**NOVEMBER 2**

Elias Breidenbach

Claude Dawley

Matthew Ngalla

David Shelton

Billie Marie Walsh

Darrin Whaley

**NOVEMBER 9**

Lucy Gentry

Trinity Herencia

Russell Shaw

**NOVEMBER 10**

Clyde Bryant

Phillip Embrey

Joe Gallegos

**NOVEMBER 11**

Dylan Kuczka

**NOVEMBER 12**

Seth Taah

Jace Wade

**NOVEMBER 13**

Jaynie Hudson

Kerry Knowles

Lewis McElfresh

Taylor Rowenhorst

**NOVEMBER 14**

Jacob Fehrman

Gabriella Good

Bob Roper

**NOVEMBER 16**

Sharon Kolandjian

**NOVEMBER 17**

Roberta Dezeeuw

Vera Dickerson

**NOVEMBER 18**

Suzanne France

**NOVEMBER 21**

Seraphine Mehochko

**NOVEMBER 23**

Judy Sokolowski

Trey Wachsmann

**NOVEMBER 25**

Ellie Garrison

**NOVEMBER 27**

Randy Colson

Alexander Kolandjian

James Sheleva

**NOVEMBER 28**

Frank Denson

**NOVEMBER 29**

Pattie Foster

Brianna Scott



**NOVEMBER 5**

Emily Denson

**NOVEMBER 6**

Nora Sheleva

**NOVEMBER 7**

Linda Graninger

Marvin Matinez

Martha Taah

**NOVEMBER 8**

Linda Buckles

David Jett

Juliet Schweiter

Let not  
your hearts  
be troubled.  
Believe in God;  
*Believe also  
in me.*

John 14:1

# Ramoth Baptist Church Constitution & By-laws

**There are copies of the proposed Constitution and By-laws available on table outside front doors of church.**

**Please limit one per family.**

**There will be a special called business meeting on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30PM.**



**Saturday, October 31**

**3:00 - 6:00 PM**

*There will be something for the entire family, join us for all the carnival games, food, trunk 'n treat, and the Car Show!*

**Let Us  
Give  
Thanks**

# Ramoth Baptist Church

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**service** *Times*

*Come & Worship with Us*

FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES

ON SUNDAYS AT 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL (BIRTH-5TH GRADE) AT 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

6:00 PM (YOUNG ADULTS) AND 6:30PM (ADULTS)

SUNDAY EVENING AT 6:00PM YOUTH ACTIVITIES