



# Ramoth Baptist Church

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



Greetings Church Family,

All of the proposals presented by the Long Range Planning Committee were passed in our Called Business Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Some of these projects will start within the next week. The paving of our parking lot will begin on October 12<sup>th</sup> and, weather permitting, will conclude on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will not miss any services during this time and our safety team will be in the parking lot directing traffic as to where we can park each week. This project is much needed and will be a huge improvement to our church. The other projects will have no affect on any of our services or activities but will also be huge improvements to our facility both inside and outside.

We are now in the planning phases of our annual Fall Festival which is scheduled on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3-6pm. This is a great outreach ministry for our church as we invite the community to join with us. As last year, we will also have a car show along with many other activities. Mark this on your calendar of events and join with us as we reach out to our community. If you have a vehicle to enter or know of someone who might be interested in entering their vehicle please let the church office know. We have registration forms available.

We, the Constitution Revision Committee, are nearing the final draft of our church constitution and hopefully

will be able to present it to you in the next 2-3 weeks. You will then have an additional 2 weeks to preview it before it will come before the church to be voted on. There will be some changes made to be in compliance with the incorporation of the church. There's really no major changes but some clarifications (and probably some confusion as it contains some legal language) and hopefully will answer some of the questions we've had in our current constitution.

If you have questions about anything that we haven't discussed in information to you please don't hesitate to ask me or one of the staff (and then they will come to me) or one of our deacons. We will do our best to answer any question you have. This has been a difficult time for us in keeping the church active and alive while many other churches and ministries remain on the sidelines. Continue to pray for the staff as we continue to bring all of our ministries back into play. We have deliberately started one ministry at a time to get them up and running before starting another ministry. We will continue to do this as long as it takes under the current conditions. Thank you for your prayers during this transition time.

Dr. Richard

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## **We Are Made for Relationship**

*If there is one thing we learned during the shut down, it is that we are relational beings.*

First, we are made for a relationship with God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. Our relationship with Him is first and foremost the reason we are here. God created man, placed him in the garden, and talked with him. God may have walked with him in the garden, we don't really know, but we do know He had a relationship with the first man and woman. He made us for relationship.



Could the garden have looked like the Butchart Gardens in Vancouver?

Second, we were made to have relationships with each other. Unfortunately, our world has supplanted relationship with sex, power, and lordship over others. Oh, to have relationships as they were intended. That is why Christ came. To reconcile us with God. To reestablish relationship.



Kids playing!

Look at the way children interact with each other. They hold hands. They pretend and play. They establish fair rules of play. They love each other and lift each other up when someone is hurt physically or emotionally.

One of my favorite pictures is of Kash holding Penny's hand. We were at the zoo and she got hurt. Kash came

back to where Penny was crying, took her hand, told her it was alright, and led her to the next area. He perfectly illustrated what God does for us daily. He takes our spiritual hand, tells us we will be ok through His peace, His word, or through another of His children, and then leads us to the next adventure.



Penny and Kash after Penny was hurt.

**Can you imagine the perfect relationship of the Trinity?**

No one ever gets hurt. No one ever gets jealous. No one tries to take control. It is perfect love. God exists in this permanently perfect relationship. He didn't need us. He wanted to share a perfect love with another. That is why we are here, but we can't follow the rules of play.

**We are out-of-bounds. We cheat to win. We lie.**

God wanted to be glorified by us and He wanted to share His glory with us. We just couldn't allow that. We listened to Satan. Instead of loving and glorifying God, we desired to have what God has. We wanted to be God.

You know what? We still do. No matter how nice, how good, how sweet we are, there is still something inside of us that wants to be God. That is why Jesus came. His death and resurrection defeated the enemy and removes the stain of sin. In other words, he bridged the gap of this relational divide so we can once again relate with God.

Jesus is here for you. He wants to be a friend that loves at all times. Will you let Him?

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time.

Proverbs 17:17

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

*Pastor Chuck*





We are two weeks into our Children's Ministry restart, and it is going well. We have 14 children who are attending Sunday School at 10:45, so far. Please be in prayer that as the weeks progress more parents will want to bring their children.



Awana will tentatively start on October 14 at 6 p.m. We have limited capacity this year due to social distancing guidelines, so sign up early! I am excited to have the youth helping us this year. We will not be having a registration night like we have in the past due to the late start. We have some new themed nights and hope to have our grand prix in the Spring since our year was cut short last year.

# Fall Festival

We are excited to have the Fall Festival this year on October 31, from 3-6 p.m. If you would like to help with this event, please see me, Jason Baird, or Woody. We need help with manning the games, volunteers to decorate their trunk, and hand out candy.

Car Show!

Carnival Games!

Trunk or Treat! Popcorn!





## What Will Be Happening?

**Nerdcon October 23:** A night of games, food, and fun centered around all things nerdy. This event is for middle and high school students from 8pm–10pm.

**Camp Signup:** Fuge camp and YEC registration opens up October 4. Be sure to grab a spot for these life enriching events.

## Tip of the Month

Have you ever had something in your life that has caused an identity crisis? Something came into or left your life that had you wondering who you were? It is unsettling and difficult to go through. But have you ever viewed middle school and high school years of a teenager as one giant identity crisis? They're out there trying to figure out who they are and what they will become. Are they weird or

cool? Are they a winner or a loser? Valuable or a waste? As a parent, you know the answers. They are loved, priceless, champions you couldn't be prouder of made in the image of God. But how can you help communicate



this?

**Tell more stories–** Empathize with them by telling them stories of your awkward years. Let them know you do actually remember what it is like. “But they hate when I tell them stories,” you might say. Here’s a trick that may help.

**Tell the hard stories–** One of the biggest fears of teens, especially in the DC area, is failure. Be careful sharing stories of how you “did it better”. A lot of you are very successful people, and we live in an area saturated with success culture. This sets an unspoken expectation of a bar that is set too high. Students need to hear the stories about failure of successful people like you to hear that it is not the end and no single failure defines you.

## Normalize their experience–

Help them see that no matter how “weird” they see themselves, they are far from alone. By sharing the hard stories of our past, we can give teenagers hope that the future is bright. And as we direct them toward the path of God’s will, we show them that is the way to overcome any difficulty and obstacle.



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

As we step into the Fall season, there will be a lot of things that we will see change right before our very eyes. We will see the days get shorter and cooler. The leaves on the trees will change colors and start to fall. We will find pumpkin spiced things and apple cider drinks galore. And while these are simple, passing changes there are other changes too.

Scientific studies have shown that as Fall comes around there are changes in people's disposition; they are tired more, more irritable, and more inclined to periods of isolation. Some assert that this is because of colder, less desirable weather. Others believe it to be associated to stress and concerns of hurried routines and holiday pressures. Whatever the case may be, these things can be taxing on a person's mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. The remedy for any and all of those issues won't be found in a seasonal drink, but only through the provisions that God provides. 1 Chronicles 16:11 says, "Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!" And why do you think that the Bible gives such an instruction? Because in other scriptures we are promised and told of how God will help us. Isaiah 41:10 tells us, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Not only have we received a promise of help, but we have been commanded to rest on the assurance of God. Joshua 1:9 declares, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

These truths do not and never will change, God is for us and wants the best for us. But we must seek Him and the help He provides or else we are lost to folly. So, no matter what changes might come during this season of the year and no matter what reasons they might come, just trust in the Lord, our God to help you through it all. His word is filled with His promises...and that is a provision that you can always rely upon.

God has provided this church, its ministries, and His people to help wherever you would allow. Know that you can trust the Lord and those He has called to help you, no matter what. If you need help, we are here for you.

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

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

One can easily grow 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.***

***This support group will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.***

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

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



*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your care on Him, because He cares about you.*

*1 Peter 5:6-7*



## **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)

Right now we are staying in contact through email posts until the quarantine is lifted, and we can meet again. Watch your emails from the church. If church does not have your email, please send to them.



**GRIEF SHARE is an ongoing grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the loss of a loved one.**

**The group meets every Monday at 6:30PM in the Ramoth Chapel.**

**You can access the Chapel through the office door.**

For more information contact:

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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, OCTOBER 5 at 7PM**. This group will meet in Fellowship Hall for social distancing requirements. Monthly reading will be **Matthew 24:27-44; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28**

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 November Beacon for updates on coming together again.

*Margaret Canter*



# Deacon Ministry

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

Gary Graham 540-446-8814

## Deacons of the Week

### OCTOBER 4

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GARY GRAHAM 540-446-8814

### OCTOBER 11

JEFF TYSON 540-840-7491

BRIAN DOERR 540-429-8379

### OCTOBER 18

JASON BREIDENBACH 703-254-3445

DANNY NULL 540-720-3739

### OCTOBER 25

CARY VETETO 931-260-1034

SAM RANEY 571-334-4256

### 2020 DEACON OFFICERS:

#### Chairman

Gary Graham

#### Co-Chairman

Shelby Burnett

#### Secretary

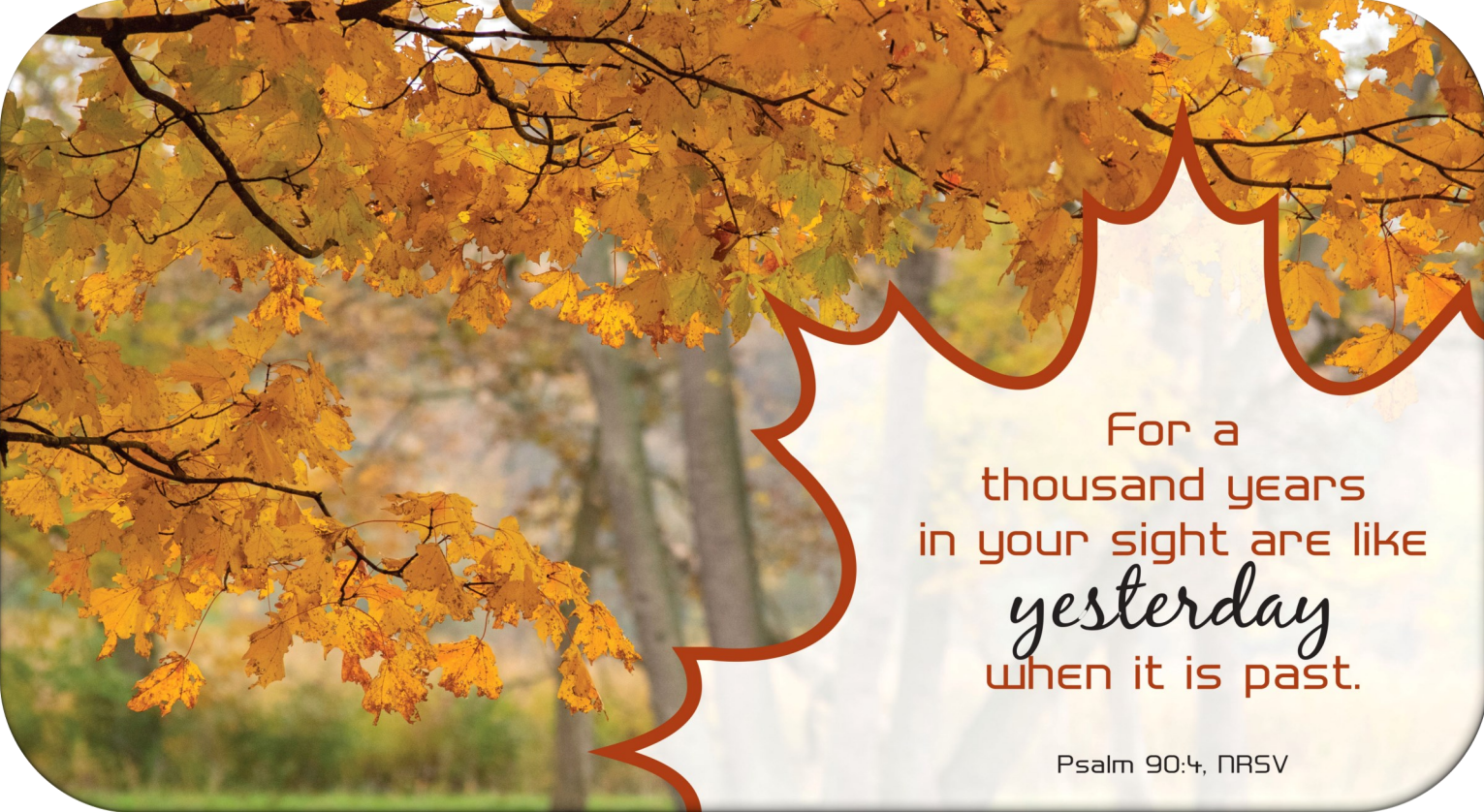
Chris Hudson

#### Master of Arms

Seth Thompson

### Next Deacons' Meeting

Monday, OCTOBER 26 @ 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall



For a  
thousand years  
in your sight are like  
*yesterday*  
when it is past.

Psalms 90:4, NRSV





# *Mission Matters*

*and YOU shall be MY witnesses Acts 1:8*  
EVERY CHURCH EVERY TRIBE EVERY NATION



## PRAYERS WORK

### Christmas Backpack season is here!

Churches, families  
and small groups are  
invited to share in  
this ministry

[SBCV.ORG/BACKPACKS](http://SBCV.ORG/BACKPACKS)



**DONATIONS are  
accepted TODAY!!!**  
Please mark your  
donations (deadline for  
donations 9/ 27)  
Backpacks/SBCV

### The El Salvador Mission

**URGENTLY NEED  
ASSISTANCE**

PLEASE **DONATE** TODAY!!!

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

Tom Domaleski -October 20  
Dagmar Ransderf -October 24  
Joan McGuiness -October 27

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

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION  
BOARD

**PRAY GIVE GO**

**Partner in Prayer**  
**Support Our Work**  
**See Opportunities**

# STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORT (AS OF 9/20/2020)

Undesignated Giving to date:

**\$674,533.27**

Expenses to date:

**\$483,459.00**

Designated Giving to date:

**\$47,197.83**

Average Worship Attendance for **SEPTEMBER**

**199**

Give in person,

by mail,

or online at

[www.rbcstafford.org](http://www.rbcstafford.org)

## RAMOTH CEMETERY MEMORIAL FUND

<b>Balance August 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$142,754.61</b>
Memorial Gifts	\$ 825.00
Paid Out Mowing & Fuel	\$ - 1,295.61
<b>Balance August 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$142,284.00</b>

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

#### ***In Memory of Peggy Limerick***

*Given by Kathryn E Limerick* \$ 25.00

#### ***In Memory of Nello Green Musselman***

*Given by Don and Jan Self* \$ 500.00

#### ***In Memory of Howard & Jane Knight and family for the care of their graves***

*Given by Wayne A. Knight* \$ 150.00

*Given by Howard P Knight , Jr.* \$ 150.00



### OCTOBER 1

Holly Hill

Pam Nimeth

Samantha Wheeler

### OCTOBER 2

Kaya Ojibway

### OCTOBER 4

Andy Ruiz

### OCTOBER 6

Brenda Malpass

### OCTOBER 12

Sumarra Wooden

### OCTOBER 13

Erika English

Caiti Gallagher

Leona Gallahan

### OCTOBER 14

Earl Monroe

### OCTOBER 15

Gavin Schweiter

### OCTOBER 16

Jamie Ellison

Kelsey English

### OCTOBER 18

Avery Blake

Corey English

Pam Land

### OCTOBER 19

Carol Hite

### OCTOBER 20

Matt Canter

Nancy Coffman

Janice Peoples

Lauren Shelton

Rose Taah

Debbie Tyson

### OCTOBER 21

Terry Harrell

Hendrick Mehochko

Erica Robinson

Julianna Whaley

### OCTOBER 22

Chris Fielding

### OCTOBER 23

Gary Graham

Anne Jett

### OCTOBER 24

Sandy Germain

Bob Peoples

### OCTOBER 25

Trey Schneider

### OCTOBER 27

Electra Gallegos

Thomas Nutton

### OCTOBER 28

Linda Gayle

### OCTOBER 29

Jan Dixon

Ronnie Stevens

### OCTOBER 30

Denise Miller

Tala Ojibway

### OCTOBER 31

Bryce Rowenhorst

### OCTOBER 8

Aaron Doerr

Shirley Tyson

### OCTOBER 9

Carroll Blake

Adam Embrey

Beth Ruiz

Gary Veteto

### OCTOBER 10

Kelly Boswell

Ethel McElfresh

### OCTOBER 11

Allison Gentry

Rhonda Thornton



# ANSWERED PRAYER

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that the Financial Ministry Assistant position at Ramoth has been filled. Please welcome Tammy Snyder to the Staff of Ramoth

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let our request be known to God, . . ." Philippians 4:6

HOMECOMING 2020

OCTOBER 4

8:45 & 10:45 AM

Special Music  
Uplifting Sermon

We will not be having  
DINNER ON THE GROUNDS  
Due to the  
COVID restrictions



**Saturday,  
October 31  
3-6 PM**

**FUN for the  
entire family!**

**There will be popcorn,  
carnival games, trunk or  
treat, and the car show!**



There will be all kinds of cars from the classic muscle cars, to hot rods, or even a monster truck. Come out and enjoy the day and take a look at these fabulous cars. We will be awarding 5 trophies for the top 5 cars at the show, and you can vote for your favorite!



# 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