



## DR. RICHARD'S THOUGHTS

Greetings,

School is back in session! That brings changes to many families as their schedules will change dramatically throughout the year. Traffic is terrible on the roads around the church during the early morning and early afternoon hours, so be very careful. Along with the changes that school brings to us, the church schedule will change as well as we look at the fall and winter schedule.

Here are a few things coming up quickly. AWANA will start again on Wednesday evening, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. All other Wednesday night activities will continue as well. We will have, once again, our pre-homecoming event on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm. There will be plenty of food and homemade ice cream and "The Joys" will be singing again this year as well. They were a blessing to us last year and we are excited that they are returning. The following week on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate our homecoming remembering 155 years in ministry to our community and around the world. We will have our regular morning worship services and then return at 4pm for an in-house concert with a desert fellowship to follow. Plan now to join us for these two events.

There are many other ministries that will take place in the coming weeks and

months so pay close attention to all of the announcements each week. And as I write this article, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, there are 122 days until Christmas. Are you ready for Christmas? Of course there will be lots of preparation, decorations, and activities throughout the Christmas season. Let us never forget, though, the real reason we celebrate.

Continue to pray for our church and its ministries as we navigate through the continuing pandemic. It seems like we get a different message every day as to what's happening. Pray for our leaders (Romans 13) that they might seek God's guidance in these difficult times.

*Dr. Richard*



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## CLAY JARS

*For we are not proclaiming ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake.*

*For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.*

*Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.*

2 Corinthians 4:5-7

We know the good news and we share it with others. Often, we are excited to share the good news and we can feel the power of the Holy Spirit coursing through us as we tell someone about Jesus. I feel this way when I share with a child who is seeing Jesus for the very first time and has a desire to know Him as I do. I feel this way when I share Christ with the man for the very last time as he lies in the hospital bed and has finally realized that Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

Sometimes we share even though we know we are facing opposition. We know we will be called foolish or be ridiculed or even physically harmed. Even in these moments we can feel the Holy Spirit giving us strength,

the words to say, and the courage to say them.

Some need to hear the gospel. Some already know it. Some have accepted it. Some never will.

We are to tell others about our Lord. We are to shine. We are to be a light in the darkness. We are to reflect His love. We are to be His image bearers. Others should see Jesus in us, and we should always be at the ready to tell them who Jesus is and what he has done for each of us!

Some are shining brightly. They are like the Sun. You look at them in awe as you see the joy of the Holy Spirit flowing from them. Some barely shine at all. No brighter than fireflies on a summer evening. You see them from the corner of your eye, but when you look at them, they are gone.

Some see the source of the light. Jesus.

Some see the vessels that carry the light. Us.

They see the broken men and women we truly are and wonder how we can hold truth in our broken selves. They see the sin that still afflicts us, and they are disappointed that this incredible gift comes so poorly wrapped. It is like gold in a paper bag. We have something valuable but all anyone sees is the broken and marred person sharing it.

But that is the point. It is never supposed to be about us. We *are* broken. We are no different from anyone else. There is nothing special about us. We have not done the work. God has. Jesus died and arose so we can be reconciled with the Father. We did not do it. He convicted our hearts and opened our eyes and we responded with belief, receiving grace and forgiveness. None of those things could be accomplished by ourselves, but by the Holy Spirit who now dwells within us.

He shines.

We reflect.

He convicts.

We share.

He leads.

We follow.

And that is what this Christian life is all about. We may lead others in study or song. We may lead in planting a church or revitalizing a ministry. We may lead in prayer or by example. But while we look as though we are leading, we are really following. We follow His prompting, His word, His commands, His work, His Spirit, His Son. We reflect His light and love. For we are earthen vessels, clay jars, broken and damaged, carrying life-changing treasure.



## What a summer!

God blessed us so much this summer. We had two incredible interns that ministered to our youth and the whole church. Our youth group grew closer together through camp and VBS. And we also had so much fun!

As we move into the fall, we look to continue growing as a youth family and closer to God. You can also be a part of this awesome ministry experience and witness the Lord work within the families of our teens.

## What Will Be Happening?

We are one of those weird churches that did more during our summer with youth, not less. So we will be going back to two weekly programs and two major event opportunities for our teens.

**Sunday School:** It came back this summer, and it has been great. We are going through the Bible and studying the Word of God in a more expository manner.

Every week at 9:45am, our goal is that every



student knows the Word of our Lord in life transforming ways.

## Sunday PM Youth Group!

Now that school is in session we will be going back to having youth group from **6:30pm-8:00pm**. We will still be committed to a fun, welcoming time for all students. We will

learn to love God, love others, use our gifts, and how to share our story with others.

## Youth Evangelism Conference

We hope to return to YEC in January of **2022**. This winter retreat is a great time of fun with one another, as well as engaging worship and challenging messages from God's word. Look for registration info in September of this year.

## Fuge!

Summer of **2022** will see us return to camp at Liberty University. Look for registration info in October.

-Pastor Jason Baird



Ramoth Baptist Church Children's Ministry

# RISE-UP

Discipling Kids with a Heart

## Children's Ministry News



Awana is set to kick off on September 22nd at 6 p.m.

Registration is open and available online. We will have some new themed nights as well as some fun old standards :)

Please check the website for the 2021-22 Awana Clubs Calendar.

We are now two months into our Children's Ministry restart, and it is going well. Visitors are coming weekly and enjoying learning about Jesus! We have awesome Sunday School teachers in all age groups, and amazing teaching teams who rotate in our 11:00 Worship Classes. If you would like to be involved in Children's Ministry please contact:  
Robin Lingo, Children's Ministry Director  
[children@rbcstafford.org](mailto:children@rbcstafford.org)  
- 540.659.4588 ext. 6

## Family Skate Night

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 at 6:30 - 8:30PM



**COST: \$2/PERSON FOR REGULAR SKATES  
\$3/PERSON FOR INLINE SKATES  
SNACK BAR WILL BE OPEN FOR PURCHASES.  
(NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED)**

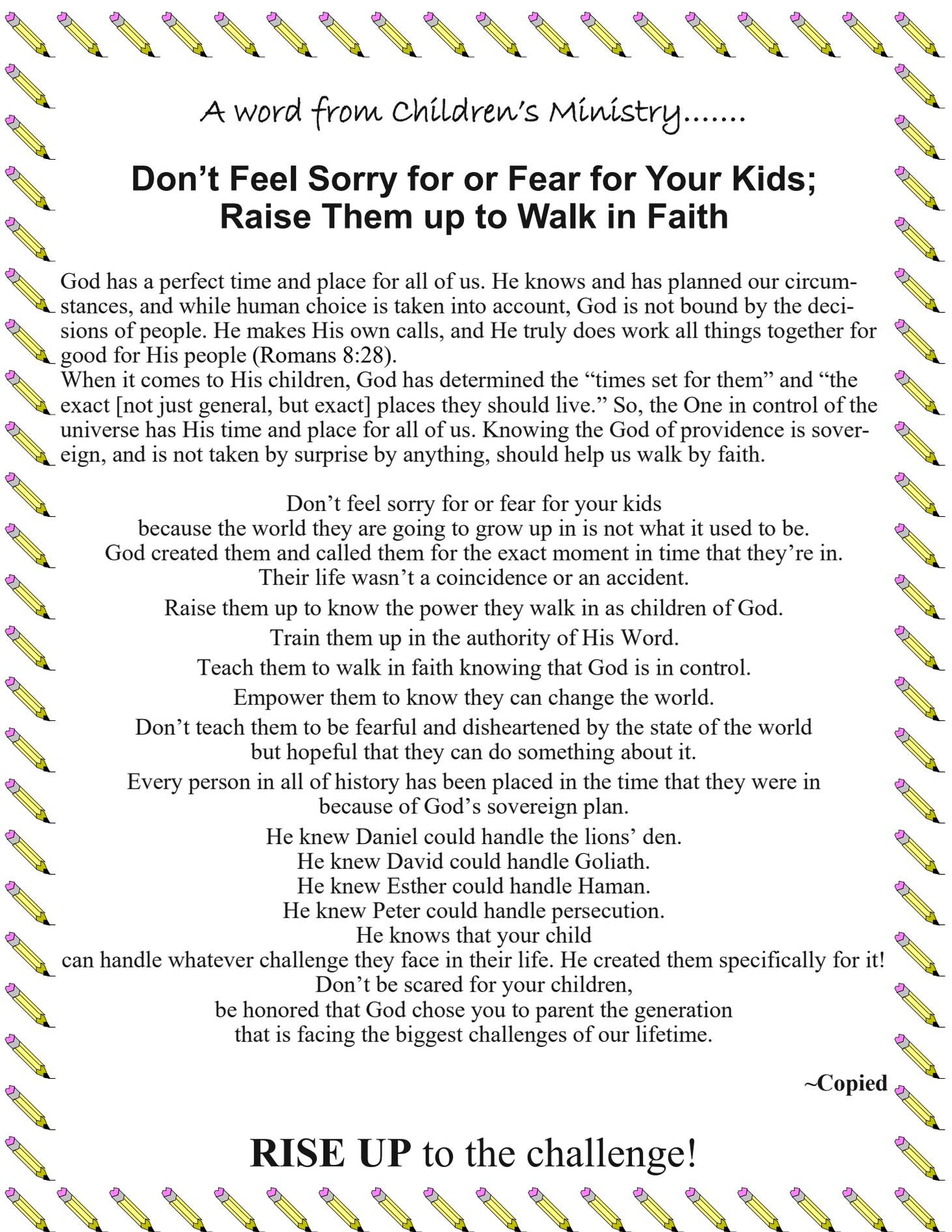
**\*\*REGISTRATION FOR AWANA CLUBBERS AND VOLUNTEERS\*\***

**\*\*UNDER 16 MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT TO ATTEND. NO DROP OFFS\*\***

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

When he had placed his hands on them, He went on from there.

Matthew 19:14-15 (NIV 1984)



*A word from Children's Ministry.....*

## **Don't Feel Sorry for or Fear for Your Kids; Raise Them up to Walk in Faith**

God has a perfect time and place for all of us. He knows and has planned our circumstances, and while human choice is taken into account, God is not bound by the decisions of people. He makes His own calls, and He truly does work all things together for good for His people (Romans 8:28).

When it comes to His children, God has determined the "times set for them" and "the exact [not just general, but exact] places they should live." So, the One in control of the universe has His time and place for all of us. Knowing the God of providence is sovereign, and is not taken by surprise by anything, should help us walk by faith.

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids  
because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be.  
God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in.  
Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident.

Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God.

Train them up in the authority of His Word.

Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control.

Empower them to know they can change the world.

Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world  
but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in  
because of God's sovereign plan.

He knew Daniel could handle the lions' den.

He knew David could handle Goliath.

He knew Esther could handle Haman.

He knew Peter could handle persecution.

He knows that your child  
can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it!

Don't be scared for your children,  
be honored that God chose you to parent the generation  
that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime.

~Copied

## **RISE UP to the challenge!**

Hello and God bless you all. Is anyone else wondering where the month of August went to so quickly? It seems like it came in with the heat of summer, but unlike the heat it has abruptly departed our presence. There have been the scrambles for last chance summer vacations, trips, and outings before school began. We have had heat-waves, random storms, and a resurgence of the pandemic (to a certain degree). We have also had the re-start of Sunday School classes with much success and the start of a new school year with in-person fanfare.

Through all the things that have happened in the month that went by so quickly, we have also had work going on around the church. The Schoolhouse Renovation project is complete. There has been planning going on for the fall return of AWANA. There has been ongoing choir practices in preparation for the Christmas performance and a host of other things, too many to mention. Let us just say, we have been busy with the work of the Lord's Kingdom (**Psalm 90:17**).

As Dr. Richard has mentioned in his recent preaching series, we are all a part of the body of Christ and there is still much work that needs to be done. That work comes in many forms and fashions. It presents itself in the way of helping with preparation for events such as Fall Festival and Homecoming. It comes in the way of helping with Sunday School classes, AWANA, and Youth Ministry as these are areas that can always use help with ministering and discipling. It also comes in the form of addressing areas in our lives that God has been calling for us to address (**Proverbs 16:3**).

This Fall there will be several new outreach programs that will be presented through the Refuge Ministry Center. They will be kick starting a new Fitness and Wellness Program that will be mentioned in the church bulletin in the weeks to come. We are also looking at a Men's Mentorship program as well as looking at how we can better serve the body of believers here at Ramoth Baptist Church. There are a few other programs that we are prayerfully considering and we would appreciate your prayers on them as well.

We must remember that we are never to grow weary of doing good and that we are to look for every opportunity to do the work of God's kingdom (**Galatians 6:9-10**). And should you or someone you know be in need of our assistance, it is our kingdom work to help wherever and however we can. Just contact us and trust

that God is going to be working with you to get what you need. Refuge Ministry Counseling Center, open Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm...by appointment. Call us at (540) 659-4588 ext.9 or email at [counseling@rbcestafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbcestafford.org).

Your Brother In Christ,  
Sergio "Woody" Wooden



is our  
refuge  
and  
strength,  
a very  
present  
help in  
trouble.

Psalm 46:1



Saturday, September 25 3:00-6:00PM



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

Join us in the back parking lot with your favorite lawn chair for finger lickin' good pulled pork BBQ with the fixin's!

AND

Settle in to hear "THE JOYS" Gospel group from VA Beach!

Let's come together in fellowship and joy as we celebrate serving God at Ramoth for 155 YEARS!

Don't forget the **FREEZE OFF**

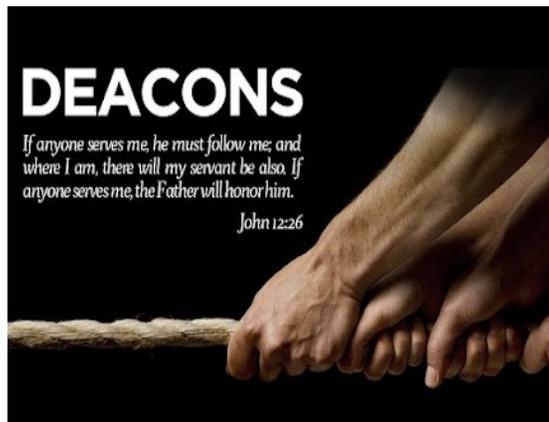
Bring your best homemade ice cream to share with the crowd. We have a distinguished list of judges to see who will be the King/Queen of Ice Cream!

Contact Sam Raney if you will be participating in the **FREEZE OFF**

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**SEPTEMBER 5**  
FLAVIUS LUNGOCCIA  
540-840-5689  
SHELBY BURNETT  
540-903-0470

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
KERRY KNOWLES  
540-834-6632  
SEAN SPRINGER  
540-720-8176



**SEPTEMBER 19**  
CHRIS HUDSON  
703-350-1934  
JOE PEARSON  
540-628-5383

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
BOB LINGO  
540-426-6140  
JON WHITE  
540-623-6184

**NEXT DEACONS' MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 at 7:00 PM**

# Men's Ministry

**7:00 AM SATURDAY** - Fellowship Hall - Rod Montgomery

Integritas Men's Bible Study & Prayer – Weekly synopsis on one of the 66 books of the Bible. Come gain a quick overview for how Christ is in every book of the Bible and how that book fits in the Bible. In each book of the Bible, Jesus shows up in Body, Shadow, Type or Prophecy. Have you read through His Love Story for you – the Bible?

**August 2021** – We continued in the book of Daniel. And, as I am sure with most of the past Bible studies you have participated in, the studies have gone a little deeper and longer than you first thought they would. But that's been a good thing. We've developed an appreciation for how God has control of the past, the present, and - the future.

We studied the Aramaic chapters, 2-7, of course they were in English for our study. These were divided into three groups.

Chapters 2 & 7 addressed dreams with a theme of patience. God's people must wait for Him to bring His Kingdom to rule over our world and vindicate our suffering. The dreams, one Nebuchadnezzar's and one Daniel's, both gave us a view of the empires that would lead up to the time of God's Kingdom. In the Statue of Nebuchadnezzar's dream we see gold as the Babylonian's, silver as the Medo-Persians, bronze as the Greeks and Iron as the Roman Empire. These match up with the four beasts that Daniel sees in his vision. The Lion with eagles wings, the Bear, the Leopard and the fourth was a dreadful horned beast. In all of this, we see God has control – past, present and future as these kingdoms have lead up to the final one – the Roman Empire that precedes God's Kingdom

Chapters 3 & 6 were the fiery furnace faced by Daniel's three companions and lion's den faced by Daniel. These chapters in Daniel provide us with examples of godly men living obediently and courageously for God while earning the admiration and respect of non-believers in a pagan culture while encouraging us to do the same in a culture that appears to be sliding down into the same pattern. Yet, in Daniel God performed miraculous rescues. We pray for miracles today as well. So, in these chapters we saw the faithfulness despite persecution with results that offer hope to God's suffering people.

Chapter 4 & 5 give us insight into the suffering of many that is due to human kingdoms that rebel against God. Here human pride gives rise to God's

justice. Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar both flaunted their mighty pride as the ruling kings. Nebuchadnezzar suffered as a grass eating ox for 7 years before acknowledging God. However, Belshazzar went so far as to desecrate items taken from the temple in Jerusalem. He ended up seeing the writing on the wall. He didn't live through the night.

Nebuchadnezzar came through the trial with an awe for who God really was/is. I trust you will appreciate God's awesome power as well.

*.Daniel 4:37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.*

**September 2021** – So, the study this month will continue in the Book of Daniel as we look to get thru the prophecies in chapters 8-12, as the second half of the book addresses two more of Daniel's visions and his prayer from relief of the exile and oppression of Israel.

**Iron Sharpens Iron** - Monday, September 06 at 7 PM with Kerry Knowles. This group meets in Fellowship Hall for social distancing requirements. Monthly reading will be ACTS 1.

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).



**IRON SHARPENS IRON**  
Men's Bible Fellowship

**MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 6  
7:00PM**  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall  
Light supper  
will be provided.  
**READING  
Acts 1**



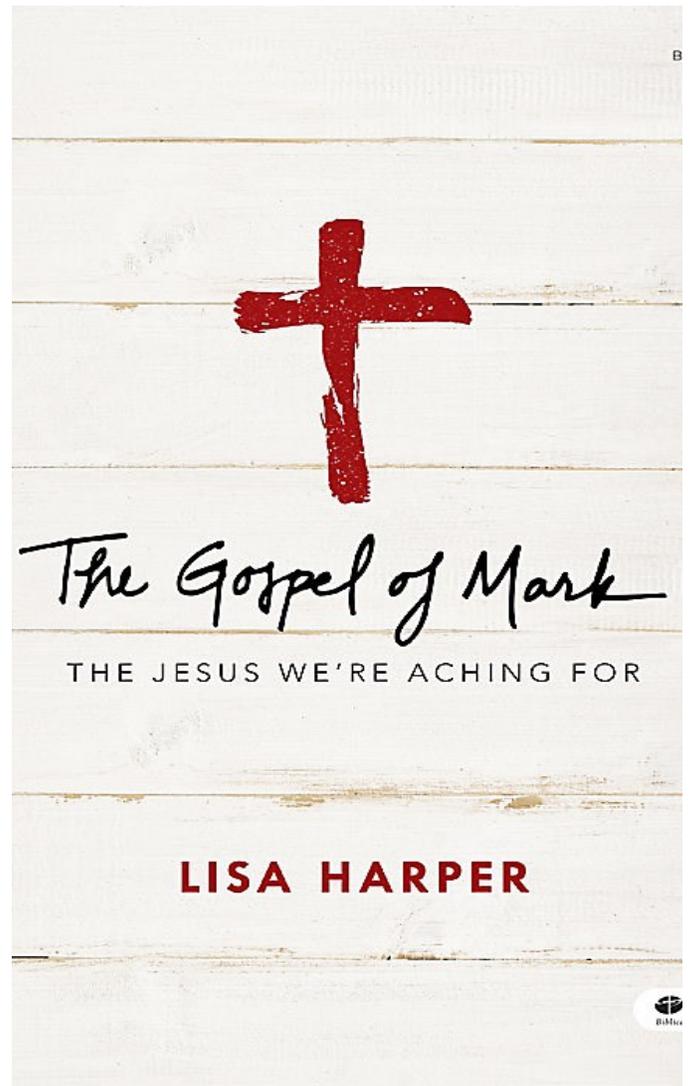
RAMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
**INTEGRITAS**  
MEN'S MINISTRIES • I CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

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NEW STUDY  
To begin  
Tuesday September 21  
10:00 - 11:30 AM  
in the Chapel

Point of contact:  
Kim Colson  
(540) 207-1488



## HOW TO SHARE THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

Beginning on September 12th we will start a new Sunday School Class on "HOW TO SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE".

This is an 8 week class and will be repeated after each 8 week session. It will be taught by Matthew and Patience Ngalla. This class will help prepare you to share the message of salvation with those God brings across your path.

The class will meet in room 301.

For more information please contact the church office or Patience Ngalla at: [matpatavon@hotmail.com](mailto:matpatavon@hotmail.com)



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  
10:00AM in room 103

Wednesday Discipleship Class  
(room 307) is meeting  
Wednesday at 6:00PM

We will hopefully be doing social  
events in the near future.



- 18-25 year-olds who love Jesus
- 18-25 year-olds who want to explore God's call on their life in their church group!
- For more information contact Woody at: [counseling@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbcstafford.org)



**PRIMETIMER**  
(Sr. Adult Ministry)  
(age 50+)

PrimeTimers is a group for senior adults.  
We believe that followers of Jesus **NEVER** retire  
and that senior saints are invaluable to the process  
of making disciples who  
**LOVE** God, **LOVE** People, and **CHANGE**  
our world

August 19, 2021, if you missed  
PrimeTimers, you missed a really good speaker/singer,  
Tommy Satterwhite. We had a really good attendance  
and of course the food was outstanding as usual.

Our next PrimeTimers is September 16,  
12:00PM, in the Fellowship Hall.  
Our speaker will be Lewis McElfresh. Our theme is  
Summer SONdown.

Make plans to come,  
you don't want to miss this meeting.

Our menu in September is Ham (provided by the PrimeTimers),  
and we are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share  
with the group. This may change because of COVID  
restrictions, stay posted for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**September 16th, 12:00PM, Fellowship Hall**  
Lots of food, fellowship, inspiration and of course  
we will have a give away or two.

**PROVERBS 30:5**

*Every word of God is pure:  
He is a shield unto them that  
put their trust in Him*

*In His Service  
Margaret Canter*

Disaster Relief

Scholarships

**Your gifts**  
*provide resources*  
**for people to be  
the hands and  
feet of Jesus.**

...and so much more!

Worship Equipment  
for Church Plants

**visionvirginia**  
2021 WEEK OF PRAYER & OFFERING FOR MISSIONS

SBC of Virginia's Goal

Our Week of Prayer & Offering

Our Church's Goal

**\$400,000**



**Ramoth's Goal is**

**\$**

**\$5,000**

# *AUGUST Stewardship/Attendance as of August 22, 2021*

Undesignated Giving to date:

\$604,456.47

Expenses to date:

\$577,216.99

Designated Giving to date:

\$74,714.10



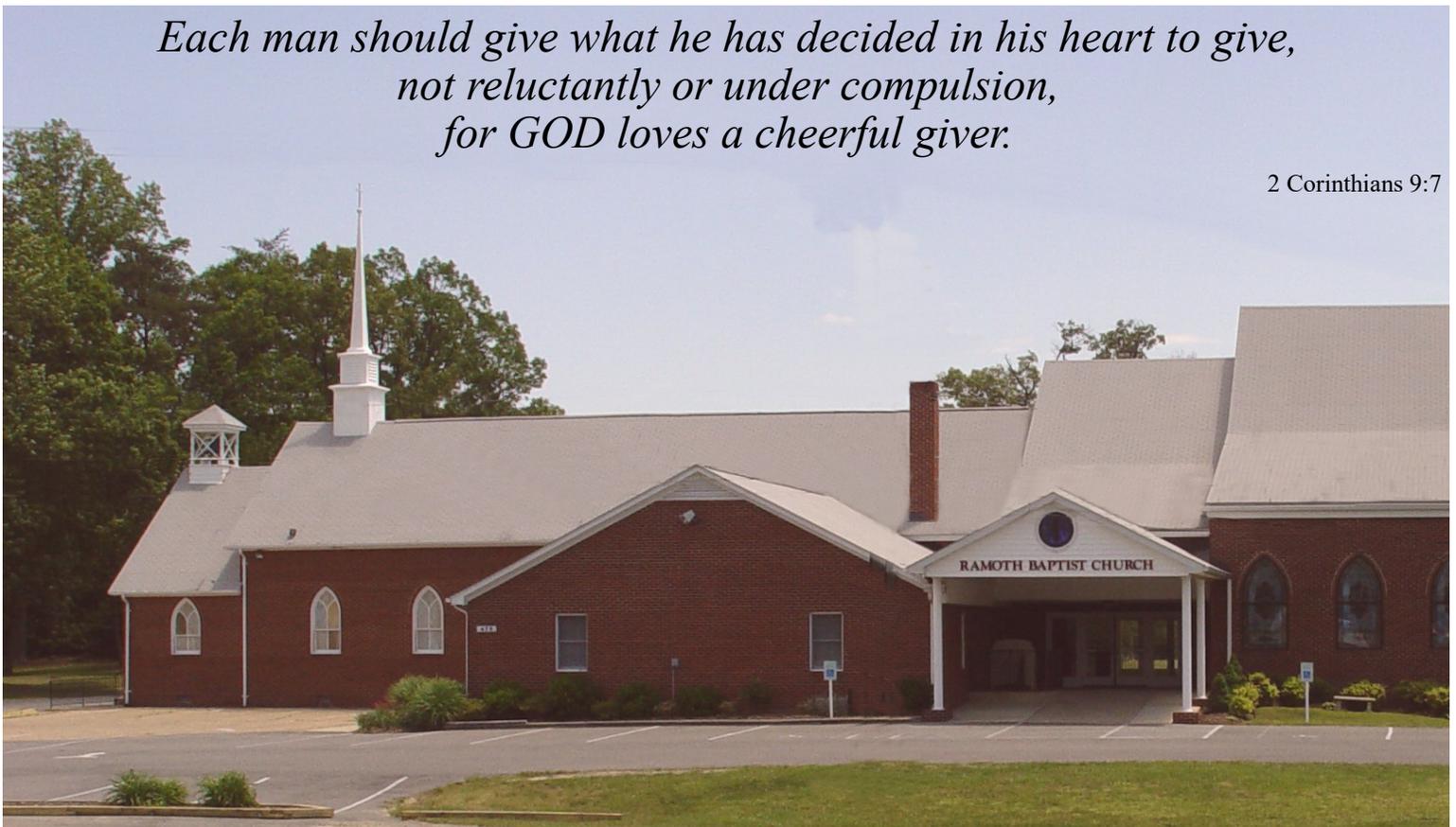
Average Worship  
Attendance for **AUGUST**

**493**

Give in person, by mail,  
or  
online at  
[www.rbcstafford.org](http://www.rbcstafford.org)

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for GOD loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7





**By Statement**

Karleen Sullivan  
Brian Justice

July 25, 2021  
August 1, 2021

**By Transfer of Letter**

Jonathan & Laura Libby  
Don & Dana Thompson

July 25, 2021

& children Emma, Evan, Grace, Sarah July 25, 2021

**By Baptism**

Sidney Grace Keppler  
(Lance Spurlin, summer intern, sister)

August 8, 2021

**HUGHES HOME BIRTHDAYS**

09/09/1933	Joe Thompkins
09/14/1948	Mary Cam Finley
09/20/1940	Otise Dyson
09/22/1923	Nannie Dobson
09/29/1939	Shirley See

**Send your birthday cards  
to the following address**

NAME OF PERSON  
c/o HUGHES HOME  
100 Caroline Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



**The Hughes Home Ministry is always accepting  
DEPENDS, all sizes.  
You may place them in the bins in the hallway  
on the right side outside Chapel**

*Birthdays*



# September

**SEPTEMBER 1**

Stephen Lane

**SEPTEMBER 2**

Katelyn Skdmore

**SEPTEMBER 3**

Kim Colson

Trish Daley

Deborah Robinson

Jason Wyatt

**SEPTEMBER 5**

Chad Kuczka

Kash Pare

**SEPTEMBER 6**

Kaitlyn Scott

**SEPTEMBER 7**

Beverly Hager

Paula Menteer

Shirley Thompson

**SEPTEMBER 8**

Bobbye Hayes

Mackenzie Hudson

**SEPTEMBER 9**

Lydia Ascione

**SEPTEMBER 10**

Katura Wooden

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Autumn Edson

Chris Turman

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Richard Harrell

**SEPTEMBER 13**

Hannah Hill

Jimmy Raines

**SEPTEMBER 14**

Beren Farrar

Benjamin Springer

Noah Tuckwiler

Eva Wyatt

Margaret Wyatt

**SEPTEMBER 17**

Michael Pierce

Jackson Schneider

**SEPTEMBER 18**

Shannon Gallagher

**SEPTEMBER 19**

William Armstrong, Sr.

**SEPTEMBER 20**

Charles Thompson

**SEPTEMBER 21**

Alta Mae Lockette

Anthony Ngalla

Claire Rogers

**SEPTEMBER 22**

Melody Hunter

Brian Setser

**SEPTEMBER 23**

Brian Doerr

Nikki Farmer

Lillian Gordon

Helen Young

**SEPTEMBER 24**

Ben Raines

**SEPTEMBER 25**

Chuck Embrey

Steve Malpass

**SEPTEMBER 26**

Juanita Maley

Sharon Montgomery

Karleen Sullivan

**SEPTEMBER 27**

Chris Hudson

Jeanie Pritchett

**SEPTEMBER 29**

James Shirk

**SEPTEMBER 30**

Joyce Vinson





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## SERVICE TIMES

### **FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAYS**

at 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School (birth-5th grade) at 10:00 AM

Youth Activities Sunday Evening at 6:00PM

### **WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

6:00 PM MS & HS BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

6:30PM ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

6:30 PM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUN WITH MS. ROBIN

6:30 PM EXALTED WORSHIP CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30 PM EXALTED WORSHIP PRAISE TEAM/BAND REHEARSAL