



DR. RICHARD'S THOUGHTS

Greetings,

The weeks of June and July have been both challenging and exciting. We had, I believe, 33 youth at camp, 115 children registered in Vacation Bible School with 26 making professions of faith receiving Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. We had 126 plus workers and our thanks go to all of them as they made VBS possible. We have had several baptisms and more new members. Prime Timers is active again and have had two great sessions. The Ladies Bible Study has re-started as well and will continue in the fall (Sept) after a short break in their summer session. Sunday School has restarted and we have had good attendance thus far. We now have no empty Sunday School rooms. Thanks to all of our teachers who have filled every position. Children's camp is coming up the end of July and then school starts back in August. Where has the summer gone? We are looking forward to our fall schedule of events and this will be a busy time as well. And then, it's time for Christmas. Are you ready for Christmas? It's going to be here very quickly.

Doug Stell will be preaching on August 8th. I know you don't want to miss that as he will be sharing his ministry with us and giving us an update of how things are going on the mission field.

The school house project will hopefully

be finished in the next few weeks. The plans for the renovation of the foyer are almost complete as well. Thanks go out to all who are working on those projects.

We continue to be aware of the need to be bold in our proclamation of the Gospel message to our community. That was quite evident in the attendance of many new folks in VBS. It appears that only a handful of churches had VBS again this year. We look forward to an increase in our AWANA ministry in the fall as well because some churches are not planning on having that ministry again this year. I'm sure we will need more workers so I ask that you be in prayer to determine if the Lord may be calling upon you to volunteer in that ministry. One of our goals is to reach our community through our youth and children's ministries and it's already working. As we reach the youth and children we will reach their parents.

I ask that you continue to pray for our staff, our Deacons/Board of Directors, all of our teachers and volunteers, and for each other as we continue in service in our Lord's Church.

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2 Thessalonians 2:14 "He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We have been doing VBS here at church this week. We have hundreds of people running around playing games, learning bible verses, eating snacks, making crafts, singing songs, learning about Jesus, and doing it all while immersed in a railroad theme. We have been using railroad terminology, dressing up like brakemen, conductors, and we even have a few old railroad hands helping to run the show.

It has been a great time. Everyone has worked extremely hard to pull off a fantastic week. Even though we have been talking about the railroad, we have really been tying everything in to learning about Jesus.

I would love to say that everyone, young and old alike, are excited to know Jesus, but the truth is, many of us suffer from tunnel vision. We can only see this world. We do not even think about what is to come. We do not think about God, think about sin or what is coming. We just live our lives as though it is without end, and we never consider our final days. We never think about the eternity that follows our days on earth. That's right, there is eternity following our final day here.

But whether we admit it or not, we all come to the end of the line. Some have just started their journey and the end of the line seems extremely far away. Some

of us are older and we know the time is growing near. But really, we have no idea where the end of the line is. Sometimes we get a warning. We are told we have an illness, or we find ourselves in a life-and-death situation. But sometimes the end of the line comes totally unexpected. We are taken by surprise.

Death can hit you like a freight train. If you are not prepared for the end of the line, you can be overwhelmed and searching for answers. But if you have given death and what is beyond a bit of thought, you may actually be at peace with the end of life. You are expecting what is to come next. You may even be excited about it. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel. But there are only two final destinations. Heaven or Hell. There are no other trains to take you to the other depot should you have chosen poorly.

There are plenty of people who will give their opinion as to what is coming after death. Some will say that all routes lead to heaven. They say that all religions agree, but that simply is not true. They are blowing smoke. Judaism does not agree with Islam. Buddhism does not agree with Hinduism. Christianity does not agree with new age religions, Satanism, or atheism. In fact, Christianity says there is only one way. Jesus. And you never get a second chance. No one comes to hell to tell you the truth. No one gives you a free pass. You are not able to back-track and get on a different route. Jesus is the only way.

Some will tell you that you must work hard to go to heaven. The problem here is that God is perfect, and anything less than perfection will not measure up! Only perfection can join perfection. So, how can we be perfect? We can't. But we can be forgiven and when we are forgiven, we become perfect in God's eyes.

Jesus is the ticket you need to get to heaven. Being good, love for family, humanitarian efforts and anything else are simply invalid tickets handed out by Satan. They seem free, but require a tremendous price at the end. They may be good things in and of themselves, but they are not the ticket to heaven.

So, we are on a railroad. We are speeding along. We are all headed for a destination. The question is, do you know if you are on the right track? Some know there is only one way to heaven. We see Jesus for who He truly is. We find ourselves on the right track. Still, others have no clue. They never seem to be able to see the truth and end up living their life in rejection of Jesus.

To make it simple, we are marred by sin (Romans 3:23), and we cannot fix it (Romans 6:23). God gave His son to die for our sins (Romans 5:8). He arose from the dead to defeat death (Romans 10:9). He now waits for us in Heaven. All we must do is believe in Jesus and accept Him as Lord and Savior and proclaim Him to gain the gift of eternal life (Romans 10:10). This sounds easy, but it requires a track change. We cannot continue in the same direction doing the same things. We change. This is what the Holy Spirit does. He changes us. He conducts our new journey. Twenty-six children accepted Jesus this week. They have switched tracks and are now on a route toward Heaven. I thank God for their salvation and I pray He will use them, and us, in a mighty way!

I love our VBS song. The message is clear. *This train is bound for glory, this train. This train is bound for glory, this train. This train is bound for glory. Jesus made a place in Heaven for me. This train is bound for glory, this train.* Which train are you on? I hope and pray it is *this train!*



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 10:00am, 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.

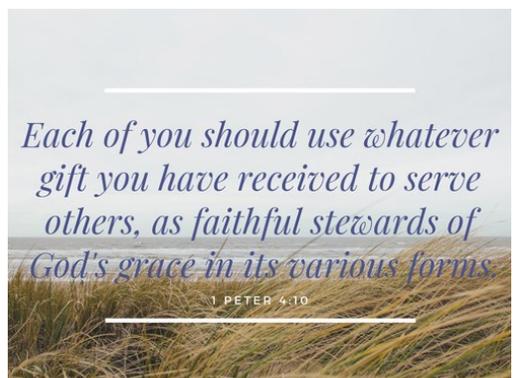
Youth Evangelism Conference

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

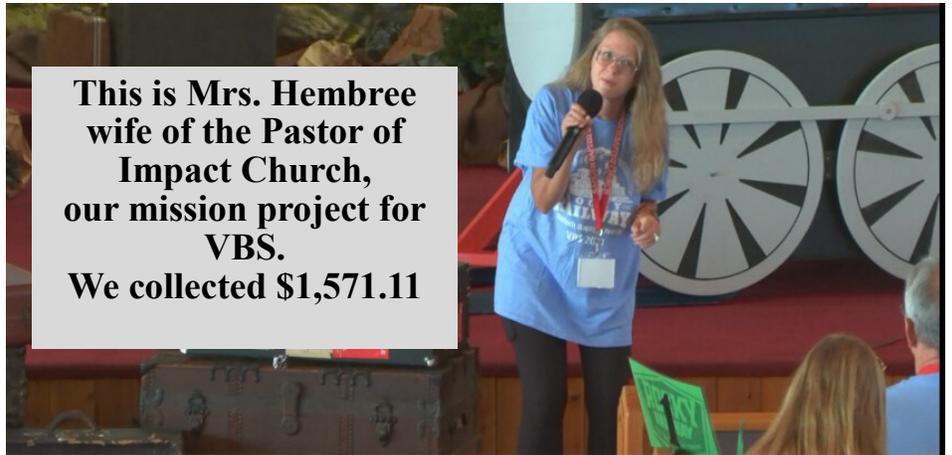


Ramoth Baptist Church Children's Ministry
Rise-Up
 Discipling Kids with a Heart

We had an amazing week on the Rocky Railway! More than 100 adults and youth volunteers lead the kids in games, songs, crafts, and most importantly, lead them closer to Jesus. We are praising the Lord for 26 children who made professions of faith. We have families visiting and kids being baptized as a result! Hope you will join us next year as we Celebrate God's Greatness with **MONUMENTAL VBS!**



**This is Mrs. Hembree
 wife of the Pastor of
 Impact Church,
 our mission project for
 VBS.
 We collected \$1,571.11**



REFUGE MINISTRY CENTER

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

HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CENTER
MON - THURS
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
by appointment only
1126 Kellogg Mill Road
Stafford, VA 22554

Can we say, WOW! The month of July was filled with WOW God moments. Moments were we as believers, followers, and workers in God's kingdom could see His amazing work on display. We saw a successful five-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) presented to the local community, free of charge. During the course of that week, we saw an average of 120 workers and 100 students in attendance each day. And more amazing than all of those individuals being in attendance each day was by week's end twenty-six children had decided to accept Jesus Christ into their lives as Lord and Savior (**Matthew 19:14**). What an incredible blessing to be a part of, as it signifies the hope that we can have in Jesus.

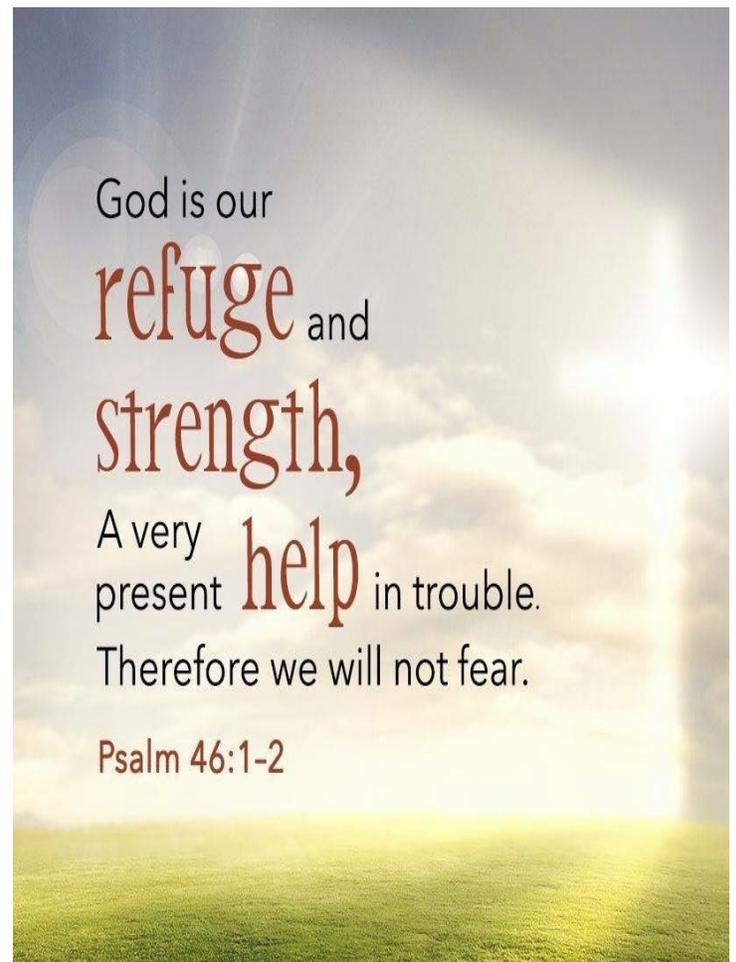
And just as exciting as that news is the news that we have had several brothers and sisters join the church recently. We have also had a number of children and adults come forward to follow in believer's baptism and become heirs to the Kingdom of God (**Romans 8:17**). We are so thankful and grateful to be a part of those individuals finding Ramoth as a place to unite with in service to God's kingdom, to be a part of the fellowship that is taking place here, and for being a part of the efforts that God is putting together for this local community. As a body of believers we are becoming the help that this region needs to very much.

Can we take a moment to also mention the return of so many of our brothers and sisters to church, as we have re-started our Sunday School classes? It has been unbelievable to see so many eagerly returning and the joy that has meant for their hearts and ours (**Psalms 4:7**). The moving forward to restore the lost connections, is providing healing to hearts that have been impacted by the distance and despair that the passing pandemic caused. We are being that light of hope, help, and healing at a time that it is needed the most.

And should you be in need of any of the hope,

help, and healing that Ramoth Baptist Church or the Refuge Ministry Center is offering, just let us know. We want to be a part of God's plan to make a difference in the lives of those around us, however we can. If it is through prayers, ministry, or any other form of assistance provided, we are here for those who need it. 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.

Your Brother In Christ,
Sergio "Woody" Wooden



DEACON MINISTRY

And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also,
he said unto them,
Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 1

SAM RANEY
BOB PEOPLES

571-334-4256
540-225-7083

AUGUST 22

JOE GALLEGOS
JEFF ROBINSON

915-433-8157
540-286-2837

AUGUST 8

TIM EICHER
CARROLL BLAKE

540-907-1545
540-903-7724

AUGUST 29

CHRIS TURMAN
BRIAN DOERR

540-752-2571
540-429-8379

AUGUST 15

CARY VETETO
JEFF JOHNSON

931-260-1034
540-836-7535

NEXT DEACONS' MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 23 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?

July 2021 – We finished the survey of the minor prophets with a look at **Malachi (Mah- lah-CHEE** - the Italian prophet) Here and again we saw the overriding pattern for many of the minor prophets studied. God has been faithful to Israel, but they continue to live disconnected from him—so God sends Malachi to call them out confront their spiritual complacency and indifference that had overcome the people of God. The prophet Malachi assures the postexilic Jewish community that the Messianic King will come not only to judge his people but also to bless and restore them. We see God's passion in this exchange. God loves you with an unfailing passionate love and wants you to return his love by demonstrating faithfulness, integrity, purity, and justice in human relationships, especially in regard to the powerless. We see this in the verse - *But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.* [Malachi 4:2](#)

And - there is the promise of a future Kingdom coming all need to prepare for in the day of the Lord when His Justice will make everything right. We see prophecy to be fulfilled some 400 years later with the entrance of John the Baptist preparing the way for the Messiah.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. [Malachi 4:4](#)

Daniel – While we thought Daniel would be a three-week study, we went a little deeper as we examined the first 7 chapters of Daniel.

The book itself can be divided into about 5 sections for study. Of note, is the difference Daniel is from other books of the Old Testament. Daniel is written in three parts. The first chapter is in Hebrew dealing with Babylon's attack lead by Nebuchadnezzar and resulting in the capture of Daniel and his three companions. Then, chapters 2-7 are in Aramaic. These chapters speak to Faithfulness despite

persecution of Daniel and his three companions. Then, Suffering as a result of rebellion against God. Finally, Patience is needed by God's people as they wait for God to bring His Justice & Kingdom.

Chapters 8-12 switching back to the customary Hebrew. Since Aramaic was the common language of the Persian Empire, it's possible that the middle chapters were written in Aramaic for separate, wider distribution among the people of the empire meanwhile, the beginning and end, which deal more specifically with Jewish concerns, were left in Hebrew, the Jews' local language. Daniel is also split into two halves another way: the first six chapters tell Daniel's story, and the second six chapters collect his dreams and visions.

Daniel offers an example of a godly man and his three companions who lived obediently and courageously for God while earning the admiration and respect of non-believers in a pagan culture. The book of Daniel also inspires awe as we read how God performed miraculous rescues and humbled proud kings; and how Daniel made amazing predictions that God would triumph over nations and history. And, Here is the future for the followers of Christ as well as those who do not:

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt. [Dan 12:2](#)

August 2021 – [The study this month will continue in the Book of Daniel as we look at 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, August 02 at 7 PM with Kerry Knowles. This group meets in Fellowship Hall for social distancing requirements. Monthly reading will be Matthew 27:57-28:20

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

Looking for volunteers to work
along side Pachess & Woody
Wooden with this group.
Contact Woody at
counseling@rbcstafford.org.

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

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



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**

Again we want to welcome back our
PrimeTimers. We had a great turnout for our
first meeting back in June after the COVID
shut down.

Our July PrimeTimers was a fun bus trip
outing for our annual seafood luncheon. We
went to Randolph's on the River in Port
Royal. What a good meal and a great time of
fellowship we had.

Mrs. Terry Harrell brought our devotions in
the Chapel before we traveled to Port Royal.
What a wonderful, fitting message it was.
Everyone was truly blessed and challenged by
her message.

August 19th PrimeTimers meeting is fast
approaching. Our theme

WORKING TOGETHER WINS,

our guest speaker will be Tommy Satterwhite
from Fredericksburg. The menu is hot dogs,
hamburgers, and sides. Please come and enjoy
the fellowship and food. You will be blessed.

May the Lord bless you and protect you.

(Numbers 6:24)

*In His Service
Margaret Canter*

JULY Stewardship as of July 18, 2021



Undesignated Giving to date:

\$520,170.12

Expenses to date:

\$478,816.94

Designated Giving to date:

\$46,820.82

Average Worship
Attendance for **JULY**

461

RAMOTH CEMETERY MEMORIAL FUND

Balance JUNE 1, 2021	\$143,627.75
Memorial Gifts	\$ 675.00
Paid out (automatic door)	\$ - 91.00
Paid out mowing	\$ - 1,200.00
Balance JUNE 30, 2021	\$143,011.75

Memorials

In Memory of Byrd Pritchett

Given by Frank & Eva Wyatt \$ 25.00

Given by Steve & Jean Skidmore \$ 75.00

In Memory of Christie & Hazel Dent's Anniversary - July 22, 1949

Given by Richard & Beverly Helmke \$550.00

In Memory of the Robert Payne Family

Given by Travis Daniel \$ 25.00



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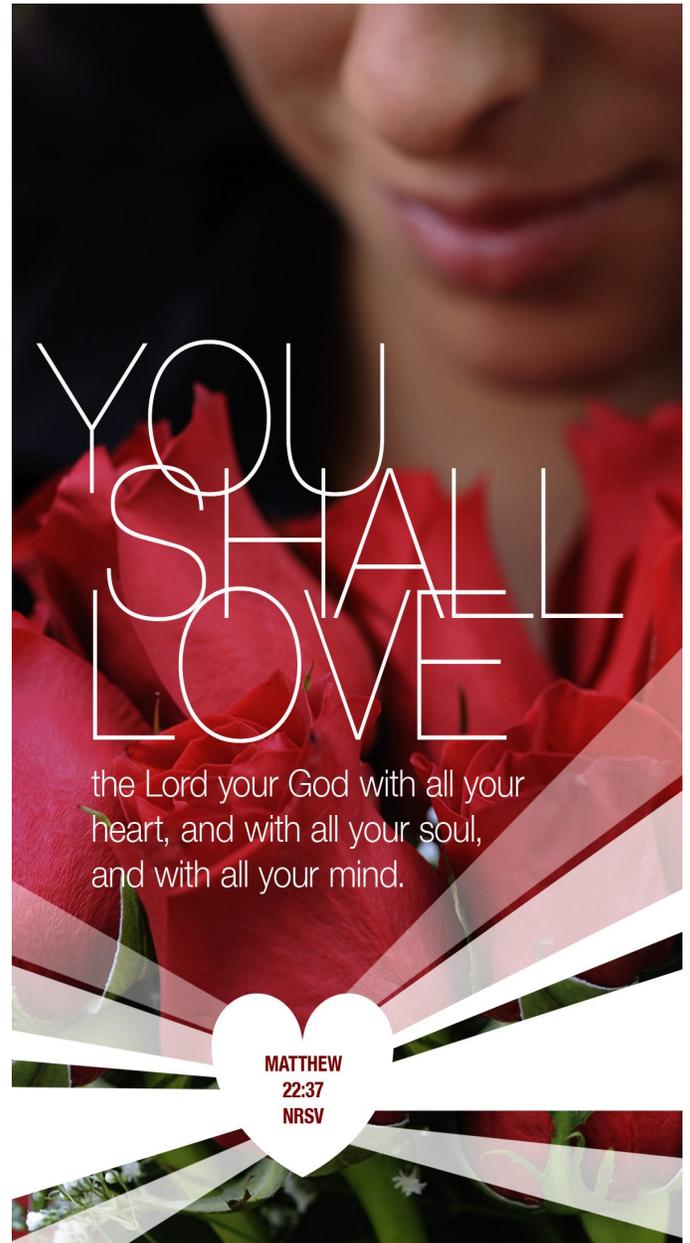
Priscilla Shirer's
ARMOR OF GOD.

Facilitator is Kim Colson
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Continues on Tuesday
at 10:00AM.

The last day for this study will be
August 10.

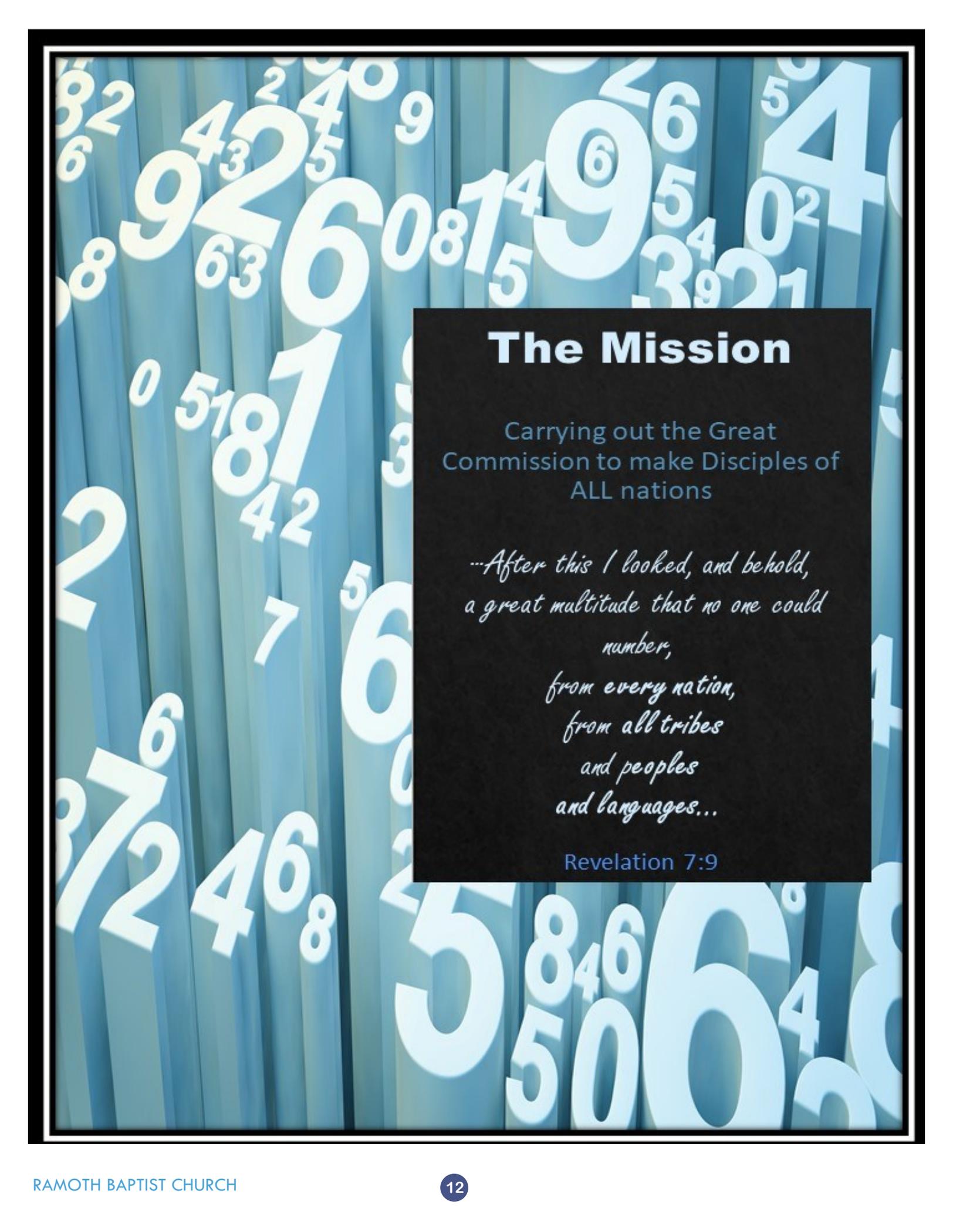
Watch for what is coming next!



By Baptism

July 11: Audrey Ewoldt
Beau Williams

July 18: Daryl Hoblitz
Chandler Seitz
Mary Jane Seitz



The Mission

Carrying out the Great
Commission to make Disciples of
ALL nations

*...After this I looked, and behold,
a great multitude that no one could
number,
from every nation,
from all tribes
and peoples
and languages...*

Revelation 7:9

HUGHES HOME BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Sullivan August 8, 1932
Henry Tate August 10, 1979
Dayton Crews August 10, 1938
Barbara English August 10, 1956
Hilda Motley August 21, 1925
Katherine Young August 25, 1940
Joan Elliot August 31, 1925

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

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



*To all our friends
at Hughes Home!*

**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**



Our Schedule for Sunday is as follows:

Sunday
Worship
Times

8:45 AM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Worship Service
Sunday School for ALL ages
Worship Service
Children's Worship Class
(Birth - 4th grade)



August

Birthdays

AUGUST 1

Rylee Ellison
Thomas Tusha

AUGUST 2

Jaime Bryant
Kendall Garrison
Frances Graniger

AUGUST 3

Penny-rae Pare
Patti Walls

AUGUST 4

Charles Gentry
Sarah Kuczka

Betty Sharp

AUGUST 5

Ashley Turman

AUGUST 6

Grace Fraley
Joan Nutton

AUGUST 7

Tony Sokolowski
Sam Steinhoff

Melanie Tutor

AUGUST 8

Arthur Limerick

AUGUST 9

Tracy Parsh
Shawn Payne

AUGUST 10

Alyssa Ascione

AUGUST 11

Brenna Armstrong
Michael Drinkwater

Sandy Gilbert

David Tuckwiller

Christian Williams

AUGUST 12

Ree Doerr

AUGUST 14

Ameenah Bolling

Aubrey Canter

Zachary Clay

Joshua Ellison

John Embrey

Sarah Helms

Mary Marshall

AUGUST 15

Joe Pearson

AUGUST 16

Renee Kuczka

Joe Penski

Kylie Schindel

AUGUST 17

Lauren Bennett

Nancy Bryant

Caleigh Jett

Nathanel Lungoccia

AUGUST 19

Rich Mehochko

AUGUST 20

Gary Bennett

AUGUST 21

Isabella Good

AUGUST 22

Britney Shackelford

AUGUST 23

Nancy Collins

Everleigh Eicher

AUGUST 24

Lew Steinhoff

AUGUST 25

Amanda Osborne

Brooke Shipe

AUGUST 26

Avery Armstrong

Brenda Ojibway

Ashlee Schneider

Jan Schranz

AUGUST 29

Libby Edwards

Deanna Lybeck

Dustin Pare

Violet Spears

AUGUST 30

Cydney Leech

Bob Lingo

AUGUST 31

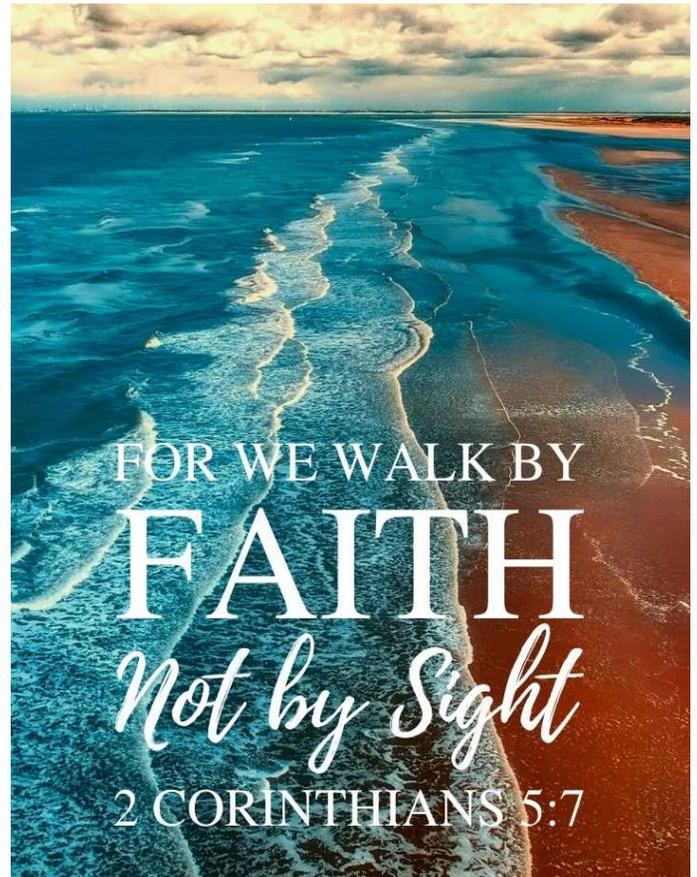
Shayna Eicher

Collin Parsh

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

**August 2, 2021
7:00PM
Fellowship Hall
Monthly Reading:
Matthew 27:57-28:20**

Lite supper provided



Thursday, August 19
12:00 PM

WORKING TOGETHER WINS
Hamburger/Hot Dogs with all the fixings

Our Guest Speaker will be
Tommy Satterwhite



RAMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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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