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The Christian Pilot

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Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry

In July, God's Hunger Warriors will begin gathering every weekday for six weeks at RCC to pack and deliver lunches to over 600 Raytown children who might otherwise not eat at all. Our congregation has been richly blessed by this ministry and we hope you will join our interfaith and intergenerational group this summer.

How can YOU be a blessing?

(Throughout the month of June, sign-up sheets will be available for you to choose how you would like to volunteer with this most glorious Outreach Ministry to support the children of the Raytown Community.)

- Volunteer on our re-packaging day on Wednesday, June 28th, 9am - noon
- Volunteer to be a sandwich maker/lunch packer/re-packager throughout the summer
- Volunteer to work in the kitchen to make preparations for the days' planned meals
- Volunteer to drive or ride along to make deliveries at area apartment complexes
 - Donate baggies and/or napkins during our Baggie Bonanza in June
- Support the program financially to help us serve over 15,000 lunches over the course of the summer

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Help out with our **Baggie Bonanza** as we collect "ziploc" type sandwich and snack bags to use in the lunches every day!



Values: What's Really Important

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

When it comes to life, what's really important to you?

- Good Health?
- Financial Stability?
- Your Work?
- Good Food?
- Religion/Faith Practices?
- Entertainment?
- _____ (Fill in the blank)

When I ask this in small groups, I find most people claim things like health, financial stability, and their faith as a few of their top values. Once everyone in the group has shared, I ask them to review their appointment calendars for the previous month and to log in to their bank or credit card statements for the same period. Then I invite them to look at how they spent their time and their money over the past four weeks. Most of the participants are surprised at what they discover. Why? Because you can tell what someone actually values by how they invest their time and their money.

There's a difference between idealized and realized values. Idealized values are those things we think are important ... or that we think should be important. But idealized values rarely drive our behaviors. On the other hand, it's our day-to-day behaviors that reveal what our realized values are, that is, those things that are actually important to us. The key is to recognize the difference between our idealized values and the ones our behaviors reveal and then to begin modifying our behaviors to align with our ideals.

There are personal values, there are societal values, and there are corporate values. All of them tend to suffer the same issue ... there are idealized values (e.g., equality for all) and there are realized values (equality for those who are in the majority and carry the power). And, of course, every congregation has shared values ... again, both idealized and realized.

One of the tasks of the Visionary Task Force was to discern and codify the Raytown Christian Church's DNA. A congregation's DNA is a metaphor for the genetic code that defines the local church. A congregation's DNA comprises the mission, values, shared beliefs, and vision.

A couple months ago, the church's mission got an update to "Helping people say 'Yes!' to Jesus" (based on the Great Commission). This month, the Task Force worked on identifying our core values. The values they chose represent a combination of realized and idealized values. Each chosen value already has a place in the church, but each of them will require some ongoing emphasis in order for them to help us reach our potential.

The Task Force used an acrostic to help make it easier for us to remember the values, because idealized values only become realized when they're kept in the forefront of our minds and practices. The acrostic chosen was WORD, which works out nicely since as members of the Disciples Of Christ denomination, we historically put a high value on the Word of God.

Welcome: Everyone is welcome at Raytown Christian Church. No matter who they are, where they've been, or what they've done, we open our arms with a smile as we spread the love of Jesus Christ by our witness and by our hospitality.

Ordination: Through our baptism, every one of us are called and ordained by God into the ministry. Raytown Christian Church is committed to helping each person discover and implementing their calling, their God-given gifts, and their passion for the sake of the church and the blessing of our community.

Relevance: The Gospel and the Word are timeless, but how we communicate cannot be. Raytown Christian Church is committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ so that even someone who's never heard of Christianity can hear and relate to the Gospel message of hope.

Discipleship: The Church exists to make disciples, and everything we do at Raytown Christian Church furthers that end. Making disciples isn't just a slogan ... it's the foundation for everything we do.

When you look at our budget and our calendar, we can already see that each of these is in some ways realized.

We take Welcoming seriously with our outstanding Greeters and Hosts. With the ways we welcome people into our midst. By how we share our resources, including our building with others.

Recommended Daily Reading List

If you want to expand your horizons, consider adding one chapter of Proverbs each day ... there are 30 chapters, so you could read one a day for a month. And there are plenty of God's Life-Instructions there for you, so rereading it regularly is a great practice.

And while you're at it, you might want to try adding a Psalm into your daily plan. There are 150 of them, so you won't run out too soon! (Personally, I like reading the Psalms through the lens of The Message version ... it makes them come alive when I read them in the language we use every day!)

Don't forget, you can learn how to make the most out of your Bible reading by checking out the How to Read the Bible videos at RaytownCC.org/bible. Start by watching the first two and then watching another once a week until you've watched all ten.

June 1: Luke 1
June 2: Luke 2
June 3: Luke 3
June 4: Luke 4
June 5: Luke 5
June 6: Luke 6
June 7: Luke 7
June 8: Luke 8
June 9: Luke 9
June 10: Luke 10
June 11: Luke 11
June 12: Luke 12
June 13: Luke 13
June 14: Luke 14
June 15: Luke 15
June 16: Luke 16
June 17: Luke 17
June 18: Luke 18
June 19: Luke 19
June 20: Luke 20
June 21: Luke 21
June 22: Luke 22
June 23: Luke 23
June 24: Luke 24
June 25: Galatians 1
June 26: Galatians 2
June 27: Galatians 3
June 28: Galatians 4
June 29: Galatians 5
June 30: Galatians 6

We take Ordination seriously as well. First, we're busy doing baptisms. As I write this, there are two more baptisms on the calendar for Sunday and another being scheduled for an upcoming date. Second, our Discovery Lunch is helping people discover their God-given gifts and passions for the work of the ministry. And third, we have a strong core of ministers who serve as elders, deacons, care team ministers, board members, office volunteers, greeters, ushers, hosts, teachers, kitchen leaders, and even some staff who are so committed they work in leadership without a check.

We're working hard at being Relevant in how we communicate. As we design worship and teaching activities, we take into account the learning styles and needs of our audiences. This helps us select the tools, the technologies, the style, and even the vocabulary so that those we're committed to reaching have the best opportunity to actually hear the Gospel in ways they can comprehend and respond.

And we take Discipleship seriously. From the adoption of the Directions Discipleship Ministry (more on that in the future), to the emphasis on Bible reading and prayer, we are committed to helping every participant at RCC become the most effective follower of Jesus they can possibly be.

Is there more to do? Of course. As we see more people with little church experience, we'll be challenged to more deeply embed and support the core values with our behaviors. Guests to our worship today often come with little knowledge of the Bible, sacred church music, or how the church operates. How we welcome these people into our midst, how we ensure we share the Gospel relevantly, how we step up to do the work of the church, and how we help them, as well as one another, become even more effective as disciples will take an ongoing investment of our resources.

As we move forward as a congregation into the future, I want to encourage you to keep an eye on our calendar and on our budget. Are we spending our time and our resources in ways that reflect these four core values (five, if you count the primacy of the WORD as a value!)? Or do our behaviors reflect values that are antithetic to what we say is important? And if so ... what are we going to do about that?



Inspirations... Youth In Motion

Kim Lawhead, Youth Ministry Chair

The Inspirations would like to say “THANK YOU” for the support of our fundraisers and youth program this Spring. The potato bar was fun and we had a nice turn-out. In June, we will be preparing for Youth Worship Sunday as well as practicing with our tools in preparation for the mission work in East Moline, Illinois.

May 30 - 1pm
Tool Training at Jim & Diane DeLong's
Those going on the trip will meet at RCC at 1pm on the 30th to head to the DeLong's. They are brave and letting us practice on one side of their home in preparation for the work we will be doing on Christ's behalf in East Moline!

June 4 - 6pm
Youth Worship Sunday Preparation
Come and practice in our newly remodeled worship space as we prepare to praise Christ and lead worship on June 11th.

June 10 - 10am - 3pm
Car Wash Fundraiser @ RCC
We will be washing cars from 10am-3pm. **All youth need to be there from 9:30am-3:30pm to help set up and clean up.**

June 11
Youth Worship Sunday
We are leading worship at 10:30am. **All youth need to be at RCC by 9:30am!**

June 18
No Youth Group - Happy Father's day to all the men of RCC!

June 24 - 10am-3pm
Car Wash Fundraiser @ RCC
We will be washing cars from 10am-3pm. **All youth need to be there from 9:30am-3:30pm to help set up and clean up.**

June 25
Tool Training
Final training to prepare for mission work in July. We will be conducting a tool check during this time to ensure we have everything we will be needing to take!



Hats Off the the Following Graduates...
Congratulations to the following members of RCC who have graduated this spring! We are very proud of you and can't wait to see how God uses you during your next chapter of life.

High School
Omni Foster
Keegan Scanlon

College
Austin Hornbostel
Corey Meyer

Outreach Corner

Carol Frevert, Mission/Outreach Chair

Food Pantry Totals for April 2017

Families: 122
 Adults: 156
 Children: 107
 Seniors: 87
Total people served: 350

Completed Outreach Events

Special Summer Lunch Ministry Offering

Thank you to everyone who made donations to our Summer Lunch Ministry as we prepare to feed 500 children a day this summer for six weeks in July and August. On Mother's day, we were given an opportunity to donate in honor and/or memory of the special people in our lives who fed us physically and spiritually. What a blessing we are to the children of Raytown!

Upcoming Outreach Events

Special Offering for Embracing Education

This program is gearing up to provide tutoring and enrichment this summer for 5 weeks in July and August. Approximately 20 children district wide have been accepted into the program. As with any tutoring program, plans continue to finalize the teaching staff, make lesson plans, plan field trips, provide daily snacks, and arrange weekly visits to the library. During the month of June, our church will have the opportunity to financially support this tutoring program. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer if you are interested. Tracy Colin will provide the Minute for Mission in both worship services sharing information about this important program.

Micah Ministry Service Night

Join us as we serve the evening meal for Micah Ministry at Independence Blvd Christian Church on Monday, June 12. We will leave from the church at 4:30 and return by 7:30. Please sign up at the information desk in the lobby if you are interested in serving.



Prayer Summit
 Wednesdays - 6pm

Youth Worship Lounge

Join us for a light meal and a time of prayer for the mission and ministries of the church. During our time together, we'll be exploring different ways of praying and engaging in those prayers.



*Come and hear
 Rev. Corey Meyer
 preach at both services
 Sunday, June 4th*

*Plan to stay for a
 celebration following
 praise service*

THE ROAD

Washing Cars to Help Get the Youth on "The Road"

The Inspirations will be conducting TWO car washes during the month of June to help raise funds for our road trip to East Moline, IL. The outside of cars will be washed and dried for \$5.00 each in our church parking lot. The youth are looking forward to meeting Christ on the journey this summer and appreciate your support.

The youth will be open for business from **10:00am - 3:00pm** on each of the following days:

Saturday, June 10 & Saturday, June 24



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Elders	2 1:00 Food Pantry	3
4 9:00 Classic Service Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service DOCKKids Worship Adult Sunday School 12:00 Corey Meyer Ordination Celebration 6:00 Youth Group	5 6:00 AA ICOC 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack Girl Scout Troop 4024	6	7 1:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Prayer Summit 7:00 One Desire Practice Sanctuary Choir	8 10:00 Four Seasons	9 1:00 Food Pantry	10 10:00am - 3:00pm Youth Fundraiser Car Wash
11 9:00 Classic Service Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service DOCKKids Worship Adult Sunday School Noon Getting Started Lunch 3:30 Stephen Ministry Potluck	12 6:00 AA 6:30 Gilchrist Kairos 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack Girl Scout Troop 4024	13 11:00am-1:00pm Shepherd's Center Garden Tour Lunch 5:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 American Legion	14 10:00 CWF 1:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Prayer Summit 7:00 One Desire Practice	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast	16 1:00 Food Pantry	17 Noon H&H Lunch
18 Father's Day 9:00 Classic Service Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service DOCKKids Worship Adult Sunday School	19 6:00 AA Searchers Potluck 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack Girl Scout Troop 4024	20	21 1:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Prayer Summit 7:00 One Desire Practice	22 10:00 Four Seasons 7:00 General Board	23 9:00 Adventures In Learning 1:00 Food Pantry	24 10:00am - 3:00pm Youth Fundraiser Car Wash
25 9:00 Classic Service Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service DOCKKids Worship Adult Sunday School	26 6:00 AA 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack Girl Scout Troop 4024	27	28 11:00 Four Seasons to New Theater 1:00 Food Pantry 6:00 Prayer Summit 7:00 One Desire Practice	29	30 1:00 Food Pantry	