



Raytown Christian Church
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The Christian Pilot

August 2017

Visit our website for more information on upcoming events & activities & updated information.

New Fall Schedule!

Beginning the week after Labor Day, Wednesday evening programming at RCC resumes in full swing. In an effort to provide increased discipleship opportunities, we've made some scheduling changes. This will allow our families, including children, youth, & adults, to participate in discipleship programming during one unified time and be involved in sacred music as well.

Beginning Wednesday, September 6th:

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| 5:00 – 6:00 | Junior Bells/Choir |
| 5:30 – 6:00 | K-2 nd Grade Choir |
| 5:30 – 6:15 | Portable Supper Served
<i>(feel free to take your meal to your discipleship space)</i> |
| 6:00 -7:00 | Family Discipleship Hour:
Prayer Summit, Youth Bible Study, &
DOCKids |
| 7:00-8:30 | Choir & Band Practice |

We'll provide more details as they become available on the website, in next month's Pilot, and in the worship program.



Do You Remember?

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

It was just a year ago that I wrote this. Do you remember?

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What would it would mean to Be the Church in our homes?

What would it mean to Be the Church in our community?

What would it mean to Be the Church in our world?

Imagine with me what it would mean to Be the Church that Jesus gave his life for.

A church like that would equip the congregation so that

- Every home would be a mission center;
- Every neighborhood would be our mission field;
- Every neighbor would experience the gospel;
- Every one of us would leverage our leadership, our expertise, and even our jobs to influence every aspect of our society;

And we would seek and find and share and celebrate the stories of our people Being the Church at every opportunity.

A church like that would create a culture that is encouraging, positive, spiritual, and gives life to everyone including visitors, guests, members, and staff whether on or off campus.

A church like that would have such a positive reputation in the community that even the most committed unchurched and unbeliever would point to us and say, “If I was going to go to a church, that’s the church I’d go to!”

To Be the Church, we’d be ...

- So committed that ... we’d do *whatever* it takes to reach our community for Jesus Christ;
- So focused that ... nothing would get in the way of our mission;
- So inviting that ... our neighbors couldn’t wait to join us;
- So passionate that ... we couldn’t help but share our experience of Jesus with everyone;
- So friendly that ... even introverted and shy strangers would easily find a friend;
- So spiritual that ... even the spiritually numb would feel the Holy Spirit’s presence;
- So “hungry and thirsting” that ... we would continuously invest in our personal faith development;
- So well-known that ... everyone would know our name;
- So effective that ... Raytown would never be the same.

We can **Be the Church**, the kind of church that Jesus gave his life for.

Do you remember? That's where we started. A commitment to being that kind of a church.

But that kind of church doesn't happen without real change, and over the past year we've seen some real change. And the response to those changes have brought no surprises. Some have supported the changes and have rejoiced at the number of baptisms, new members, deepening spirituality practices, and renewed vision. Some have embraced the changes and see a hopeful future that looks a lot like that vision. Some have endured the changes and are waiting to see what transpires "tomorrow." Some have chafed at the changes gracefully and not-so-gracefully. And some have left over the changes. Every church that moves from decline to growth experiences each of these. Turnaround is a slow cooker process, not a microwave process. It took a lot of time to get us to where we were, it will take a good bit of time to turn it around.

And yet ... the turning around has already begun. The ship is beginning to turn.

- We're seeing an increase in young families who are first-time visitors.
- We're experiencing an increased interest in spiritual practices; practices that are having a noticeable effect on our decision-making processes.
- And we're closing in on the last step of the visioning process. I expect that in September, we'll be rolling out a clear, step-by-step vision that we'll use as the blueprint for every single ministry, program, and event. And when we do, I hope you'll be as excited about the ministries that will guide our future as I am ... because as we implement the

vision, every single one of those bullet points I shared last year will begin clearly materializing.

Stay tuned ... the best years of Raytown Christian Church are within sight. And they're just ahead of us.

August Daily Reading List

1. Acts 27
2. Acts 28
3. 1 Thessalonians 1
4. 1 Thessalonians 2
5. 1 Thessalonians 3
6. Psalm 6
7. 1 Thessalonians 4
8. 1 Thessalonians 5
9. 2 Thessalonians 1
10. 2 Thessalonians 2
11. 2 Thessalonians 3
12. Jude 1
13. Psalm 7
14. 1 Samuel 1
15. 1 Samuel 2
16. 1 Samuel 3
17. 1 Samuel 4
18. 1 Samuel 5
19. 1 Samuel 6
20. Psalm 8
21. 1 Samuel 7
22. 1 Samuel 8
23. 1 Samuel 9
24. 1 Samuel 10
25. 1 Samuel 11
26. 1 Samuel 12
27. Psalm 9
28. 1 Samuel 13
29. 1 Samuel 14
30. 1 Samuel 15
31. 1 Samuel 16



Moderator's Minute

Steve Smith

This summer, Raytown Christian Church certainly has been busy doing the work of the Lord, and none of it would be possible without the efforts of so many hard-working volunteers for the Lord. Our Summer Lunch program is feeding hundreds of kids throughout the Raytown area. I think a special thank you goes out to Carol Frevert for organizing and steering the program, and more special thank yous for the many members and non-members who donate so much of their time for prep work, for lunch packing and for delivery. Our Embracing Education program has been going well, helping twenty kids. Thank you to Tracy Colin for organizing and managing that program and thank yous go to the many volunteer teachers, readers, lunch makers and drivers. And lastly, our Youth Mission Trip has just returned from Illinois. Thank yous to Kim Lawhead, and Diane and Jim DeLong for providing adult leadership for the trip. And, of course, we should thank Tierney Brailsford, Keelin McAfee, Erin McCall, Madeline Monaco, Shyanne Reid, Tuesday and Zane Scanlon, and Jamie Garza for going on the trip and representing Raytown Christian. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the many others of you who financially support these ministries. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Makes one proud to be a member of Raytown Christian Church.



INSPIRATIONS – Summer Mission Trip

The Inspirations have just returned from East Moline where we experienced Jesus in many different ways.

- Over 320 youth and sponsors from around the country worked on 67 worksites with 100% completion.
 - The smallest group was 3 people and the largest was 72 participants
 - Worksites were in 3 cities
 - People assisted were veterans, single parent families, disabled or ill, and the elderly
- Jesus was present through “God-sightings” and 4 “touch-point” services/devotional times a day.
 - God-sightings within our youth group included flowers from a veteran, children who worked and played alongside us, fixing a toilet for a woman who worked 3 jobs and yet did not have funds to prioritize the repair, through popsicles and water balloons, in the others we met and worked with, in each other, and in ourselves.
 - Morning and Evening “programs” which were worship and praise experiences, devotions at lunch with our crews and in the evening as a youth group (devotionals

were included but led by the youth). Highlights were the Thursday night program with a reminder that the cross was not the end of the road and the Celebration worship on Friday night with the community members we grew to care about while serving in Jesus' name.

The youth are eager to share their testimony from the mission week. Please ask them where they believe they witnessed to others and also received God's love personally. We thank all who helped make this a possibility.

Luke 4:18 (ESV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

Matthew 25:40 (ESV)

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

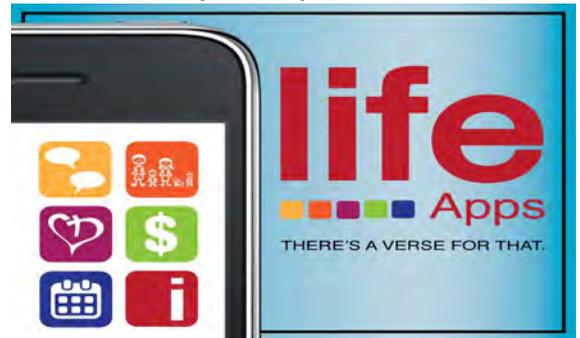


Youth Group is moving from Sunday evenings to Sunday afternoons beginning September 10th!

New time:

Noon – 12:30pm Lunch
12:30 – 2:30pm Youth Group

**Current Sermon Series
July 30 – September 3**



**Inspirations Parent/Youth Meeting
August 13th - 12:30 in Youth Worship Center**

A meeting to discuss preliminary plans for the Inspirations for the coming year will be held Sunday, the 13th. We will discuss the fall calendar and get to know each other a bit. Please invite any friends or family to attend this meeting who have youth entering the 6-12 grade. Youth kick off will be August 20th.





Outreach Corner

Carol Frevert,
Outreach/Missions Chair

Food Pantry Totals for June, 2017

Families: 121

Adults: 135

Children: 88

Seniors: 96

Total People Served: 319

Completed Outreach Events

CWF School Supply Drive

Thank you for the generous donations of pencils, crayons, notebooks and all the other essentials of school supplies. We will be donating the supplies to REAP and they will be used to help children in Raytown start their new school year with valued NEW school supplies. What a blessing to these children.

Upcoming Outreach Events

Summer Lunch Ministry

Our congregation has been richly blessed by this ministry and you still have the opportunity to join our interfaith and intergenerational group in August, Mondays - Fridays. The ministry will continue to operate through Friday, August 11. How can you help???

- Volunteer to be a sandwich maker/lunch packer/re-packager from 9:30 - 11:30
- Volunteer to drive or ride along to make deliveries at area apartment complexes 11:30 - 12:15

We still have Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry t-shirts for sale for \$10. If interested, please contact Carol Frevert.

Food Pantry Reopens

The RCC food pantry will reopen on Wednesday, August 16 and will be open on **Wednesdays only from 1 - 3 pm**. Our pantry will be open one day a week and clients will be served once a month and must show proof of living in the Raytown School District.

Shirley Townsend will be the new Food Pantry Coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering in the Food Pantry, please contact Shirley Townsend.

Micah Ministry Service Night

Raytown Christian plans to help serve the evening meal for Micah Ministry at Independence Blvd Christian Church on Monday, August 28. We will leave from church at 4:30 and return by 7:30. If you are able to join us in service, please sign up on the Micah Ministry Service Night Sheet at the information center in the lobby.



RSLM Volunteers preparing lunches



Crazy Ways God Shows Up

5-Week Workshop



Led by Peggy Mabbott, Author "But God They'll Think I'm Crazy"

A workshop designed to help you unleash your healing presence and faith to share with others God's powerful presence in your life.

Peggy will share some outstanding ways God has shown up in her life and at the same time expand our spiritual thresholds for what to do when God shows up at your front door. Remarkable healing visions, diagnosing visions, revealing dreams, the knowing of information and the audible voice of god. Come grow your faith. Come share how God shows up in your life.

Raytown Christian Church
September 5th – October 3rd
Tuesday evenings 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Sign up at the Information Center if you plan to attend!

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(Disciples of Christ)
6108 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Raytown, Missouri 64133



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Act Justly – Love Mercy – Walk Humbly

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9am – noon Embracing Education 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch	2 9am – noon Embracing Education 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch 6pm Prayer Summit 7pm One Desire Practice Sanctuary Choir	3 8am Men's Breakfast 9am – noon Embracing Education 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch 7pm Elders Meeting	4 9am – noon Embracing Education 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch	5 3pm Celebration & Reception for PowerShift's Pastor Yolanda Roseby
6 9am Classic Service Sermon Discussion 10:30am Praise Service DOCKids Worship Adult Sunday School	7 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch 6pm AA 7pm Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack Girl Scout Troop 4024	8 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch 5pm Staff Meeting	9 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch 6pm Prayer Summit 7pm One Desire Practice	10 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch	11 9:30am – 1pm Summer Lunch	
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