

Raytown

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PILOT

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October 2017



**CROP
HUNGER WALK**

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

October 8th



Run for Excellence-October 21st

Baby Care Closet-
October 22 & 29

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Abundant Life Ministry

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

Last month, I shared the first part of the Raytown Christian Church's vision: to help people experience deep spiritual development. I spoke about the Directions Discipleship Course and the then upcoming training for DDC Disciplers. There were a total of 22 of us who were trained by the discipleship leaders from the Abundant Life Church in Lee's Summit (our grateful thanks to the AL leaders who invested in our congregation with their leadership, resources, and time). The four-day training course was so well received, that the participants have committed to continuing their training on Monday nights for the foreseeable future.

Currently, there are 35 other church members who have expressed interest in taking the course and our Disciplers will begin discipling them sometime this month. This is a momentous event and I'm excited that we're on our way to meeting our vision with a gusto.

But there's a second part of our vision. Going Deep into discipleship is necessary to build an even stronger foundation for Raytown Christian Church. But a foundation is not a future (though it's a start!). We must build on that foundation and that is what we shall do with the second part of our vision. We will help people experience deep spiritual development *that results in* full and abundant living. Again, I share from the vision narrative:

From there, we developed a short narrative to guide us over the next five years:

Over the next five years ... we will extend the invitation to a full and abundant life to Raytown through the Abundant Living Ministry. The Abundant Living Ministry will provide abundant life training, guidance, encouragement, resources, and a spiritual foundation to help young adults achieve success in their hearts, in their careers, in their families, and in the community.

As the narrative suggests, the Abundant Life Ministry has a three-pronged approach:

1. To help young adults achieve success in their hearts, that is, in their personal lives and especially their spiritual lives. We'll do this by coming alongside these young adults who are committed to achieving personal success and are willing to invest in that success. We will help them find success through goal setting, through escalating responsibility, and through deep discipleship.
2. To help young adults achieve success in their families. We live in a culture that fractures families as carelessly as a tornado through a wheat field. Again, we will come alongside these young adults who are committed to achieving strong families. We will help them find success through mentoring, modeling, and ongoing encouragement. We will provide faith-deepening ministries that help parents to model and mentor faith in their homes, with their children, and with each other. We will help them discover that love is much, much more than a feeling ... it's a commitment of mutual sacrifice, mutual submission, and mutual surrender that creates mutual strength in the face of adversity.



3. To help young adults achieve success in their vocations. In our ministry area, there are literally thousands of young adult men and women who we have been identified demographically as “Achievers.” These achievers want to achieve success in every area of their lives, but most prominently in their vocations. Some of these Achievers want to become entrepreneurs and business owners. Some want to climb the career ladder. And some want to be the best person they can be in their careers. This is the first of the three prongs that Raytown Christian Church will be addressing with the Abundant Life Ministry. Beginning in 2018 and escalating in 2019, the Vocational ALM will grow in three stages.

First, we will invite these Achievers to quarterly seminars that we will host. These seminars will bring in well-known, successful business men and women from around the KC Metro area to speak on motivational topics that will be of interest to our Raytown Achievers. Plans are being made to launch our first seminar early in the new year.

The second stage will be the launch of monthly leadership classes. We expect to feed these classes from the quarterly seminars. The leadership classes will be led by experienced business owners, teachers, entrepreneurs, and leaders from our own congregation.

And finally, the third stage will be the dawn of weekly cohorts of these Achievers who get together to share ideas, set goals, to hold each other accountable for success, and to expand the focus to include personal and family success as well.

Of course, discipleship will be at the core of the Abundant Living Ministry. We believe that faithful discipleship provides excellent success principles for heart, families, *and* business.

A church’s vision is only as strong as its commitment to implementation. To that end, we are creating, implementing, completing, and adding 90 day goals throughout. The first set of four 90 day goals are moving into completion. (1) Our Discipleship Team invited and gathered leaders for our first Directions Discipleship Training Course. (2) The church board is actively following up with our regular worship participants to encourage them to attend worship during the Leap of Faith sermon series. (3) We launched a Discipleship Emphasis beginning September 17th. The last 90-day goal, all staff will star in their own video talking about their experience with the Directions Discipleship Course is yet to be complete ... but we’re still in the midst of the course, so it will be another couple of weeks.

All that’s to say that we’re being intentional in our movement forward with the vision and together, we’ll keep our mission, our values, and our vision front and center of everything we do. Churches that are unified behind a compelling vision and a biblical mission grow. New guests visit. They get involved. They get discipled. They make more disciples. That’s been the pattern for growing churches since the very first church in Jerusalem. It’s a time-honored, God-ordained reality and I’m excited that we’ve taken the first steps.



Outreach Corner

Carol Frevert,
Outreach Chair

Completed Outreach Events

Food Pantry Totals for August

(Open only 3 times)

Families: 76

Adults: 64

Children: 56

Seniors: 61

Total Served: 181

Harvesters Circle of Hope Luncheon

Shirley Townsend, Food Pantry Director, and Carol Frevert, Outreach Ministry Chair, represented RCC at their annual luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 19. We were proud to attend and acknowledge the outstanding impact and support Harvesters has in feeding people in the KC area and the community of Raytown.

“Run for Raytown” Event

RCC participated in this event on Saturday, Sept. 9, to support The River of Refuge. The 5K race started at The River of Refuge and ended at Crane Brewery. Several community groups provided "carnival-type" activities for the race participants and their families and there were several food trucks with yummy treats. RCC provided a "Ring Toss" event with small bottles of Gatorade as prizes. Community outreach and presence is part of who we are as we collaborate with others for events that benefit the Raytown community.

Kairos Prison Ministry

We want to thank you, the members of RCC, for your generous support of the Kairos Outside prison ministry. You are blessing women who have loved ones incarcerated by making it possible for them to attend the weekend for free. We appreciate your prayers for the guests and the team on the weekend, October 6-8, at Three Trails Salvation Army Camp. If you would like more information about Kairos Outside, please contact Mary Meier or Char Daugherty.

Upcoming Outreach Events



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Sunday, October 8, 2pm

Central Methodist Church, 5133 Oak, KCMO

RCC will be participating in this year's Crop Walk on Sunday, October 8. We will be having sign-ups for walkers and financial supporters at the information center on three Sundays, September 24, October 1 and October 8.

The Heart of America CROP Hunger Walk supports our neighbors globally and locally to end hunger and poverty. It provides funding globally for those who walk miles every day in search of food and water and supports Church World Service in development projects and disaster assistance. Locally it provides assistance for 1,900 local food banks, soup kitchens, and food agencies/groups. **One of the recipients of their funding is our own Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry.**

RSLM also will be providing several volunteers to help serve snacks/refreshments the day of the walk.



Please consider supporting our walkers financially as we contribute to this great cause. Donations should be made out to CWS/CROP.

If you are joining in the walk, please sign up at the information center, so we can get an accurate headcount. We are hoping to provide bus transportation from RCC to the walk and back.



Baby Care Closet

Leave a Baby Gift and Take a Halloween Treat!

October 22 & 29

Diane Brown, Baby Care Closet Ministry Leader, has made a connection with Raytown Schools Parents as Teachers program. Diane will be making regular donations of gift bags that include new baby items as well as information about RCC for families who are served by Parents as Teachers. We are being a blessing to families with the newest little ones in Raytown.

We are needing to continue to stock our Baby Care Closet and are asking for your help during October. We need the following baby items:

NEW only please

- Girls and Boys footed sleepers (zip-up front) and long-sleeved onesies in sizes 3M, 6M or 9M
- Pacifiers and bottles 0-6M
- Diapers: sizes 1,2 or 3
- Johnson and Johnson First Touch Gift Sets
- Baby nail clippers and nose aspirators
- Blankets
- Hooded terry cloth bath towels and wash cloths
- Bibs and burp cloths
- Baby socks and booties sizes 0-9M

We will have donation baskets in the lobby on October 22 and 29 ready to be filled with all of your "BOO-tiful" Baby Items. Feel free to take a Halloween treat when you make a donation.



Raytown Run for Excellence 2017

Raytown Run for Excellence will be held on Saturday, October 21, 8-10 am at Raytown High School Football Stadium. This 5K run provides support to the Raytown Educational Foundation which provides scholarships to Raytown and Raytown South students.

RCC will be participating and will be handing out water to all of the runners/walkers and we will be handing out RCC postcards with Freddy's coupons good for a free ice cream with a meal purchase.

Please contact Carol Frevert if you can help handout water and coupons.





TRAINING— "GRIEF", October 23, 2017

"We live in a mourning-avoidant culture. Most people have little tolerance or patience with someone who is grieving and that lack of tolerance extends into the church."

Those are the words of **Rev David & Elaine Howlett of Spiritual Grief Ministries**, who will be the guest speakers at our **Care Ministry Training on October 23rd at 7pm.**

David & Elaine have personal experience with grief, having lost a teen-aged son in a tragic accident. They have built on their own difficult experience and have been trained to counsel others who are grieving.

All of us have had experience with grief and some of us may be passing through that trial right now.

We all know others who are in the grip of grief and we have probably struggled with how to counsel and comfort them. Our own desire to avoid grief may lead to a lack of tolerance and patience for the grieving of others.

David & Elaine want to change how grief is typically understood. Grief is natural, normal, and necessary. Mourning is not the same as grief. Someone who has lost a loved one needs a period of time to transition through that loss to healing.

They will focus on how the entire church can be the supportive community that walks with someone who needs our love to help them through the pain and struggle following the death of someone they have loved and still love. Grief is love.

The training session will last about 1 to 1 ½ hours. There will be opportunity after the session to speak personally with the Howletts. Stephen Ministers and Extended Care Caregivers will also have brief meetings after the training.

The training is being sponsored by our RCC CARE MINISTRY, especially for all who serve as Care Givers, but it is open to any and all. Whether you are struggling with your personal grief or with how to help those who are, please plan to attend!



On October 8th, we'll be celebrating World Communion Sunday. As Disciples of Christ, it's not unusual for us to celebrate communion, but for many churches in many denominations, communion is celebrated far less often. But on World Communion Sunday, churches from virtually all denominations in all corners of the world, gather together to break bread and share the cup of Jesus Christ and proclaim his death until He comes again. We hope you will join us for this special worship time and join together with our brothers and sisters around the globe in thankful celebration what our Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed on our behalf.



INSPIRATIONS YOUTH

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you."

- Isaiah 43:2a

Even though at times, it feels you are drowning, Jesus helps keep us afloat. Join us in discovering your true grit and how Jesus can be both your anchor and your life vest in the storm.

October Calendar of Events:

1st: Leadership Planning
(anyone interested in helping to plan the upcoming events is welcome!)

8th: CROP Walk – the youth will be participating in the CROP Walk and will be returning to the church around 4pm.

15th: Chili & Soup Lunch – the youth are having a chili cookoff and everyone is invited.

20th: Pumpkin Carving at 6711 Englewood
(call Kim 352-4891 for directions)

22nd: No Youth Group

29th: Praise & Popcorn

Youth Sunday Music Schedule

11:45am – 12:15pm – Inspirations Choir

2:30pm – 3:30pm – Inspiration Ringers



Pumpkin Carving

Raytown Christian Church is once again going to be participating in the Pumpkins on Parade event at Cave Springs. The Inspirations will have 20 pumpkins to carve on October 20th while enjoying cider, hot chocolate and cobbler. The carving will be done at 6711 Englewood Avenue in Raytown. Please come at 5:00 pm to enjoy the evening fellowship, creativity, and some good ole fashioned fall fun.

The fun doesn't stop there though, the Inspirations would like to encourage everyone to go out and see their creation as well as the other beautiful jack-o-lanterns which will line the trail!

Chili Cook-Off

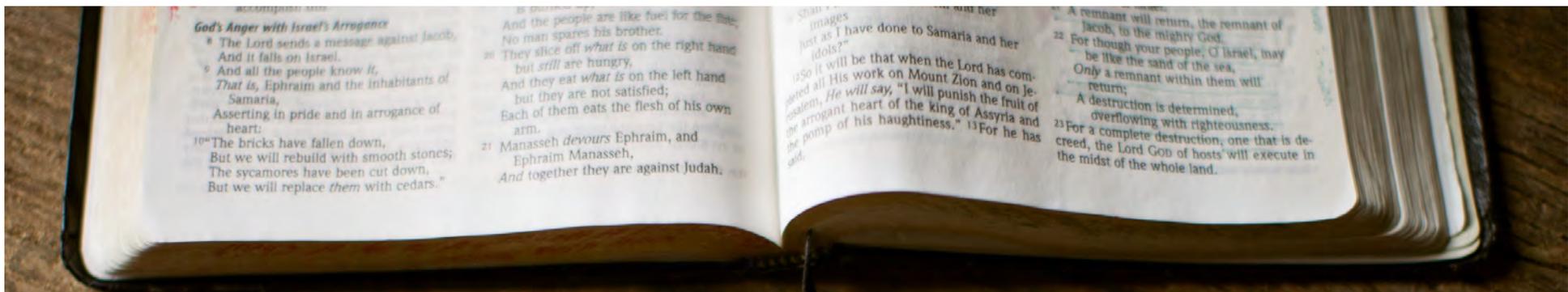
The Inspirations are holding a chili/soup cook-off and you are invited! Please join us on **October 15th from 11:30am – 1:00pm** to taste and vote for your favorite variety. Participation in the judging costs \$5 each in order to sample as many as you wish. Once you decide on your favorite we encourage you to cast your vote of \$1 (or more) by placing the donation in the collection basket next to the pot which inspired your taste buds. In addition to chili/soup, we will be providing drinks and dessert.

All funds raised will be applied to the summer mission trip for the Inspirations.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 See recurring activities	2 6:00 Directions Discipleship Training AA ICOC 7:00 Alanon Scouts	3	4 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring activities	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Elders Meeting	6	7
8 World Communion See recurring activities 2:00 CROP Walk	9 Columbus Day Office Closed	10 5:00 Staff Meeting	11 10:00 CWF 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring activities	12 10:00 Four Seasons	13 Tall Oaks Gala	14
15 See recurring activities 11:30 – 1:00 Youth Chili Cookoff Noon Discovery Lunch	16 Board Reports Due 6:00 Directions Discipleship Training Searchers Potluck AA 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cubpack	17	18 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring activities	19 8:00 Men's Breakfast	20	21 Noon H&H Lunch 4:30-9:00 Pumpkins on Parade @ Cave Spring Park
22 See recurring activities	23 Pilot Deadline 6:00 Directions Discipleship Training AA 7:00 Alanon Care Team Training-Grief Scouts & Cubpack	24	25 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring activities	26 10:00 Four Seasons 7:00 General Board	27 9:00 Adventures In Learning	28
29 See recurring activities 3:00 Import Night @ Spence Hecox's	30 6:00 Directions Discipleship Training AA 7:00 Alanon	31 	Recurring Activities: Sundays: 9am – Classic Service, Sermon Study/10:30am – Praise Service, Adult Sunday School, DOCKids Worship/11:45am – Inspirations Choir/12:30pm – Youth Group/2:30pm – Inspiration Ringers/5:30pm – Chalice Bronze Wednesday Evenings: 5pm – Junior Choir (3-5 Grade)/5:30pm – Junior Bells, Primary Choir (K-2 Grade), Portable Supper Served/6pm – DOCKids, Youth Bible Study, Prayer Summit/7pm – One Desire Practice, Sanctuary Choir			



This Month's Daily Reading List

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

MUSIC SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1st - Classic Service

Wonderful music! Organ, handbells, timpani & choir



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