

Raytown

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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March 2018

Season of Lent

at Raytown Christian Church

Sunday, March 25th, 9:45-10:45am - Palm Sunday
Breakfast with the Bunny

Thursday, March 29th, 6:00pm - Maundy Thursday
Passover Seder

Friday, March 30th, 7:30pm - Good Friday
Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 1st - Easter Sunday
9:00am - Classic Service
10:30am - Praise Service





March Madness

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

March Madness is upon us.

No, I'm not talking about that series of collegiate basketball games that begins in the middle of March and ends in April. Here at Raytown Christian Church, March Madness means March is the launching point of some really great stuff over the next thirty days. And by stuff, I mean events designed to make it easy for you to invite and bring your unchurched **F**riends, **R**elatives, **A**cquaintances, **N**eighbors, **C**o-workers, and pretty much **E**veryone else.

But first ... why would you invite *anyone* to Raytown Christian Church?

That's a great question. If you attend RCC, I've got an assignment for you. On the lines below, list out ten reasons why someone you know would want to attend your church.

My friends would like to attend Raytown Christian Church because ...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

No really. Stop and go back and fill in those lines. it's important to list your reasons because if *you* don't have any good reasons for inviting someone to an event at RCC, you'll never get around to doing so ... and with good reason!

(If you really want a challenge, go back through your list and highlight those reasons that are unique to RCC ... reasons that no other local church has.)

Once you have your ten reasons, how about sharing them with me? In turn, I'll compile a list of all the reasons people have for attending RCC and we'll use that list to let our neighbors know!

So, you have some good reasons for inviting a close friend who doesn't "do church." Here is some "stuff" going on that doesn't feel a lot like church that you can safely invite your friend to:

The Abundant Living Seminar

On March 15 at 6 p.m., we're hosting our first Abundant Living Seminar. This one-night event has been designed for people who want to experience full success and abundance in their careers. Our special guest speaker is Chris Meyers, co-founder of Crane Brewery. Chris will be speaking on *Turning Dreams into Careers*.

You can read more about the Abundant Living Seminar in this issue of the Pilot.

Breakfast with the Bunny

The Bunny's Back! The Easter Bunny will be joining us for our Palm Sunday Breakfast on March 25th. This is a great event to invite local families to! Our Palm Sunday Breakfast will be served from 9:45 until 10:45 and the Bunny will be available for family pictures from 9:45-10:30. If needed, the Bunny will be available from 11:30-12:00 for additional pix.

Breakfast and pictures are free, though there will be a donation basket or two for those with generous hearts. Proceeds will go to help fund the Youth Mission Trip.

April Fool's Day, AKA Easter Sunday

Okay, technically April isn't IN March ... but if collegiate basketball can have March Madness in April, then so can we!

This year, Easter Sunday and April Fool's Day fall on the same day. Coincidence? You tell me. There are those around the world who believe that anyone who'd believe in the resurrection is a superstitious fool. Let's be honest, unless you're a *Walking Dead* fan, people coming to life after they've been dead three days seems a bit farfetched.

On Easter Sunday, the Conversation will explore the question: "Are We April Fools?" During the conversation I'll share the reason why a scientist's son (me) believes in the unbelievable. This will be a great conversation for those who are unsure about Christianity or the church. Who will you be inviting?

The Praise Worship Service

Sometime between now and Easter, the Praise Service is scheduled to relocate to its new home. You'll start seeing some light construction and redecorating over the next few weeks as we ramp up for the relaunch. We're excited about the new technology being installed and the opportunities the space will provide for reaching those we've not yet been able to reach. Our hope is that on Easter Sunday, many of our visitors who attend the Praise Service will be excited enough to return again and again.

Our March to the Future

One last "event" to mention. In March we begin our March to the Future Campaign. In the March to the Future Campaign, we'll be ensuring the future of the Raytown Christian Church by asking our members and friends to help us retire our mortgage. However, the campaign is still under wraps, so you'll have to wait until the first Sunday in March to get the details!



Once again, Dr. Bill will be leading the Passover Seder Meal on **Thursday, March 29th at 6pm**. We'll celebrate the meal using a similar liturgy that Jewish families around the nation use today, but we'll also gain some insights as to how Jesus made the Passover Meal "new." This is a family and child friendly service. Reservations are required – please sign up at the Information Center, contact the office or use the Connection Card on an upcoming Sunday.



The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross.

The Sanctuary choir will present "Tenebrae" on **Good Friday, March 30, at 7:30pm** with organ, oboe, and timpani. Join with us as we remember in music and scripture the last days of our Lord, his suffering for our sins, and the fading loyalty of his disciples and friends. This service of darkness will prepare our hearts to celebrate a glorious Easter morning.

Dovie Fields will be opening the service with an organ preparation beginning at 7:15pm.

Upcoming Outreach Events in March

Micah Ministry Service Night-March 5

Micah Ministry is a service of Independence Blvd Christian Church that we support. Micah Ministry is a free evening meal on Monday nights and we would love to take the small bus full of RCC attenders to help serve the evening meal and work in the clothing closet to offer free clothing and personal care products to all of the guests who attend.

We meet at church at 4:30 and ride together to help serve the meal from 5 - 7 pm, returning to the church by 7:30. If you prefer, you can drive yourself and meet us there.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the information center in the lobby if you are interested in going with us to serve.

Raytown Community Egg-stravaganza-March 31

The Raytown community sponsors an egg hunt on the green space in the center of Raytown on March 31. We can help with this event by donating plastic Easter eggs and small individually wrapped candies for this event.



There is a donation box in the lobby where you can leave your donations.

Your help is appreciated.

Volunteer Hosts Needed-March 31

RCC will have a "booth" at the Egg Hunt. We will be giving out postcards about our church, flyers about the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry and "cuties" for all of the children. Can you help be a "host" for RCC at this community celebration? There will be a sign-up sheet at the information center, so please consider being a part of this great community outreach.



This Month's Scripture Readings

01	Genesis 30	15	Genesis 42
02	Genesis 31	16	Genesis 43
03	Genesis 32	17	Genesis 44
04	Psalm 31	18	Psalm 33
05	Genesis 33	19	Genesis 45
06	Genesis 34	20	Genesis 46
07	Genesis 35	21	Genesis 47
08	Genesis 36	22	Genesis 48
09	Genesis 37	23	Genesis 49
10	Genesis 38	24	Genesis 50
11	Psalm 32	25	Psalm 34
12	Genesis 39	26	John 01
13	Genesis 40	27	John 02
14	Genesis 41	28	John 03
		29	John 04
		30	Psalm 22
		31	John 05

Abundant LIVING

WHOLE LIFE TRANSFORMATION

On **Thursday evening, March 15th at 6 PM** we'll be launching our first Abundant Living Seminar in the Fellowship Hall. Chris Meyers from Crane Brewery will be speaking on *Turning Dreams into Careers*. This event is designed to help those who want to achieve more in life take the steps to personal success and abundant living.

The Abundant Living Seminar will be especially beneficial for those who:

- Feel stuck in dead end jobs and dream of getting out;
- Are mid-career and dream of moving up;
- Are looking to turn their dreams into a career.

The event will start with a thirty-minute networking time during which we'll be serving heavy hors d'oeuvres and helping participants get signed up for some great Door Prizes. Chris will lead the seminar starting at 6:30. Please share the news of this event with your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances who are interested in turning their dreams into meaningful, successful, and satisfying careers.

Just in case you're not familiar with Chris Meyers, his Crane's Brewery bio is below.

Chris graduated from The University of Missouri, Kansas City with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He has worked in Veterinary Medicine for almost a decade. Being a lover of craft beer and a homebrewer, he often considered opening a brewery. Having many supportive friends in the industry helped him develop a plan. When he met Michael Crane, it became apparent that they enhanced each other's efforts and that they needed to do it together. Chris has enjoyed using his business and laboratory experience in developing the brewery.



RCC Kids:
Saying YES to Jesus!
Ben King, Director

The updating of the children's wing has begun and will continue over the next several months. I am very thankful for Kelley Zimmermann taking the time to help cast a vision for the new look and feel of the area and am excited to see it all come together. The updates in security and visual appearance will set the stage for some great children's worship!

Over the next month on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 the kids will be doing a study on Easter and how God sent His Son to give up His life for them. The study includes some great kid friendly music by the group GoFish and activities to build on what the kids believe. On Wednesday Nights from 5:00 to 7:00 the kids will be studying about prayer and working on memorizing the Lord's Prayer along with a lot of other fun.

Spring is just around the corner and planning is underway for a family carnival **May 5th from 2:00PM to 4:00PM**. We are looking forward to games, face-painting and fun. If you would like to assist with this event, please talk to Ben or children's ministry volunteers. We look forward to seeing you there!





Youth Ministry

Kim Lawhead, Director

The Inspirations meet every Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. During March, we will be looking at Jesus’ walk to the cross during our time together. Please come and join us as we meet the people along the way and examine their expectations and response to Jesus.



Outreach

Carol Frevert, Chair

Completed Outreach Events during February Food Pantry Totals for January

Families: 93
Adults: 111
Children: 52
Seniors: 57
Total served: 253

Bless Others with Blankets during February

Thank you to everyone who donated blankets during our "Bless Others with Blankets" month. By collecting 27 blankets we are sharing the warm and comfort of the love of Jesus in this very tangible way: blankets to keep their bodies warm.

Thanks

The Inspirations wish to thank you for your support of the bake sale. It was a HUGE success and the kids had so much fun!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Elders Meeting	2	3
4 See recurring activities	5 4:30 Micah Ministry 6:00 AA 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack	6	7 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring evening activities	8 10:00 Four Seasons	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins See recurring activities	12 6:00 AA 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack	13 5:00 Staff Meeting	14 10:00 CWF 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring evening activities	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Abundant Living Seminar	16	17
18 See recurring activities	19 6:00 AA Searchers Potluck 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack	20	21 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring evening activities	22 10:00 Four Seasons 7:00 General Board	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 9:45-10:45 Breakfast with the Bunny	26 6:00 AA 6:30 Stephen Ministry 7:00 Alanon Scouts & Cub Pack	27	28 1:00 Food Pantry See recurring evening activities	29 8:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Seder Meal	30 7:30 Good Friday Tenebrae Service	31

Recurring Activities:

Sundays: 9:00 – Classic Service, Sermon Study/10:30 – Praise Service, DOCKids Worship, Adult Sunday School/11:45 – Inspirations Choir/12:30 – 2:30 – Youth Group/2:30 – Inspiration Ringers/5:30 – Chalice Bronze

Wednesday Evenings: 5:00 – Junior Choir/5:30 – Supper, Junior Bells, Primary Choir/6:00 – Prayer Summit, DOCKids, Youth Bible Study/7:00 – Sanctuary Choir, One Desire



Breakfast served:
9:45am - 10:45am

Photo opportunities:
9:45am - 10:30am & 11:30am - noon



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