



July 2018

## Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry July 9 - August 10

In July, God's Hunger Warriors will begin gathering every weekday for five weeks at RCC to pack and deliver lunches to over 500 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?

- Volunteer to be a sandwich maker/lunch packer/re-packager throughout the summer
- Volunteer to work in the kitchen to make preparations for the day's planned meal
- Volunteer to drive or ride along to make deliveries at area apartment complexes

### Daily Schedule Monday - Friday

9:30 - 10:30      Prepacking

10:30 - 11:30    Packing of lunches

11:30    Community delivery team partners take lunches out into the community

We will be using the Inspiration Center (Fellowship Hall) and Chapel for this summer program.

Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry t-shirts will be for sale in July for \$10. If interested, please contact Carol Frevert.

We ask for your prayers of support for all the volunteers as we feed the children of the Raytown community.





## **Two Years!**

**Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian**

July 6th marks my second anniversary here at Raytown Christian Church. For me, the time has literally flown by. As a congregation, we've accomplished quite a bit over those twenty-four months and I thought I'd take a few moments to remind us about some of the things we've done and the ways we've seen God at work.

**The Raytown Christian Reputation:** Raytown Christian has always had a good reputation with the community. We're well known for the Summer Lunch Ministry, our Harvester's Food Pantry, and Enhancing Education (formerly Embracing Education). Over the past two years we have continued to build on that reputation to the point that we're one of the most recognized churches by our city officials and by the business community. Because of this, we've been called upon to sponsor and host more events, especially from the city and from our business community.

**Creation and Adoption of Our Mission, Values, and Vision:** Just over a year ago, the Board created a Vision Taskforce to create, implement, and champion our church's DNA. It took several months, but last summer we adopted an exciting mission "Helping people say 'Yes!' to Jesus"; our congregational values as identified in the WORD – **Welcome:** We welcome everyone, no exceptions; **Ordination:** Everyone is called and ordained to have a hand in ministry, again, no exceptions; **Relevance:** We are committed to ensuring everything we do and say, every ministry, and every event is relevant to those in our community; and **Discipleship:** Everything we do is designed to make disciples of Jesus Christ. And we adopted a five year vision that will make a positive impact on the City of Raytown as we develop deep spiritual disciples who in turn experience full and abundant lives.

## **Organization and Launch of the Care Ministries:**

From the very beginning, I've been very concerned about making sure RCC has the best member care available. To that end, the Rev. Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian worked with our leadership to design, organize, and launch what we came to call our Care Ministry. That ministry is comprehensive and ensures our members receive care cradle to grave. Ultimately, Tim Meier stepped into leadership to oversee the Care Ministry that includes hospital care, long-term and rehabilitation care, home-centered, and bereavement care.

## **Commitment to Deep Discipleship Practices:**

As a result of our vision process, our leadership began looking for a process to help deepen our discipleship practices. The search connected us with the Lee's Summit Abundant Life Church that uses the Directions Discipleship Workbook. The Lee's Summit Discipleship Staff graciously trained a core of twenty-two Directions Discipleship Mentors and most of these were paired with leaders and members who wanted to take their discipleship to a deeper level. Since then, we've had a number of "graduates" who've completed the first phase and are ready to take on phase two (from being mentored to being a mentor). To date, we've had over 40 people involved in the DDC and we have quite a few signed up to get started (have you signed up yet?).

## **Hospitality "Hour" Between Worship Services:**

One of the most popular accomplishments has been the establishment of the Fellowship time between the services. This coffee and refreshment time has been well received and strongly supported by those who attend both services. The "Fellowship Hour" has provided an opportunity for the whole church family to have a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and have a casual catch-up conversation.

### **Expanded Commitment to Younger Adult Ministry:**

One of the key decisions by the Board has been to extend and expand our congregation's commitment to reaching younger adult families. The first stage of this process, the relocation of the Praise Service to the Inspiration Center (the fellowship hall) is nearly complete. The relocation allows young adults to experience worship in a setting that is less formal and more concert-like – an environment more conducive and inviting for worship by younger generations.

### **Expanded Commitment to Children's Ministry:**

Another key decision by the Board has been to extend and expand our Children's Ministries. To that end, we hired Ben King to develop and implement a plan that would take our already good children's ministry to such a level that kids and parents will enthusiastically invite their friends to participate. We have made a number of excellent improvements in the programming and we have a great staff of children's leaders. However, we have a good bit left to do in terms of securing the wing and creating an exciting environment, but the recent commitment to reroof the Education Wing's roof will allow us to make the needed upgrades.

**Expanded Commitment to Youth Ministry:** Not to be outdone ... or left out ... our Youth Ministry has been busy as well. Besides redecorating the Youth Lounge and the Youth Classroom, Kim Lawhead, our Youth Director, has been busy. As usual, our youth will be heading out for their annual mission trip this year, but it's Mission Trip 2019 that is really the big news. Next summer, Raytown Christian Church will be hosting a Group Mission Project here in Raytown! This means that upwards of 400 youth from around the nation will descend on us to do ministry in our own community. This is a huge task and an incredible opportunity for RCC to be the hub for community service. Kim and the church will be coordinating between Group Ministries, the Raytown Schools, the City of Raytown, businesses, and even non-profits. We're excited about this

ministry and hope it might become a regular part of who we are.

There are lots of other things we've done, I'm sure I've missed some. And we've got more to do, but with the exception of the new roof and the Children's Wing, most of the groundwork for growth is nearly done. I'm really proud of the Raytown Christian Church and the ways we've all weathered so many changes in so little time so very well. And I'm excited as I look forward to a future where we as a congregation bring serious transformation to the City of Raytown one heart and one family at a time.



### **RCC Kids**

Ben King, Director



July is here already and RCC kids on Sunday mornings have been having a blast going through the Bible with Buck Denver. They have learned about what the Bible is, who wrote the Bible, and have started through the Old Testament. On Sunday Mornings will be continuing What's in the Bible with Buck Denver from Right Now Media, to see what topics they will be discussing follow us on Facebook.



RCC Kids Wednesday Evenings will kick back off July 11th for a five-week study prior to our fall activities called Victory - The Ultimate Pep Rally! The Bible is filled with examples of God's people shouting and cheering in response to His mighty acts of power. Victory invites children to do the same by remembering who God is, what He has done, and what He promises to do! Please invite children you know ages 4 to 5th grade starting July 11th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.



## RCC Youth

Kim Lawhead, Director



We are preparing for the fall kick off of the 4:12 Xperience. The focus for the youth program will be to help the youth continue to develop their own personal relationship with Jesus and then to share that joy with the community around them. Youth today wish to make a difference in the world. They want a voice. We will be highlighting a local and world mission field where the youth be present and be the hands and feet of Christ. If you wish to be part of this exciting new focus, please contact Kim Lawhead at [youth@raytowncc.org](mailto:youth@raytowncc.org).

The youth will be departing at 9am on July 14<sup>th</sup> to head to Red Lake, Minnesota. All are welcome to join us in prayer in the parking lot before our departure! Youth will be working on the Red Lake Chippewa reservation. Trip participants will be returning on July 22<sup>nd</sup> around 7pm. Please pray for the youth and sponsors while they travel to spread the gospel to all nations.

Youth and sponsors will be available on July 29<sup>th</sup> between services to share their experiences and to thank everyone for their support.





## **Outreach**

Carol Frevert, Director

### **FOOD PANTRY TOTALS FOR May, 2018**

Families:	90
Adults:	104
Children:	93
Seniors:	67
Total people served:	264

### **Completed Outreach Events**

#### **Special Offering for Enhancing Education, Sunday, June 10**

Thank you to everyone who helped financially support a child to be a part of our summer tutoring and enrichment program this summer.

#### **Summer Food Pantry Closure**

Raytown Christian Church Food Pantry will be closed during the summer months after June 13 and will reopen on August 22 to fully support the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministries. Clients were given a list of other Raytown community area food pantries and were given a list of Summer Lunch Ministry delivery sites.

#### **Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry**

Thank you for the donations of sandwich and snack baggies and napkins during the month of June that will be used every single day to send lunches out to the children.

### **Upcoming Outreach Events**

#### **Enhancing Education July 9 - 27**

Our summer tutoring program will be working with children going into first and second grades in the fall. The children will receive assistance in math, reading, and writing and will be a part of the Mid-Continent Library summer reading program.

Children will receive a light breakfast when they arrive each day, a mid-morning snack, and will take a lunch home each day from the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry.

We ask for your prayers for the teaching staff who will be working with the children. We know they will be a blessing to the children and their families.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Neumann, Enhancing Education Director.

We will be using the Youth Lounge and the Enhancing Education Office for this summer program.

#### **Cash and Career Program**

The Cash and Career Summer Program will finish on July 6 with a luncheon for the students, their parents, and the community business partners the students have been working with. Special thanks to the directors, Bill Snyder and Brendan Irving for bringing this program to Raytown Christian Church. This has been a great addition to our outreach ministry.

#### **Youth Mission Trip**

Our Baby Care Closet will be providing baby items for the July Mission Trip that will be donated at their work camp. We are so pleased that our church has the resources to provide these items to our youth mission trip. These baby items will be an additional way to share the love of Jesus to others.

## School Supplies for Success

As Christians, we understand and are thankful for the new beginnings and fresh opportunities to change past behaviors and continually improve that Jesus offers each of us. We have a school within our district that provides this same grace and accountability to each and every student regardless of where they are in their journey upon arrival.

Raytown Success Academy (RSA) is an alternative school that provides educational opportunities to children who have struggled in a traditional school setting. The school provides wrap-around services to meet the needs of each individual student and their families. Staff at RSA are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of each student and believes that each student can be successful if provided the right skills. One of the expectations of the school is that students do not bring anything with them on the bus and do not take anything home. Therefore, the school provides all supplies and materials necessary for each student. With the current political decisions that have reduced funding to public education, each school has to decide how to spend the funds allotted to them. A significant portion of Raytown Success Academy's funds are used to purchase necessary school supplies and items for the classrooms.

This year we will be collecting school supplies to donate to Raytown Success Academy. Below is a list of school supplies that are used by students at this school. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lawhead. THANK YOU for your love of the children and youth in Raytown.

Loose wide-ruled notebook paper  
Loose college-ruled notebook paper  
One-subject spiral notebooks (wide-ruled) - plain colors, no designs  
One-subject spiral notebooks (narrow-ruled) - plain colors, no designs  
Composition Notebooks  
Pocket folders with brads - plain colors

BIC or Papermate ink pens in blue or black - no gel pens please  
#2 Ticonderoga Yellow Pencils - no designs  
Pink erasers  
Crayola Washable Color Markers - Classic Colors, Broad Line - box of 10  
Crayola Washable Color Markers - Classic Colors, Fine Line - box of 10  
Crayola Crayons - box of 24  
Crayola Colored Pencils - box of 12  
Glue Sticks  
Kleenex  
Clorox or Lysol Wipes - bleach free

*\*Boxes for donations will be at the church July 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>.*



Meet Noah – He is a six year old boy who was diagnosed with cancer. He believed that children deserved the fun bandages that are not always available in hospitals or to all children. He believed that they indicated courage, identity and gave a little fun into the lives of those who were in need of hospital visits and took steps to make a difference. His project has collected bandages to benefit hospitals as well as other facilities which cater to children. Just in my neighborhood I have seen evidence of his belief in the children who come to my door asking if I have a bandage, leaving with a smile when they receive a bandage with characters upon it. In this month of July, please help by donating either a fun box of bandages or money to fund cancer research. Be a part of this young boy's legacy.

## Recent RCC Endowments Trustees Activity

The Raytown Christian Church Permanent Endowment Fund Policy was revised last year to make sure that funds could be made available to enhance some of the existing ministries. The policy calls for an annual distribution from the interest earned from the investments that are held and invested by Disciples of Christ Church Foundation. There are five specific fund accounts that are being maintained:

1. Christian Education and Outreach Account
2. Worship and the Arts Account
3. Operating and Maintenance Account
4. Building and Property Account
5. Endowment Trustees Discretionary Account

Each year income (interest earned) from the first three accounts is distributed for ministry. The chairpersons for each of the areas of ministry were invited to submit requests for funds to be considered by the Endowment Trustees in 2018. A total of \$16,890 was requested and granted. Those requests included:

- \$4,050 from Worship & Arts Account to pay for a nursery high chair, shelving with bins to store individual diaper bag, blankets, coats. The money will also be used to purchase additional copies of the "Directions" books, and to pay half of each attendee's cost to the Tall Oaks Gala in the fall. Also, funds were granted to pay for baptismal robes. Finally, funds were granted for registration for the hand bell festival in Omaha.
- \$5,400 from Christian Education and Outreach Account to pay for a second Abundant Living Ministry, a summer RCC church event working with Raytown Main Street to provide treats at one of the events that will occur on the Raytown Green Space. Also, to cover the cost of a Community Job Fair in conjunction with Flourish Now job fair organization. Also, funds will be used for manikins, AED trainers to teach CPR classes.
- \$7,440 from Operating and Maintenance Account to pay for repairs for the bus handicapped chair lift and replacing existing fluorescent lights with LED lights in the Inspiration Center.

The Building and Property Account was established over 20 years ago to enable Raytown Christian Church to purchase desirable adjacent or contingent property when it became available as, at that time, we envisioned additional real estate was needed to ensure future growth. Those funds were indeed used to purchase the Lloyd property that was immediately west of the education wing, and a portion of the Saling property just north and west of our existing parking lot. This is currently where we expanded the parking lot and made space available for the Scout building and bus parking. As a result of General Board recommendation, the quest for additional property was no longer a priority and it was curtailed and the fund was changed to a restricted fund. Any distributions from this fund would require a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval from the General Board, as well as a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval from the congregation.

Faced with the need to replace the roof over the education wing, and no funds available, a request for a distribution from the Building and Property Account was made after several bids were secured for the work. The winning bid was for \$59,200 plus \$5,920 (10%) contingency funds for removal of the old roof and installation of a new roof and guttering. The total is \$68,620.

A motion to request the funds was made at the May General Board meeting and it was approved. The same motion was presented to the congregation on June 11, 2018, and it was approved.

As always, the RCC Endowment Trustees welcome your comments and suggestions and we encourage you to prayerfully consider Raytown Christian Church in your will.

David Sprick, chair  
Jon LeChien  
Gaylord Salisbury

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am Classic Worship Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service Adult Sunday School RCC Kids	<b>2</b> 6pm AA 7pm Alanon Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 8am Men's Breakfast 7pm Elders Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9am Classic Worship Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service Adult Sunday School RCC Kids	<b>9</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 6pm AA 7pm Alanon Scouts	<b>10</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 5pm Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 6pm Prayer Summit & Study RCCKids	<b>12</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>13</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 3pm-6pm Mission Trip Load Up	<b>14 Youth Mission Trip</b> 10am – 2pm Classic Car Show
<b>15 Youth Mission Trip</b> 9am Classic Worship Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service Adult Sunday School RCC Kids	<b>16 Youth Mission Trip</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 6pm AA 6:30pm Searchers Potluck 7pm Alanon Scouts	<b>17 Youth Mission Trip</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>18 Youth Mission Trip</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 6pm Prayer Summit & Study RCCKids	<b>19 Youth Mission Trip</b> 8am Men's Breakfast 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>20 Youth Mission Trip</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>21 Youth Mission Trip</b>
<b>22 Youth Mission Trip</b> 9am Classic Worship Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service Adult Sunday School RCC Kids	<b>23</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 6pm AA 7pm Alanon Scouts	<b>24</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>25</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education 6pm Prayer Summit & Study RCCKids	<b>26</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>27</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Classic Worship Sermon Study 10:30 Praise Service Adult Sunday School RCC Kids	<b>30</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education	<b>31</b> 9am Summer Lunch Enhancing Education				



# Classic Car Show

Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

10am - 2pm

**Free admittance and access to the cars.** All proceeds go to support the Raytown Summer Lunch Program and the Enhancing Education Program.



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