



Glory be to God! We asked. He heard. He spoke. We listened. Raytown Christian Church is a family of faithful and extremely generous believers, and we have much to celebrate!! It seems we are a small but mighty group of overachievers when it comes to giving in the name of our Lord. Our capital campaign was **impressively** successful with pledges over \$90,000!! And with over \$60,000 already received, we are getting started “Fixin’ Up My Father’s House.” Congratulations & THANK YOU, RCC!! Hallelujah and Praise God for his blessings!

The campaign committee has carefully reviewed and prioritized projects, getting competitive bids and keeping watch over the contributions as they come in. We have prioritized 5 items on the original list we shared. Repairing, re-sealing, and re-stripping the parking lot is the first project. We are also collecting proposals for the second priority; repairing the roof and repainting the metal part of the roof to prevent leaks. Stripping and waxing the main floors was already in the property budget, but our campaign funds will provide beautiful new entry mats to protect the freshly waxed entrances. Next, we will discuss options with an engineer about kitchen upgrades and repairs. And finally, we will meet again to strategize the remaining projects as well as create a fund for emergency repairs.

God sure is good! He is moving among us, nudging us to be the church He wants us to be.

Because of you, RCC – His house is going to be tended to and improved to continue to be a welcoming space for you, those who visit, those who also call RCC home & the greater community of Raytown/Kansas City.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your Capital Campaign Committee –
Lynn Brown, Beth Fields, Bo Savio, Candy Sprick, Jenn Wetzel & George Wheeler



A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measure to you.” – Luke 6:38

All I can say is “WOW”. The response to our “Fixin’ Up My Father’s House” campaign made my heart swell. I cannot tell you how many people have shared their giving story with me. And they all run along the same thread; prayerful consideration & listening for God’s word. God has spoken, we have listened, and we are sure to be blessed!

Raytown Christian Church is a caring family that I am so happy to be a part of. Thank you for your generosity and care of the church we all love. I can’t wait to see what the Lord has in store for us.

Blessings to all of you,
Candy



Welcome our New Organist, Edward Poston!



We have missed hearing our wonderful Quimby pipe organ since Dovie Fields retired in November. It is a pleasure to announce that our new organist will be Edward Poston, an organ doctoral student at KU. Mr. Poston has a stellar resume of experience as organist, pianist, and director of music in numerous churches. He has conducted choirs, instrumental ensembles, accompanied praise music for contemporary services, and worked in various church music settings. He will play for our praise service as well. Mr. Poston has a heart for worship and will take our services to a whole new level. He will begin August 13.

Please express your appreciation to Kathy Ford and the musicians of Blue Springs First UMC for their leadership of our music during July.



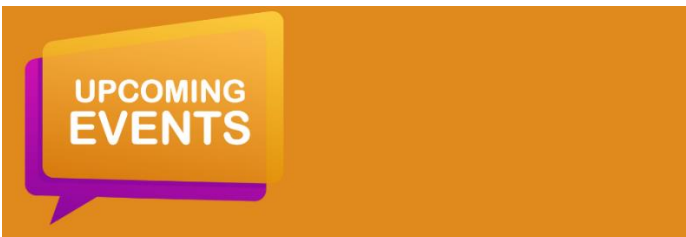
Raytown Christian Church is reaching out to the Raytown Community to join us for a Hot Dawg cookout on Sunday, August 20th, at 4:00pm in the grassy area behind the church.



We will need a BBQ King or Queen to volunteer to man (or woman!) the hot dog grill! Also needed are volunteers to help with games and setting up tables and chairs on the lawn.

Please let Mindy know if you can help!

The Outreach Ministry is excited to reach out to Raytown and share Jesus' love with all! More information to come as we get closer to the event!



• **Kairos Outside**

On 7/23 announcement of the Kairos Outside event and on 7/30 collection of donations for food and lodging for attendees at the event

• **Back-to-school supplies drive for the children at River of Refuge**

• **Raytown Success Academy**

Lynn Brown is RCC's liaison with the RSA and will be welcoming back the teachers and administrative staff this August.

July kicked off with a whole variety of fireworks displays, everywhere! Since Raytown sits close to the top of elevation for the entire metro area, colorful sprays appeared on every horizon. I happened to be on top of a seven-story complex and witnessed a 360 degree panorama of patriotic productions.

Did you ever see the BMX bike riders perform and race? July 14-16 will see Raytown will host the BMX Mid-America Nationals, HERE IN OUR OWN RAYTOWN! AND both the boys world champion Eli Staton (12) and one of the best-ranked girl riders Lois Jonjevic (14) live in Raytown. To add to our town's notoriety, the 75-year-old Kittie Weston-Knauer will complete her 75th bike race this year.

Raytown was just awarded the highest honor of Distinguished Budget Presentation award, by the US/Canadian government. Doesn't that feel good?

The Joint County Legislative Breakfast will occur at MCC-Longview Education Center from 8-9:30am, July 14. Meet the Jackson County Executing and all nine county legislators to hear updates on county progress and ask questions to those who know. If registration is closed, please call the Chamber office for a review.

July 15 is the 10th Annual Senior Celebration, 4:30-7:30pm, at Knights of Columbus, 5101 Blue Ridge Cut Off. Enjoy dinner, entertainment, prizes, and music. I hope you have already signed up, as reservations may be sold out.

On August 16, the 1st Annual '816' Networking Event will open at 4:30pm, with hotdogs and cold drinks served at Raytown Chamber office. A Ribbon-Cutting for the newly remodeled office and building happens at 5:15pm. Help celebrate Raytown with your reservation at 5909 Raytown Trafficway by August 1.

Remember the Festival of Trails on September 9 presents food and activities from 10-5pm. Both the Rice-Tremonti home (8801 E. 66th) and the Greenspace (10009 E 62nd) hold a range of activities, food, and displays. Bring the whole family to have fun, to hear the Windy Hollow Band, and witness the Buffalo Soldiers.