



June Edition of The Christian Pilot

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This Sunday, June 11th, bring your pledge card with you to worship! Drop it in our Father's Mailbox located at the Information Center. We thank you in advance for supporting this very important campaign!



Every morning I wonder: "What am I doing? How did I get here? Am I really qualified for this job?" My position as Moderator is simply the result of a brief discussion with a friend, who then asked me to help her implement her dreams for the church we both love. She held the baton high, and I followed, offering input when asked and supporting her leadership...until she handed that baton to me and disappeared into Eternal Life.

Last month, I traveled with my brothers to a memorial service for our uncle. As usual, we spent the week talking about our history and recounting stories of our past with all our cousins who were, for the first time in eons, in the same place at the same time. On the last day of our trip, we arrived at my house, weary after the 10-hour drive. Dave greeted us at the door with the same salutation that my Dad had always used, and I finally realized how God might be using me.

I was very fortunate to have had a wonderful childhood; raised by loving parents that appreciated family and friends, who invited anyone and everyone into their home

to feed and nurture with laughter. Upon arriving at the doorstep, Daddy would bellow, "Come into this house!!" It was more of a demand, really, and one must prepare to be bear hugged and escorted directly into the heart of the home. Hospitality is what my family was all about.

Isn't that what we want for our church? To greet folks at the door and invite them to "Come into this house!?" As a lifelong member, I see Raytown Christian Church as My Father's House, on so many levels. Perhaps *that's* why I'm here. The vision I had upon taking the baton was to pivot from traditional ideas and to focus instead INSIDE the church. I want a sturdy building to support a strong family; a family that other people want to be a part of.

But Raytown Christian Church is not just My Father's House. It is *Our* Father's House! And when the creative team for our Capital Campaign came up with the theme...well, it was a "God thing" for me! I hope you feel the same level of love and acceptance at RCC, and want, more than anything, to call it your forever church home.



During the month of May, the Evangelism Ministry Team made three visits to visitors to RCC. Larry and Kathleen Stevens visited with them and gave them fresh bread and RCC welcome bags. They've also placed visitor cards in the pews for the Traditional Service, as clipboards with the cards are already used during the Praise Service. These cards are so important to help us reach out to visitors with invitations to come back and learn more about Jesus!

RCC's greeters are encouraged to give visitors name badges so we can welcome them by name. Our members are also encouraged to wear these name badges as well, so visitors don't have to try and remember everyone's names as we greet and welcome them to our church!

During our July 10, 2023 Community Relations meeting, we will discuss the dates and details of inviting Raytown's community to an Ice Cream Social. We look forward to meeting and greeting our community members! We LOVE having new people come back to one of RCC's services and sharing Jesus' love with them!



My apology for not issuing a Chamber port for the May Pilot. Candy and I joined the other brother for our annual "Sib Trip", this time to Louisiana. We visited the 'southern clan' at a memorial for our oldest uncle, a 99-year-old WWII B15 pilot, then drifted on down to New Orleans for fine Cajun hospitality.

Our caring new house-mates, Sisters in Christ, have also joined the Raytown Chamber. Carolyn Whitney will represent the group.

June 13, Tue, 4:30-5:30pm

After-Hours Network, at Crane Brewery, 6515 Railroad Street. This monthly event meets at different Chamber member's location @ month. See other Raytown figures and have a beer on the house!

June 22, Thu, 11:00-1:00pm

Joint Chamber Luncheon with Grandview Chamber.

July 15, Sat, 4:30-7:30pm

10th Annual Senior Celebration, Knights of Columbus, 5101 Blue Ridge Blvd. Tix are \$15 at Chamber office of HyVee.

July 19, Wed, 7:10pm Game-Time

Raytown Night at the Royals, to watch us play the Detroit Tiger. For tickets, contact Tyler Belvin at 816-504-4126 or tyler.belvin@royals.com or see Chamber website.



Kairos Outside Special Offering

We will be collecting a special offering for Kairos on July 30th. The next Kairos weekend is in September. This weekend is for women that have or have had a loved on in jail or prison. The women are showered with all kinds of Christian love.

Look for the designated table in the Lobby on the 30th to make your donation.