



A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

This month Christians all over the world celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. There is no stronger bond than that of this one belief. Our global Christian family is sharing the responsibility of our faith to observe and commit to the practices of Lenten season, in prayer, sacrifice and giving. We are bound together with a common thread, and though we may look differently, speak differently, or even worship differently, we are **one** in the family of Our Lord.

Jesus prayed for unity among his followers so that the world would be convinced of his existence and purpose on Earth. In John 17:20-21 He says, *"I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."* He implies that there is power and credibility when His believers are bound together.

Here at Raytown Christian Church, we enjoy many benefits of our oneness. We are stronger together. We can do more with the potency of being in the presence of the Holy Spirit together. And we shall.

*"Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above."*



A Message from Pastor Michael

Greetings family! This is an exciting time in the body of Christ. As we've been preaching from the theme of "Purposeful Sacrifice", my prayer is that we have tapped into the heartbeat of our Father. I pray that we truly understand that great things happen, when we embrace the spirit of sacrificing for a greater cause. That's the example that Jesus gave us!

Scripture tells us in Phillipians 2:5-8 (NIV):

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

That's our example! I don't know about you, but that's a sacrifice that I thank Him for every day! We can glean from His sacrificial decision as we are surrounded by many opportunities to serve and pour from ourselves. Our community needs it. Our loved ones need it. We need it! What's that? It's the small decisions that we make to allow things to be more than just about us. As we are grateful for your Christ, let us take on His mindset. Maybe by doing that we can truly continue His echo of love in this present world!

Love you guys!



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Easter Excitement!

Raytown Egg-Extravaganza (Saturday, March 30)

- RCC members have a great opportunity to share our building AND a table at the Raytown Easter Egg-Extravaganza! What a great opportunity to share our church and Jesus' love!
- We need volunteers to welcome people at both the church and at the Raytown Greenspace RCC booth. It's a fun and easy way to share Jesus with our neighbors!!! 😊 All you need to bring is your warm friendliness and welcoming smiles!

River of Refuge Children's Easter Baskets

- Cheri Pennington has coordinated with RoR and received a list of ages and sexes of 25 children. Some of the teeny-tiny ones will only receive an Easter board book, no candy or trinkets in small Easter baskets. Other young children will receive a Golden Book (remember these?) that tells these young ones of Jesus' love, sacrifice, and resurrection. They will also have a few candy filled eggs and trinkets tucked into their baskets! Older children and teens will receive a more detailed book of Jesus and his life, death and victorious resurrection! They also will receive candy filled eggs with a few goodies in their baskets!
- Outreach has requested (in the announcements) financial donations to purchase Christian children's books for the little ones, and Christian comic books (or other appropriate material) for the older kids. We will also purchase some "trinkets and goodies" for the baskets!
- Delivery of the baskets will be sometime during the week of March 24th. Cheri has been the RoR contact, so she will probably deliver the baskets. She will need at least 1 additional volunteer (maybe 2) to load up their cars and help Cheri to deliver the baskets.

I want to thank the members of Raytown Christian Church for their love and kindness towards the unchurched in Raytown and the surrounding area. Your gracious giving is enabling us to reach out to those searching for a Savior or looking for a church home.

And oh, it's that time of year, as the grounds turn into green, and everyone has a shot at that pot of Gold at the end of the rainbow. The high point of the month is Easter on March 31. That's a rarity, although the special day can fall anywhere between March 22 (last seen in 1818, next seen in 2285 !) and April 25. Lots of things to do, as we head toward spring. Keep love in your heart and awake 🙏 to all our community treasures.

REMEMBER! Citizens of Raytown may now take hazardous wastes FOR FREE to drop-off sites: 4707 Deramus (east bottoms) and 2101 SE Hamblin Road (LS). Starting April, mobile collections will be announced throughout the year. Get rid of antifreeze, batteries, CFL bulbs fertilizers, flammables, household cleaners, paint, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more.

Check www.RecycleSpot.org for details.

Mar, now thru Mar 28, noon til dusk

Lutfi's Lent Special, whole catfish dinner.

Mar 14 Thu, 8:00am

Chamber Board of Directors Meeting. Reports are available upon request.

Mar 14 Thu, 8:00am

Walk with Doc Sequita at ROC (10500 E 350 Hwy) on every month's 2nd Thu, then hear the current health topic presented. Snacks provided.

Mar 15 Fri, 8:00am

Government Relations Committee meets. Report available upon request. Last month, I attended the Chamber field trip to Jeff City. Morning session studied agencies that support tourist numbers and their spending in MO. Afternoon, we met with legislators and found a number of programs we might consider. Will elaborate next month.

Mar 15, 22 Fri, 4:30-7pm

Knights of Columbus Fish Fries (5101 Blue Ridge CutOff) will fill you with down-home cooking, and support their respect for Clergy, Police, Fire, 1st Responders. Wear your uniform and get in free.

Mar 19 Tue, 7:30am

Connections Networking (5056 Blue Ridge Blvd) hosts an hour of getting-to-know-you and self-promotion. Easy way to inter-connect with other Raytownians over coffee, to start the day.

Mar 20 Wed, 10am

Looking Towards 2026 is an ongoing discussion of the World Cup coming to Kansas City, and how Raytown will interact with the events. Call me for updates.

Mar 20 Wed, 2-3pm

Chamber Podcast of "Talk Raytown", recorded today and streamed, to be seen on YouTube @RaytownChamber. This month, the retiring Pres. Vicki Turnbow introduces the new Chamber President.

Mar 24 Sun, all day

Celebrate Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into the town of Jerusalem. You are welcome to join us for a very special service. On Holy Wednesday he was betrayed; Maunday Thursday marks the Last Supper.

Mar 27 Wed, 11-1pm

Chamber Monthly Membership Luncheon at Wellness Center (10301 E 50 Hwy) will feature the retiring Vicki Turnbow to introduce the new Chamber President.

Mar 29 Fri, 7pm

Good Friday observance, when Jesus was executed. Tonight, we attend a combined service with Power Shift, Praise Service, and the Classic. Note: on Holy Saturday, he rested in the tomb.

Mar 30 Sat, 10-2pm

EGG-STRAVAGANZA! will open up on the Green Space (6201 Raytown Road) with festive booths and a yard full of games for the kids. Stories get told, music is played. The Parade starts at 11am and the age-grouped Hunts countdown at 1pm. Come one, come all!

Mar 31 Sun, 9&10:30am

Arise for Easter Sunday! Easter lilies can be purchased at the Information Center for dedication to loved ones.

Apr 6&7 Sat&Sun 11-4pm

Rice-Tremonti Soup Special is served in the 1844 Home (8801 E 66th), inside and out of this landmark location that lets us leap into the area's history. Your 10-spot@plate for good ol' country cookin' helps keep this pioneer jewel a-gleaming.

Apr 11 Thu, 8am

Chamber Board of Directors Meeting. Reports are available upon request.

Have fun, and check the calendar at <www.RaytownCC.org> for more listings of wholesome activities.



Sign up at the Information Center to order your Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one.



Our Good Friday service will celebrate the incredible blessing of diversity within the walls of RCC. There will be a *combined* service for Good Friday, March 29. Classic service, Praise service and PowerShift will present the service at 7:00PM. It is sure to be unique and meaningful...and a *wonderful* opportunity to invite a friend.



Purchase a parking spot (2 tables included) to sell your "Junk for Jesus"! \$25 a spot. Please sign up and prepay in the church office. Such an easy, fun way to raise money for the church and yourself & to fellowship with other church members & members of the community!