



April Edition of The Christian Pilot



A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

The wind! My goodness, we've had some blustery days lately! As a young girl, I worried about the little trees giving way to the push of our midwestern winds. I thought they might break, or at least be damaged and weakened. It wasn't until I studied Horticulture in college that I learned of the benefits the wind provides trees. Every movement that trees endure in the wind creates a flexion that stimulates tissue and cell growth in the trunk and roots, making them stronger and more resilient. I guess you could say it's God's fitness program.

Do you wonder if the same can be said for humans? Would we grow weak and break if we were never challenged? The philosophy of "the gym" is to push our bodies beyond their normal habitual movement to build muscle and flexibility. Continuing that practice with new or different challenges is the way to generate enduring strength and increased adaptability.

We are entering a time in the life of Raytown Christian Church which will almost assuredly challenge us. We are facing some windy days ahead, with gusts that may even test our faith and purpose. The question is: How will we respond to that? Will we push back firmly against the wind and struggle to maintain our position, or will we allow God to blow us around, trusting that His winds will ultimately strengthen us? Let's not forget He is in charge at RCC and that we all come to worship the One God that unifies us all in His house. We are stronger together. He is building something here. And I can't wait to be a part of that.

"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11



Community Relations

Mindy McDaniel

We had a great many of Raytown Christian Church's "super-volunteers" show up to support the Raytown Egg-Extravaganza event held Saturday, March 30th. Our members made both the Registration process at the church, and RCC's booth on the Greenspace a success! At a Raytown Main Street Parade Committee's meeting recently, RCC's welcoming hospitality during the Parade Registration, along with friendly faces at the RCC booth, were greatly appreciated. We had lots of kids and their parents stop by our booth. Parents received bag clips and pens, while the kids received "Cuties." All were given RCC postcards inviting them to our church!

Twenty-seven Easter baskets were delivered to the River of Refuge on Good Friday. Thanks to our generous RCC members, the children received not only trinkets and candy, but the most important gift of all...an age-appropriate Bible or Bible story book of the real meaning of Easter; Jesus' life, death and glorious resurrection!

We also made sure our own RCC Sunday School children received Easter baskets as well, and they had the same age-appropriate Bibles and story books in them!

Later this month, Lynn Brown (representing RCC) will provide breakfast treats to the 50 Raytown Success Academy's staff members. Raytown Christian Church greatly appreciates the challenges and support these staff members provide to the young students.

Sunday, May 5th, the Outreach Ministry will hold a baby diaper drive to support Happy Bottoms! It's a wonderful program in support of Mom's in need of diapers for their little ones and administered by the Sisters in Christ. Please

bring your diaper donations to church that Sunday and Outreach will make sure there's baby shower cake served between services! And who doesn't like a good sheet cake?

Jesus loves the little children and the members of Raytown Christian Church do too! 😊



L to R: Brenda Maloney, Robin Smith, Cheri Pennington, Karen Curtis, Tracy Colin, Mary Meier



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.

Apr 17 Wed, 10:00am

Looking Toward 2026, at Chamber. A weekly meeting to form what Raytown might look like during the World Cup. As a principle host city, Kansas City will stage much activity in the nearby Truman Sports Complex. You, too, can have a voice in the upcoming event.

Apr 17 Wed, 2-3pm

Chamber Podcast of "Talk Raytown", recorded today and streamed, to be seen on YouTube @RaytownChamber. This month, the face of the Chamber changes with the new direction under Jeff Hirst, as Vicki Turnbow makes smooth transition to the new Chamber President.

Apr 18 Thu, 9:00am

Ribbon-cutting for the new Trailhead Books, 10009 E. 63rd. The new and used book store invites us all for coffee to officially open a place to enjoy reading experience.

Apr 24 Wed, 11:00am

Chamber Monthly Membership Luncheon at Wellness Center (10301 E 50 Hwy) will feature the business innovation and creation program of Herndon Career Center.

Apr 27 Sat, 10-5pm

Family Carnival, at Rice-Tremonti House, (8801 E, 66th). Come enjoy a day of concessions, games, and prizes to benefit Cub Scout Pack 4469. Admission is free.

Apr 27 Sat, 5-10:30pm

St. Regis Academy Luau Auction, at St. Michael Archangel High School (2901 Lees Summit Road). Support the school's multiple enrichment programs by reserving a table at <DOneill@RegisSchool.org> .

May 1 Wed, 7-8:30am

Mayors Prayer Breakfast, at Connection Point Church (10500 E. Hwy 350). For the 50th year, we gather to celebrate uplifting our community. Hear Mayor Mike, and then Keynote Speaker Jennifer L'Heureux to inspire us with "Be the Solution". Tickets at Raytown Hy-Vee, doors open at 6:30am.

May 2 Thu, 4:30-5:30pm

1630 Networking After Hours at Chamber office. Enjoy fellowship and hear Jason Sneddon of Greater KC Homes talk about real estate trends.

May 4 Sat, 9-2pm

Junk for Jesus garage sale, at Raytown Christian Church. Buy a table-space for \$25 to use for your own sale of stuff. Make some money, have some fun.

May 11 Sat, 7pm

Raytown Live Concert, on the Green Space, @ 2nd Sat of May through Sep. Tonight, hear Leveetown Band, groove to the tunes and lay back or dance.

May 13 Mon, 8-4pm

Raytown Chamber-Rotary Golf Tournament, at Creekmore Golf Club, Raymore. Putting contests, mulligans, raffle, and hole sponsorships.

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



Junk for Jesus
(a parking lot rummage sale!)
Saturday, May 4th
9am - 2pm
Raindate: May 18th
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd

Gather your "junk" and rent a table for a parking lot rummage sale! \$25 will reserve a parking spot along with 2 tables set up for you! Any proceeds after the \$25 reservation fee are yours to keep! Sign up and pre-pay at the Raytown Christian Church office - Mon - Thurs 9am-2pm. Questions? Call (816) 353-1708 or email: office@raytowncc.org.



Plant Sale!
Friday, May 3rd 1-6pm
Saturday, May 4th 9am - 2pm
Summer annuals & hanging baskets!

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