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## New Service Time beginning June 23rd!

Our new season of fellowship and worship is getting closer! There is so much to celebrate! Beginning **June 23**, Classic and Praise worship will join together in a **single service at 10:30am**. Coffee fellowship remains at the 10-10:30 hour, but Sunday Schools will convene at 9. There are 2 Adult Sunday School classes available on Sunday mornings: the Disciples Class & the Faith & Friendship Class. Everyone is welcome to come study! Children's Sunday School will look a little different as well. Children will attend the first part of the worship service and will then be dismissed for Sunday School by Pastor Michael.

A whole lot of thought and discussion from our Worship Team leads us into this change up, as they have attempted to think through every single detail! The Team plans to follow up and tweak things for a few weeks, so please be patient as they work through the process.

***Grab your printed nametag as you enter worship on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!***

***There may be some unfamiliar faces and wearing a nametag will help us get acquainted with each other.***



## A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

What an exciting time in the life of our church! Moving to one worship service has earned a reputation with many other churches as being the single most important factor in cementing the bonds of their congregational family. Perhaps the situation that brought us to this point was a blessing in disguise.

This new era of worship at RCC seems like the perfect opportunity to do some self-reflection. Like Pastor Michael says, we need to make sure that we have taken care of the "here" and are ready for the "there". Here is an exercise for you: Stand in front of a mirror. Study your face and posture. Move like you normally do and greet yourself. What do you see? More importantly, what do other people see? Would a stranger know that you are a child of God, filled with the Holy Spirit? Do you stand tall and reflect the love of Christ? Do your actions carry the Glory of God?

We Christians are called to love one another and be the light in our world. Can you make a difference? Can you live up to the expectations of our Lord?

There is a famous song performed by a very spiritual, compassionate singer who wanted to use his notoriety to right some wrongs in this world. The lyrics are:

*I'm starting with the man in the mirror  
I'm asking him to change his ways  
No message could've been any clearer  
If you wanna make the world a better place  
Take a look at yourself and then make the change*

Raytown Christian Church is on a path to make the world a better place. What gifts has God given you that you could share? There are many ways you can make a difference for Raytown Christian Church. Let's take ownership of the responsibilities that come with our faith, for we know that God is in us. There is no greater glory than to serve our Lord in whatever capacity we can.

James 1:23 - 25 tells us that we must not only hear the word, but to become "Doers" to be blessed. We have long been asking for God's blessings. Now it's up to us to "DO."



## RCC Care Team Update

Steve Smith, Chair

Due to the absence of a pastoral care minister, Raytown Christian Church established the Care Team Ministry several years ago. It has four components: Critical Care, Extended Care, Stephen Ministry and Bereavement Ministry. The Critical Care Ministry is for those admitted to the hospital or transitioning from the hospital to an extended care facility, while the Bereavement Ministry acts as a liaison between the grieving family and RCC. Steve Smith is the lead for both. These ministries only occur when these situations occur, and only if the church is notified. The other two ministries, the Extended Care Ministry and the Stephen Ministry are ongoing. The Extended Care Ministry has been quite busy the last few months maintaining contact with many homebound members. Sometimes the ministry is in person, and other times it is by phone or email. If it is in person, we often share communion with the members. Our main purpose is to make sure the person(s) know that despite no longer being able to attend church, they are still a part of our church family and that we are here for them. Recently we have re-established contact with several members with whom we had lost contact. Truly a blessing for them and for us. Currently, we serve about twenty people. The extended care team consists of Steve and Robin Smith, Joyce and Terry Harwood, Tim and Mary Meier, Jo Ann and Paul Hudson and David Burton. The Stephen Ministry, co-led by Robin Smith and Lynn Brown, provides longer term on-going care for members dealing with particular issues. Currently, the Stephen Ministry serves about twelve people.

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from either of these ministries, please call Steve Smith at 816-868-0657, Robin Smith at 816-868-1431 or the church office at 816-353-1708.



## Outreach Corner

Mindy McDaniel,  
Community Relations

This Mother's Day, Raytown Christian Church celebrated Moms and their babies with a Diaper Drive! RCC members donated 1,906 diapers, along with diaper wipes, to Happy Bottoms, a program which provides Moms with extra diapers to keep little bottoms clean and dry all week!

Raytown's Summer Lunch Program began in May! RSLP provides Raytown School District children requiring assistance with a bag of groceries once a week. These groceries provide the students with breakfast and lunch items through the summer vacation months.


Currently, the RSLP has a shortage of funds required to support this program. The Outreach ministry members discussed this situation and voted to donate \$1,000 out of the Cottrell Outreach legacy to this worthwhile Program. We will submit our proposal to the RCC Board for approval, as this donation will take us over our 2024 budget. We work hard, as most do, to stay within our budget! If you would like to donate funds or your time to this program, please contact the Summer Lunch Program at [raytownsummerlunch@gmail.com](mailto:raytownsummerlunch@gmail.com).

### Coming in July:

In July, our thoughts turn back to school! Once again Outreach will coordinate with the River of Refuge for items needed for the children to return to school fully equipped and ready for a new school year! Cheri Pennington will work with the RoR Case Manager on a list of items needed to send these kids back to school, ready to study and have some fun.

### Ministry Opportunity:

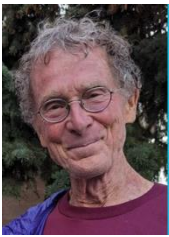
Our Evangelism Team is searching for additional members to visit visitors, non-returning visitors, and members we have not seen in church for a while. This is a big goal that will need additional Evangelism Teams. Currently we have one couple (Larry and Kathleen Stevens) who have visited all visitors (who have filled out contact cards) with a Welcome Bag and a fresh loaf of bread. Several visitors have returned because of their warm welcome, along with the personal welcome and kindness of our RCC members! One RCC member has volunteered to join this team. We would like to send our Welcomers out in pairs, as working together is a better way to approach our visitors. If you would like to become a member of this particularly important team, please contact either Mindy McDaniel or Tracy Colin to volunteer. This is an exciting new step for our Outreach team! Thank you in advance for volunteering to share your kindness and love of Jesus to our visitors and missing members who might return to our church family.



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# Public Relations

BJ Taylor

Yep, summer has arrived, and the coolness of spring fades fast. School's out, planting our gardens is still on the to-do list, and we hurry to make sure we're not late for all those travel ideas that keep popping up. Within all the turmoil of issues, a dedication to organizing our lives is essential. I pray for finding a smooth pathway to the future and start each day with a renewed goal of doing it right. We're a team, and perseverance furthers.

**REMEMBER!** Citizens of Raytown may now take hazardous waste **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](http://www.RecycleSpot.org) for details.

## Jun 11 Tue, 11:30am

Chamber Lunch & Learn, at Chamber. Are You Ready for Windows 11? GFI Digital will take you through the benefits of upgrading, before Windows 10 is unsupported.

## Jun 13-15 Thu-Sat, 10-4pm

Blue Ridge Presbyterial Rummage Sale  
6429 Blue Ridge Blvd. An enormous offering of goodies galore, by our fellow Christians. Benefits BRPC.

## Jun 13 Tue, 10-1pm

Kids Day at Kenagy Park, 700 Raytown Rd. Free activities including a petting zoo.

## Jun 15 Sat, 12-1pm

A hometown book author, M.A. Monnin, displays and signs the new third volume of her Intrepid Mystery Series. Meet her at Trailhead Books, 10009 E. 63rd .

## Jun 19 Wed, 10-11am

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

## Jun 19 Wed, 2-3pm

Chamber Podcast of "Talk Raytown", recorded today and streamed, to be seen on YouTube @RaytownChamber. This month, Jason Sneddon, Realtor, hosts the show.

## Jun 20 Thu, 3:30-4:30pm

Senior Celebration Committee Meeting at Chamber. The event of July 20 will be at Knights of Columbus. 5101 Blue Ridge CutOff. Join in the planning of this venerable Raytown recognition of our classic residents.

## Jun 22 Sat, 11-5pm

Raytown Amateur RDIO Club Field Day at Cave Springs, Blue Ridge Blvd & Gregory. Be part of the most popular on-the-air event in ham radio. KOGQ.com. Unique fun!

## Jun 25 Tue, 9-10am

Ribbon Cutting for Doughboys Donuts at shop 11559 E 63rd Stop by for the tastiest treat in the city.

## Jun 27 Thu, 11-1pm

Membership Luncheon at Falkner Ranch, 10600 Raytown Rd. Join us in networking with Grandview & South KC Chambers. Hear Joe Perry talk on "Housing: National Context, Local Impact".

## Jun 29 Sat, 3:10pm

Raytown Day at the Royals, Kauffman Stadium 1 Royal Way, KCMO. First 10,000 get a free Hawaiian shirt, and everybody cheers to urge our team to beat the Cleveland Guardians.  
**Let's Go Royals!**

## Jun 30 Sun, 5-8pm

Family 4th Celebration at Connection Point, 10500 Hwy 350. Patriotic rally for all ages, with Applebee's dogs and burgers, yard games, petting zoo, inflatables, and fun.

## Jul 12 Fri, 8-9:30am

Joint County Legislative Breakfast at Longview Ed Center, 500 SW Longview Rd. Hear all nine Jackson County Legislators with updates and answers to your questions. RSVP at Chamber

## Jul 13 Sat, 7-9pm

Raytown Live Concert, with AnnaLee & the So & So's, at the Green Space. Bring your coolers and chairs, and a little money for food. Enjoy outdoor music under the stars.

Have fun, and check the calendar at [www.RaytownCC.org](http://www.RaytownCC.org); for more listings of wholesome activities.