



A Message from the Moderator

Candy Sprick

As we move into a new season at Raytown Christian Church, I am grateful for the opportunity to be in fellowship with this family of believers. We have matured into a single body of Christ, all worshipping together with one heart. I am especially proud of our resilience as a “mature” congregation to adapt to changes and pivots, and truly believe that our movements are both guided by and smiled upon by the Holy Spirit. This is our Revival, RCC!

What many of you may not be aware of is all the layers of revival we are seeking! Pastor Michael has encouraged us to focus on our personal revival and lean hard into our relationship with God. He believes that prayer, fasting and service can bolster our faith journey, and that engaging with God will bring us closer to Him.

Additionally, a program of renewal is taking place among leaders of the congregation. We are actively pursuing ways to become better at being God’s church; for everything that means in modern society. We are identifying our mission and our purpose, setting goals, exploring ways to bring the Gospel to others and welcome visitors in our church, defining our current roles and reviving past ministries. There is A LOT going on at RCC!! We are lighting the fires of our faith!

May you feel the warmth of God’s love and look for ways to kindle the Spirit.

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



Directions Discipleship

You may have heard of the Directions Discipleship Course. It is an interactive Bible Study that focuses on the essentials of Christian growth. We started using this study in 2017 and over 60 RCC members have completed it., some in two months, some in six months. The Christian walk is a life-long process and an adventurous journey. This study is designed to help you grow and develop as a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you are a new disciple, this is a good place to begin your spiritual growth. If you’re a long-time believer, you will find confirmation and affirmation of your relationship with God, and continue your spiritual growth.

This study can be personalized to fit the needs, schedule and ability of anyone who takes it. If you are interested in starting this fantastic Bible study, please contact Steve Smith at (816)868-0657 or sas1718@hotmail.com. You will be paired with a mentor who has already completed the study, and who will guide you through the 18 lessons. The two of you will determine when and where to meet, and how often.



Bus Drivers Needed!

So you've always wanted to be a bus driver? Now is your chance. We need at least one more bus driver, maybe two, to pick people up for church on Sunday. We have an early route at about 8:15 to get those who want to come to Sunday school and church, and then a later route about 10:00 for those who want to attend church only.

Currently, we have three drivers. Need at least four so we can alternate Sundays. Five would give us someone for the fifth Sunday of the month. You do not need a special license to drive the church bus. If you are interested, please contact Steve Smith at (816)868-0657.



Outreach Corner

Mindy McDaniel,
Community Relations

Raytown's Summer Lunch Program is still going strong! Raytown Christian Church members have donated generously to the program, as well as dropping off groceries to include in bags of groceries for the students. Just as important, RCC members have donated hours of their time to help pack these bags, as well as delivering the bags out to waiting cars. There is still time if you would like to donate funds or your time to the RSLP. Please contact the Summer Lunch Program at raytownsummerlunch@gmail.com.

The River of Refuge School Supply Drive has begun! We are collecting school supplies for items needed for the kids returning to school. The Drive begins Sunday, July 21 through Sunday, July 28. This year, the RoR has 30-35 school aged children. There are more children this year, as the RoR finished their building project on the second floor of their building and have several new apartments for families. A list of needed supplies is on the display table in the Narthex. Feel free to grab one and hit the sales!

Coming in August...

Lynn Brown will be making "Welcome Back" treat bags for the Raytown Success Academy staff and teachers this month.

August 8 and 11 will kick off RCC's Kairos Fundraiser. Mary Meier will share what the Kairos Ministry's weekend is like, and how volunteers share with women with incarcerated loved ones. This is a life-changing event for both the volunteers and women served.

Our Evangelism Team is still 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.

Raytown Christian Church members, your generosity and kindness are amazing! Thank you for sharing Jesus' grace and love to so many.



Public Relations

BJ Taylor

July: It's now the middle of summer, which reminds me to take stock and re-evaluate my relationships with others. We are all God's children, so don't let the season pass you by without reaching out to spend time with activities that show your concern for their well-being. The time is now, to make your day filled with plans to share your intent on making every day a solid cog in the wheel of our life's travel. May we not look back and regret NOT having created a worthwhile experience with any of our fellows. At times, it is hard to build a momentum, but it is harder to know that I wasted a chance to be good.

Jul 18 Thu, 4:30-7:30pm

Networking-After Hours @ Synergy One Lending, 10110 E. 63rd Besides meeting with Raytown VIP's, come hang out for drinks, music, and BBQ.

Jul 20 Thu, 4:30-7:30pm

The 11th Annual Senior Celebration: "Year of the Dragon". Committee Meeting at Chamber. Our classic residents will be celebrated at Knights of Columbus, 5101 Blue Ridge CutOff.

Jul 24 Tue, 11-1pm

Membership Luncheon at Wellness Center, 10301 Hwy 350. Stacey Smith presents "Marketing Kansas City as a Destination." Joe Perry talks on "Housing: National Context, Local Impact".

Jul 25 Thu, 5-7pm

Happy Hour, Saddle Creek Stables, 5915 Norfleet. See July 1, and let's do it again!

Jun 30 Tue, 11:30-12:30pm

Remote Lunch and Learn Understanding the Corporate Transparency Act by William E. Quick, Polsinelli PC *Considered the furthest and widest-reaching federal business entity law ever enacted, the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) affects tens of millions of business owners and investors. Freer, but register by July 26 at Chamber.*

Aug 1 Thu, 4:30-5:30pm

Networking – After Hours, at Chamber office. Join Jason Sneddon with Greater KC Homes as he hosts the show. Stop by for some refreshments, network and hear from Jason on real estate trends.

Aug 4 Sun, 1-2pm

Ribbon Cutting – Duffle Bag Apparel, 7308 Raytown Road. Stop by during their "I AM THE BAG" Backpack Extravaganza. They're all about empowering the youth as they gear up for the new school year, and will be giving away free empowerment backpacks filled with school supplies. The event will feature fun activities, a live DJ, and awesome vendors!

Aug 8 Thu, 5-7pm

Happy Hour at Saddle Creek Stables. It's still free, and I'm beginning to love this place!

Aug 10 Sat, 1-2pm

Ribbon Cutting – Eastside Health and Wellness, 8801 E 63rd. They offer a wide range of services including primary care, women's health, walk-in acute/sick visits, many tests and screenings, employment physicals, and sports physicals.

Aug 10 Sat, 7-9pm

Raytown Live Concert, Green Space at 6200 Raytown Road. Hear The Vincents. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, coolers and enjoy the music. Food will be available for purchase at each concert.

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



The Tidal Wave Carwash Fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who contributed to this success! Every cent helps RCC so we appreciate your generosity and hope you enjoy your beautiful, clean cars!! 😊



If anyone knows the location of a large black binder full of Praise music, please let our Church Administrator, Jenn know. We've been on the hunt but have been unable to locate the binder. Thanks in advance!