

Dates to Remember

Sunday, November 17th Celebration Sunday! Don't forget your pledge card!

9:30 - 10:30 am Celebration Sunday Brunch (Inspiration Center)



Wednesday, November 20th - 12-6pm Elders Prayer Vigil

Sunday, November 24th

Angel Tree Tags Available



Sign Up to provide treats or to volunteer at the Community Choir Reception

Return Desserts for River of Refuge



Saturday, November 30th - 9am

Hanging of the Greens

Monday, December 2 - 2-6pm

 Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, December 7 - 3pm

Raytown Community Choir Concert & Reception



Raytown family! We are so excited to enter into this holiday season! Let us continue to embrace the spirit of gratefulness as we thank God for all of his goodness, not only in this season, but even looking back on our lives, thanking and appreciating him for how far he has brought us individually and also as a church.

I want to encourage those of you that may have a little bit of difficulty enjoying this season maybe because of grief, loneliness, and perhaps some fear of the unknown future. We are instructed to give thanks in all things, and I believe that this protects our hearts and continues to position us to see the miraculous possibilities that lie in front of us.

As we embrace family and loved ones during this season, let us show love to one another - understanding that your love, your smile, your hugs, have the power to usher in the love of God to those around you. Let love be our portion and let us remember that God is still in control!

I love you all!



October was a very busy month at RCC:

- The Worship Ministry has been working on the continued evolution of our service.
- The Outreach Ministry shared gifts with Raytown Success Academy and organized volunteers to help as "Day Angels" for Kairos Outside.
- The Church Fuel Committee and our Potluck Committee planned a very successful Bye Week Tailgate Party.
- The Property Committee is working on the lighting to conserve our electrical costs.
- We have honored Lynn Brown and Suanne Comfort with lovely memorial services and the opportunity for family and friends to share their memories.
- But most importantly, we have continued to honor and praise Jesus in our daily prayers, through our Elders prayer circle, the weekly prayer requests, Prayer and Fast Wednesday and Pastor Michael's excellent messages about "The Reality of the Holy Spirit" in each of us.

A Message from the Moderator (continued)...

Now we are into November and are thinking about being "Truly Grateful". Let's continue to think about how we can be grateful for the many blessings we have received in our lives. The small ones, the big ones and the ones we didn't even recognize when we received them. Giving praise to Jesus and remembering those that have been there for us during the times we waited for God's blessing.

How can we at RCC be that group of disciples being the blessing for others in our lives or those that we may never know? Can we send up special prayers during our prayer vigil, donate the gift of life through a blood donation, or help put a smile on a child's face at Christmas with our Angel Tree? These are opportunities here at RCC to share blessings. I am sure each of us knows of many other opportunities to share blessings and Jesus's love.

Praise Jesus and be grateful that you have the ability to spread blessings in your life and in our community.



THANKFUL
Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving! Cheri Pennington is working with the staff at the River of Refuge to find how Raytown Christian Church can contribute to their Thanksgiving dinner. When she receives this request, we will provide a sign-up sheet for those who would like to contribute a dessert to this special organization.

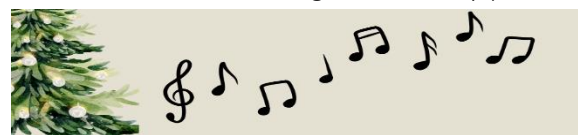


Outreach will be making telephone calls on Nov.14th and 21st to contact 21 caregivers of 52 children with a parent or loved one who is incarcerated. We will ask for Christmas gift ideas for these kids (two gifts per child). RCC members can then draw an Angel or two (or more!) from the Angel tree to shop for each child.

Presents are to be returned to be placed beneath the Angel Tree by December 8th, with delivery on Saturday, December 14th.



On December 7th at 3:00pm Raytown Christian Church welcomes the Raytown Community Choir for their annual Christmas Concert. Mark your calendar and invite friends and family for a relaxing afternoon of Christmas music. Following the concert there will be a reception sponsored by RCC. On November 24th, there will be a signup sheet in the Narthex to sign up to bring cookies or other favorite holiday snacks to share at the reception. We will also need people to serve as greeters around 2:15 as well as people to help set-up. Space for these sign ups will be on the same sheet as the cookie sign up. (Can't wait to see all the yummy treats we will have for our guests that day!)



The elders are sponsoring an all-church prayer vigil Wednesday, Nov 20 th from noon to 6:00 pm. This falls on our monthly fasting and prayer day. Everyone is invited to attend, either in person or at home.

We will have half-hour time slots. The sign-up sheet will be on the information desk in the Narthex Nov 10 th and Nov 17 th . If you choose to participate in person, the prayer vigil will take place in the Little Chapel. Communion and prayer information will be available. Please join us in this important activity.

Steve Smith, Elder Chair



Blood Drive
Raytown Christian Church
In the Inspiration Center
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd
Raytown, MO 64133
Monday, December 2, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and



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