



June Edition of The Christian Pilot

A Note from Pastor Michael



Hello and Happy June to my Raytown Family!

This month, we begin a powerful new series: Revival – a call to renewed passion, fresh fire, and deeper intimacy with God. Revival isn't just about emotional moments or packed services; it's about God breathing new life into dry places – both in our churches and in our hearts.

Maybe you've been feeling spiritually tired. Maybe your prayer life has grown quiet. Maybe the fire you once had now feels like just a flicker. I want you to know, you are exactly where revival begins.

Revival starts not with crowds, but with one heart turning back to God. One soul crying out, "Lord, I need You." One person daring to believe that God can still move mountains.

So, this month, let's press in. Let's pray boldly. Worship freely. Love deeply. Let's open our hearts wide for what the Holy Spirit wants to do in us and through us. And let's stand on the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face...then I will hear from heaven...and heal their land."

Raytown, God is not finished with us. Revival is here – and it starts with you.

I love you, I'm praying for you, and I believe the best is still ahead.

Let's be revived – together.

Love you all!

A Message from the Moderator

Mary Oyler



As I was preparing for this article, I thought about the new season that will be with us in a few [weeks](#). We move from the beautiful colors of the spring flowers and trees budding out to the gorgeous summer flowers and spectacular summer sunsets. I thought I would look in my Bible and find a scripture that talked about the changes from spring to summer. Instead I saw Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven". This is a very familiar passage and I'm sure you know the rest of this poem (3:2-8).

It carries us through many of the events that occur throughout our lives. We see the seasons of our life as joyful or sad, loving or hateful, growing or floundering, speaking up or staying silent; but, through it all God is with us. He has provided these seasons in our life to help us understand that He has a plan for each of us. Unlike the seasons we experience together in nature, we all are at different seasons in our personal life.

As disciples, we must understand this and be there to help others through their various seasons. Are they lost and need guidance, are they mourning and need our understanding, are they needing our silence or do they need to hear our voice, or do they just need our love to get away from the hate? When we start observing the various seasons of people's lives the same as we observe the seasons of nature, we will find it easier to be the messengers Jesus has always wanted us to be.

Take care and enjoy the beginning of Summer.

Outreach Corner

Mindy McDaniel, Chair



The Raytown Summer Lunch Program has begun! Raytown Christian Church members continue to support this program both financially and in service, along with many other area churches and volunteers. The RSLP bases operations out of Raytown Christian Church, which provides space for storing and packing individual grocery sacks of food (150 per week). Families picking up their groceries come to RCC's parking lot for distribution of their groceries. We offer ourselves in service to these children to support and pray for their needs. *No child should go hungry because school lunch isn't available in the summer.*

The World Cup is coming to KC in 2026!

The Raytown Faith Leaders, along with KC Faith Leaders, have begun meeting and brainstorming in planning preparation for the World Cup next summer. Many topics will be discussed, especially logistical issues. Raytown Christian Church is approximately one mile from the stadium, so there are several topics we should be aware of. For example, thousands will be visiting our area, and what do we have to offer? How do we bring in these visitors to our church services to hear God's word? Will we prepare for additional children visiting? Will we offer food to those who show up hungry? Outreach and church leadership will attend these meetings and bring back ideas of what RCC can do to touch these travelers in Jesus' name and share the Good News! In Mark 16:15, Jesus said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Wow, the "whole creation" is coming to us!

Outreach is always interested in our congregation's thoughts and ideas on how to reach out to our community! Please feel free to find an Outreach team member and share your thoughts or drop a note in the Outreach mailbox located in the reception area of the office.

Our first and foremost goal is to help the unchurched say "Yes!" to Jesus!

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12th Annual SENIOR CELEBRATION

Summer Holiday

JULY 26, 2025

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July 26, 2025
4:30pm - 7:00pm
Knights of Columbus
5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff
Kansas City, MO 64133

Raytown Summer Lunch Program Summer 2025

at Raytown Christian Church
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd
(across from Raytown High School)

Once A Week
Every Tuesday, 5:00-6:30 pm (or until supply is gone)

June 3	July 1	July 29
June 10	July 8	August 5
June 17	July 15	August 12
June 24	July 22	

Groceries are delivered to your car curbside in the parking lot by the ramped entrance. Families with children (of any age) in the Raytown School District are welcome. You do not need an ID to receive a bag of groceries.



Your food for breakfast
and lunch is in the bag!

Raytown Summer Lunch Program continued...

Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry's mission is to provide nutritious and kid-friendly meals to children during the summer months when they are not in school receiving school meals.

The Raytown Summer Lunch program began nearly 20 years ago by our Pastor Dawn along with church members at Raytown Christian Church. In the beginning, we provided individual sack lunches for the children of the Raytown School District for the six weeks between the end of summer school and the beginning of the new school year. We drove to the parking lots of area Apartment Complexes or Parks with the lunch sacks and distributed them.

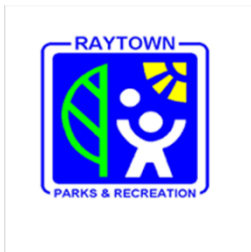
Now, instead of receiving individual sack lunches, families of students drive up to R.C.C. and receive one sack of breakfast and lunch meals per week. The sacks are distributed for 11 weeks during the summer months.

In the summer of 2024, 1,766 Raytown Student's Families were provided with weekly sacks of groceries. WOW!

How Can YOU help the Summer Lunch Ministry?

- Write a check to Raytown Christian Church with RSLM indicated on the For/Memo line
- Donate any of the following shelf-stable foods:

Pasta sauce, pasta, canned corn, canned green beans, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese boxes



OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball at Sarah-Colman Park

Each week, the tennis nets on the south tennis courts will be lowered to regulation pickleball height on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This is open play which means anyone is welcome to stop by at any time during those hours and hop in line to play some pickleball.

Games are self-regulated so please ensure that good sportsmanship and a welcoming environment to players of all skill-levels are emphasized.

Every Week:

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: Sarah-Colman Park South Tennis Courts
5912 Lane Ave
Raytown, MO 64133

Fees/Admission: Free!

Website: <http://raytownparks.com>



RCC's Landscape Chairperson is looking for volunteers to help maintain the church's outdoor property. Please donate some time to keep RCC looking neat and tidy for our community! We strive to be a place people want to come and be beacon of light in Raytown for Christ.

There are tasks for every skill set and ability. EVERYONE can help!! There is a signup sheet on the information desk. Please sign up to volunteer and you will be contacted about how you can be put into service for your church.

Here are a few of the tasks that must be done on a regular basis: Picking up trash, weeding beds, vegetation control on paved surfaces, picking up sticks and limbs, sweeping curbs, trimming shrubs, raking leaves



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We are truly thankful for their generosity, which helps us to fulfill our mission and serve with compassion and love.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7