August Edition of The Christian Pilot



A Note from Pastor Michael



Hey Raytown Family!

Great things are happening! As we continue our "Breaking Cycles" series, I want you to know I've been praying for a real breakthrough in every area of your life. I love you deeply, and I believe with all my heart that the cycles that have tried to hold you back are no match for the power of God. His plan for you is freedom – not just for a moment, but lasting freedom that changes everything. Let's not just pray for our own breakthrough – let's lift each other up too. There's something powerful that happens when a church family prays together, believes together, and fights for each other in the Spirit. We're in this together, and I truly believe God is doing something amazing among us!

A Message from Moderator Mary

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares"

- Hebrews 13:2

We at RCC have the opportunity to welcome many strangers to our lovely building this month. Thrive Family Co-Op will be starting their school year on August 25th. They will be filling RCC with smiling faces, inquiring and inquisitive minds as well as the Holy Spirit on Monday's during the school year.

What a wonderful opportunity for RCC to experience as our building will come alive on these days. The sounds of

laughter, learning and love echoing through our halls again. The students range in age from preschool through high school. They will be using the Children's Ed Wing, Room 124 in the Adult Ed Wing, the Chapel, the Youth Lounge and Rooms 12 & 16 across from the Youth Lounge. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the sound of laughter and play in our Green Space.

Thrive Family Co-Op has spent the summer cleaning the classrooms and getting them ready for a blessed start to the new school year. After church on August 17th, the classrooms will be open, and you will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and with some of the Thrive Family Co-Op families. If you have been in any of the classrooms recently, you will be amazed at the wonderful work they have done. They have taken great pride in making RCC their new school home. I can't help but believe that God sent them to us to help us remember the purpose for this building and give us hope that RCC has a future in our community.

Let's keep all of these students and their families in our prayers as we start this new partnership.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

- Proverbs 3:5-6



Outreach Corner with Mindy





The Raytown Summer Lunch Program successfully fed many of Raytown's school children for another summer! Thank you, Raytown Christian Church members, for supporting this program both financially and in service.



August brought a return to school for Raytown's schoolchildren. Raytown Christian Church had a great "School Supply Drive," benefiting the children at the River of Refuge Transitional Housing Facility. The children went back to school fully equipped to start their year off well!





The World Cup is coming to KC in 2026! Raytown Christian Church, along with other Raytown and Kansas City faith leaders, continue meeting in planning preparation for the World Cup next summer. In Mark 16:15, Jesus said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Upcoming Outreach Events

September is the month RCC collects and donates healthy snacks to replenish Raytown Central Middle School's snack closet. Teachers and Counselors refer children who may need a "learning boost" to help them make it to lunchtime or through the end of the day. Hungry children have trouble concentrating on learning, and these snacks can be a real boost for those who need them!

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.





Fundraisers help Raytown Christian Church make a little extra money!!! We'll be selling TIDAL WAVE Car Wash Coupons beginning in September!

RCC purchases car wash coupons from Tidal Wave for \$5.00 and we sell them for \$10.00. RCC makes a **\$5.00** profit off each coupon we sell!

And here is a greater deal, when people use the Tidal Wave Car Wash coupon, they receive a \$30.00 car wash! These coupons can be used at any Tidal Wave Car in any state!!!! There are two local Tidal Wave Car Wash locations...Raytown Road and 50 Highway and on 39th Street in front of Target. We plan to sell the Tidal Wave coupons at our Junk for Jesus Sale!

We could use your help in promoting the Tidal Wave Car Wash coupon fundraiser by asking friends, neighbors and family if they would like to purchase them. We will put a sticker on the back of the coupon that tells buyers to contact the church for more Tidal Wave Coupons. Any ideas you have for selling the Tidal Wave Carwash coupons, let me know! Thanks for your help in supporting this fundraiser!



Please help Raytown Christian Church in our Junk for Jesus Sale by participating yourself or encouraging family, friends and neighbors to be a part. RCC makes money from people purchasing a space to sell their items. Then, when people sell their "JUNK for JESUS" they make some money. It is a WIN-WIN for RCC and the people who participate!!



if you discover a need for repairs to the building please fill out a repair request form.

These forms are located at the front desk in the Repair Notebook.

These requests will be monitored and we will try to address each request in a timely manner.