



October Edition of The Christian Pilot

Do Something: Called, Equipped, Sent

Midway Reflections on Our 2025 Stewardship Journey



We're halfway through our 2025 Stewardship Campaign, and the spirit of "Do Something" is alive and moving at Raytown Christian Church.

From our inspiring kickoff to the weekly testimonials shared by members, we've seen powerful reminders of what happens when God's people respond to a need. Whether it's a quiet act of kindness, a bold step of service, or a faithful gift, each story has echoed our shared mission: *Helping people say yes to Jesus.*

These stories aren't just words—they're invitations. They call us to reflect on how we've been equipped by God and sent into the world to make a difference. They remind us that stewardship isn't just about finances—it's about faith in action.

As we look ahead to **Celebration Sunday on November 2**, we invite you to continue praying, reflecting, and preparing your response. That morning, we'll gather for a joyful breakfast prepared by Mary LaPlante before worship, and during the service, we'll celebrate all that God is doing in and through our church. At the close of worship, members will be invited to come forward and return their pledge cards—a sacred moment of commitment and gratitude.

And don't forget to post your **"How are YOU Doing Something?"** card on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary by the water fountain! It's a simple way to share your story, spark ideas, and encourage others to reflect on how God is calling them to act.

Whether you've already shared your story or are still listening for how God is calling you, know this: you are part of something meaningful. You are called. You are equipped. You are sent.

Let's keep doing something—together.

With hope and gratitude,

Elaine Schulze



Celebration Sunday - November 2nd

Breakfast - 9-10:15am
Inspiration Center



Don't forget your pledge card!

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A Message from Pastor Michael



Greetings Raytown Family!

As we enter the month of October, we are reminded that this is a season of outpouring. God continues to pour His abundant love, grace, and favor into our lives. Each blessing we receive is not meant for us alone, but to be shared – extended to others through acts of kindness, service and compassion.

This month, let us be intentional in reflecting God's love. As He pours into us, may we, in turn, pour into others, encouraging the weary, uplifting the broken hearted, and sharing the hope that comes only from Him.

May October be a month where the outpouring of God's blessings in your life overflows into every person you encounter.

Be encouraged! God's outpouring upon you is not only for your good, but for His glory through you.

I love you all!

A Message Moderator Mary



"Do Something- Called * Equipped * Sent"

What a wonderful way to look at our lives and our duties. Be it with church, family, work or anyone we may encounter. God gave us special talents to willingly share with the world.

As Peter shared in his first letter to the Christians, made up of both Jews and Gentiles, in Asia Minor:

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

As we go through this world, we will have interactions with people or cultures with which we are not familiar. When we cross paths with people it shouldn't matter who they are, what their needs may be or whether we agree with all their beliefs. Use the opportunity to share your time, talent and treasures to help make them feel welcome and invite them into your world while accepting theirs.

Living our lives with this mindset can be difficult. But being a part of a movement to make this world a better place, not just for us but for every person that God has placed on this earth should be our goal. How do we do this? Open up our hearts, minds and souls to the Holy Spirit, let God's love and grace fill us. We will then be ready to reach out and be true disciples able share the joy of knowing Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

Let's all join this movement and **"Do Something"**!

**BYE-WEEK
TAILGATE PARTY!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS PROVIDED
BRING A SIDE OR A DESSERT TO SHARE**

**IT'S THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOUR
FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS & NEIGHBORS TO
WORSHIP & THE TAILGATE - IT'S SURE TO BE A
GOOD TIME!**

Outreach Corner with Mindy McDaniel



This past Thursday, October 16th, the Outreach team met to gear up for the upcoming holidays. We discussed the plans for desserts for River of Refuge's Transitional Housing community. RCC supports the River of Refuge's annual Thanksgiving dinner for those residents.

RCC also supports the Prison Ministry's Christmas Angel Tree program! This program ensures that presents from an incarcerated parent or family figure will reach their children, along with a personal note from that parent. (RCC becomes God's angels for shopping, wrapping and delivering these gifts to the kids)

We want to thank the members of RCC for your generous contributions to support the Kairos Outside Weekend, which was October 10 - 12. There were twelve guests who attended and were blessed by all the discussions and activities. But most importantly, they felt God's love shown to them by the Kairos team. If you would like to know more about Kairos Outside and how you can become involved in this powerful prison ministry, please contact Mary Meier (816) 679-7732, or Char Daugherty (816) 353-6135.

Upcoming Events:

Raytown Christian Church has always been wonderful about "seeing a need and doing something!" Since RCC first reached out many years ago to the River of Refuge Transitional Housing leadership, we have worked to support the families living there. We've supported them with School Supply Drives, Food Drives and Easter baskets for the children of the families. In November, RCC provides desserts for the residents' Thanksgiving dinner at the

facility. We have several great RCC bakers who make an extra pie or dessert to deliver to the River of Refuge. And of course, some of us (meaning me) can buy a special dessert! RCC always delivers enough "goodies" that no one pushes away from the Thanksgiving table hungry.

Ongoing Event Planning:

The World Cup is coming to KC in 2026! Raytown Christian Church, along with other Raytown and Kansas City faith leaders, continue to meet for 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."

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 and ideas or drop a note in the Outreach mailbox located in the Main Office.

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

Public Relations with Susan Bizerik



What's Happening in our Community





ALSO

Trunk or Treat @ Peace Lutheran Church

8240 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raytown, MO 64138

Friday Oct 31, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT

Walk around the Halloween-themed decorated cars to receive some goodies in a safe and well-lit environment. This is a free event.



Presented by the Raytown Area Chamber of
Commerce & Tourism

Halloween Weekend | October 30 – November 2

<https://visitraytown.com/haunt2025/>

HOW TO PLAY:

1. Starting October 30th, grab a punch card at **Community America Credit Union** (located inside Hy-Vee) at 9400 E. 350 Highway
2. On Halloween Weekend, October 30 thru November 2, visit as many participating Raytown businesses as you can. Each business will punch your card when you stop in.
3. More Punches = More Entries: Each punch equals one entry into the drawing. (Example: 10 punches = 10 entries)
4. Drop off your completed punch card in the drop box at the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office: 5909 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown, MO 64133
5. Deadline: Drop off cards by 5PM CST on November 2, 2025.

PRIZE DRAWING: The drawing will take place LIVE on Facebook on Monday, November 3rd @ 10AM. Winner will be contacted via the preferred method of contact.

One (1) lucky winner will receive the Annual Scavenger Hunt Prize Package!

Get out, explore Raytown, and support our awesome local businesses.

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