




May 2026 Edition of
The Christian Pilot

HAPPY
Mother's Day

With Mother's Day just around the corner, we honor the many ways a mother's love shows up in our lives—through mothers, aunts, friends, caregivers, and those who simply choose to love and nurture others well. You are seen and appreciated.



Pentecost

SPECIAL OFFERING

*Empowered by the Spirit.
Building for the Mission Ahead.*

Pentecost is the day we celebrate the moment the Holy Spirit filled the early believers and launched the Church into a new season of life, courage, and mission. Scripture tells us that on that day, people from many nations heard the good news in their own languages, and the Church was born in power, unity, and purpose. Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit is still building, still empowering, and still sending God's people into the world.

This year on Sunday, May 24th, as part of our Pentecost celebration, we are receiving a **special offering dedicated entirely to paying down the principal on our building loan**. Every dollar given goes directly toward reducing our debt and freeing more of our resources for ministry, outreach, and the work God is calling us to do.

Just as the Spirit strengthened the early Church for its mission, we are strengthening our church home for the ministry ahead.

You're invited to prayerfully consider a gift—above and beyond your regular giving—that helps us move forward with hope, stability, and purpose. Together, we can take a meaningful step toward a future where more of our budget fuels ministry instead of interest payments.

Let's celebrate Pentecost by investing in the future God is building among us!



Hello to my Raytown family!

I pray that all is well with you! As we step into this month of May, our theme is “Wise Up,” and what a timely and necessary word this is for all of us. In a world full of noise, opinions, and distractions, God calls His people to walk in wisdom – not just knowledge, but wisdom that is rooted in Him.

Scripture reminds us that true wisdom begins with reverence for the Lord. It’s not about having all the answers, but about trusting the One who does. God’s wisdom guides our decisions, shapes our character, and helps us navigate both the simple and complex moments in life. When we choose His way over our own, we position ourselves for peace, clarity, and direction.

Throughout this month, we will be challenged to grow in discernment, to seek God in all things, and to apply His truth in our everyday lives. Wisdom is not just something we hear – it’s something we live. It shows up in how we speak, how we love, how we lead, and how we respond when life tests us.

My prayer is that during this series, we all take intentional steps to “wise up”, to lean into God’s Word, listen for His voice, and walk confidently in His truth. When we do, we don’t just make better choices, we’ll reflect His heart in everything we do.

I love you all!



Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of attending the Thrive Family Co-Op End of Year Showcase. What a joy it was to join all of the families with little ones to grandparents as they came together to celebrate a successful year. Their voices filled the sanctuary with song and laughter. After the program, we visited the displays in the education wing. The pride on the children’s faces was a wonderful sight. It was a joy to see their work and the influence our Holy Father has on their learning.

During this event, I was reminded of why RCC continues to be an integral part of this community. We are able to offer well over 100 children and their families space to explore educational and spiritual opportunities. As this partnership continues into the next school year, know that each of you is a part of all of these children’s success. They will continue to grow in their faith, and we will continue to share the love of Jesus with them.

Not only does RCC make a difference in the lives of these families but through your generosity we are able to reach the women of the Kairos Outside program, the children at the River of Refuge through our School Supply Drive, Easter Basket Program and the Diaper Drive. In December we continue to support the Angel Tree Program. Of course, we can never forget all of the families that are and have been serviced through the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry. RCC was instrumental in seeing the need over twenty years ago and has remained an integral part of its success.

As the April showers bring forth the May flowers, never forget that RCC continues to provide a bounty of bouquets of Love in our community. I can only imagine how Jesus smiles each day as he watches over the RCC family.



A Little Quiz... and a Big Opportunity

Well, church family, if Sunday's Jude 1:24–25 quiz was graded, let's just say we might be posting our results on the refrigerator with a magnet that says, "Nice Try." When we recited the verse in unison—with some key words missing—our collective confidence was strong, but our accuracy... let's call it "a work in progress."

Many of you have said, "I'm too old to memorize anything!" But here's the good news: age may slow us down, but it doesn't disqualify us. Not from grace, not from joy, and certainly not from hiding God's Word in our hearts.

And honestly, if you can still remember your childhood phone number, the lyrics to a song from 1973, or exactly where the good scissors are hidden so no one else uses them... you can memorize Jude 1:24–25.

Why Bother Memorizing Scripture?

Memorizing scripture isn't about passing a quiz or impressing anyone. It's about giving the Holy Spirit something to work with. When God's Word is tucked inside us:

- **It steadies us** when life gets wobbly.
- **It comforts us** when we don't have the right words.
- **It shapes us** from the inside out.
- **It reminds us** who God is—especially on the days we forget who we are.
- **It travels with us** everywhere, even when we don't have a Bible or a phone handy.

And Jude 1:24–25 is a beautiful one to carry. It's a doxology full of hope, joy, and the reminder that God is the One who keeps us from stumbling. That's worth having on speed-dial in your soul.

Let's Try Again—Together

So, this week, let's give it another go. A few minutes a day. A sticky note on the mirror. A whispered line while you're waiting for the coffee to brew. You don't have to get it perfect. You just have to keep showing up.

We're a church family learning together, cheering each other on, and celebrating every small victory. And who knows—next time we take the quiz, we might just bump that grade up to a solid C+. Maybe even a B- if we're feeling wild.

Let's keep at it, friends. God's Word is worth the effort, and you're more capable than you think.



While Sisters in Christ were here, they had a full-time custodian that took care of all of their space plus much of our shared space. Now that they have moved out, we do not have anyone that cleans on a daily basis. In order for our space to stay clean we must all pitch in and make sure we clean up after ourselves and take out any trash created while we are using the church. Jenn and Ryan are contracted to clean twice a week. Depending on the church schedule it is usually mid-week and sometime over the weekend.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation in keeping Our Father's House clean and ready to welcome everyone.

BUILDING Access INFORMATION

Sisters in Christ is **completely moved out** and this was the **final week** of the school year for **Thrive**.

If you find that you have a need to be in the building, please plan ahead – the **office remains open from 9-12, Monday through Thursday**.

At other times, there will be **no one available** to open the doors.

Should something come up and you require access during off-hours, please **make arrangements with a keyholder**, and we will ensure you are able to get in.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



FIFA WORLD CUP

The World Comes to Kansas City!

KANSAS CITY ★ 2026

ONE CITY. ONE GAME. THE WORLD. ★



The FIFA World Cup is coming! Kansas City will host 6 soccer events in June and July at Arrowhead Stadium. This is a 26-day window for outreach, prayer, hospitality, and evangelism. Raytown Christian Church is involved with the Raytown Faith Community planning meetings to discuss how we will minister to the world-wide soccer fans coming into our community.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Make an Impact. Change the Game.

★ TEAMWORK. FAITH. COMMUNITY. ★



The Raytown Faith Community has offered several ways to share our faith and serve our U.S. and foreign guests attending the FIFA events. One group is close to our hearts, which are the first responders, both Fire and Police Department.

RCC has received approval from the Chief of Police to support the Raytown Police Dept. with their breakroom clean-up the day after a game. RCC is spearheading the effort to organize clean-up crews to clean the RPD's breakroom the morning after the games at 8am. Many first responders have to drop everything at a moment's notice when summoned to an emergency, and with an expected 650,000+ people attending events in our area during the games the officers will be extremely busy. This means their breakroom will most likely be messy the next morning.

Outreach Corner with Mindy



Diaper DRIVE

Little Blessings Big Impact

Every diaper makes a difference!

Thank you for supporting families in need!



Happy Mother's Day! Starting April 26th and ending on May 10th, Outreach will be collecting diapers for the River of Refuge Transitional Housing residents. This year there are more families with toddlers, so the River of Refuge asked for larger diapers, pull-ups and diaper wipes for the little ones working on their toileting skills. This year Mother's Day falls on **Sunday, May 10th**, and we will celebrate mothers everywhere! Moms are any of those beautiful souls who pour their love and care into a child...we love you, Moms! We have cake, punch, and other goodies planned during our coffee fellowship. Please join us at this celebration!

HOURS NEEDED

★ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
★ SUNDAY, JUNE 21
★ FRIDAY, JUNE 26
★ SUNDAY, JUNE 28
★ SATURDAY, JULY 4
★ SUNDAY, JULY 12

8AM EXCEPT SUNDAYS WHEN THE START TIME CAN BE PUSHED BACK UNTIL 12:30PM.

★ THE SHIFTS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED ★



The teams need to have 3-4 volunteers and should be able to finish up in 1-2 hours. This request will be entered into the volunteer database, so hopefully we'll have volunteers from other churches as well.

CAN YOU HELP WITH 

★ THIS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY! ★

PLEASE CALL OR TEXT **MINDY McDANIEL:**
(816) 699-0601 / missmac911@hotmail.com

What's Happening in Raytown with Susan 

RCC MINI FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN!

IT'S IN THE OUTREACH OFFICE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RAMP (ACROSS FROM THE ELEVATOR).

HOURS ARE SUNDAYS, FROM 9AM - 12PM.

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK IT OUT, AND PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE WHAT YOU NEED.

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED. GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. 



RAYTOWN Live 2026

Summer Family Concert Series

May 9th Sass Monkey
 June 13th Flashback 90C
 July 11th Canteloupe City
 August 8th The Vincents
 September 12th Platinum Express

Green Space - Downtown Raytown
 10009 E. 62nd St, Raytown, MO 64133
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

www.RaytownLive



Lock arms with Hope Network to strengthen our community, to break the shackles of poverty, and to keep more people housed. Together we are stronger and make a significant impact.

The Atrium at Connection Point Church –

10500 East 350 Highway

Individual Tickets \$50-Sponsorship Opportunities start at \$200

Raytown Christian Church is filled with amazing people who share with those in need, following Jesus' command to love one another.

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. 

Engaging Hope

a Hope Network Gala Celebrating 18 Years

MAY 15 5:30 PM







Friends of the Rice Tremonti have partnered with Missouri Masons to once again host the **KC Masonic BBQ Craft Festival & Backyard BBQ competition**. Shop unique crafts and goods, tour the 1844 home, eat some delicious goodies and help support the 180 y/o historic estate and KC Honor Flight network.

Saturday May 30, 2026
8:00 AM- 5:00 PM CDT

No Admission Fee

Historical Rice-Tremonti Estate
[8801 E. 66th St Raytown MO 64133](https://www.kcmasonicsbbq.com)

Parking available at Sutherlands



Thursday, May 7th at 7:00am, Sisters in Christ will host the **Handle Hard Better Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** in our Inspiration Center.

This special gathering takes place on the **National Day of Prayer**, when people across the country come together to pray for our communities, leaders, and nation.

It's a meaningful opportunity for civic leaders, faith leaders, and community members to come together for a morning of prayer, encouragement, and connection—centered around the theme of learning how to handle life's challenges with faith and resilience.

If you'd like to attend, you can register by calling Sisters in Christ at (816) 772-3398. The deadline to register is May 5th.

The event is free – donations appreciated.