



A Word from Pastor Michael



Hello to my Raytown family!

I pray that each of you is doing well! As we enter the month of August, our theme is "I'm Gifted!" Throughout this month, we'll be reminded that every believer has been uniquely equipped by God with gifts that are meant to glorify Him and strengthen His Kingdom. Your gift is not an accident, and it isn't just for you. It's a divine assignment meant to impact the lives of others.

Too often we compare ourselves to others or underestimate what God has placed within us. But Scripture teaches us that God has given each of us gifts according to His grace. Whether your gift is seen by many or expressed behind the scenes, it is valuable, necessary, and intentional. The Body of Christ functions best when each member embraces their God-given role.

My prayer is that this series will help you discover, develop, and with confidence, use the gifts God has entrusted to you. As we surrender our abilities to Him, He will use ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Don't hide what God has placed in you. The world is waiting for what He's deposited in your life.

I love you all!

A Message from Moderator Mary



1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." This highlights the stewardship of spiritual gifts within the church. Peter refers to "varied" grace, emphasizing that God provides a wide range of gifts to meet the community's needs.

God has given the Raytown Christian Church congregation a wide range of gifts. With each of your gifts, we are able to continue to serve God, RCC and our community. In order for this wonderful tradition to continue we must each unselfishly share our "Gifts."

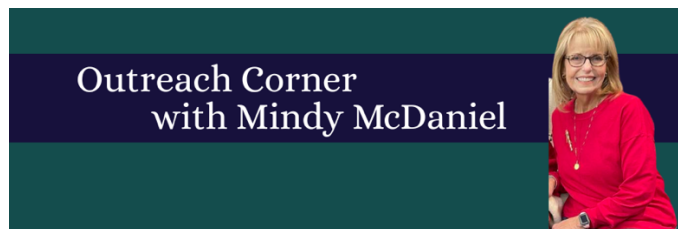
Nearly a year has passed since we elected our General Board, Elders, and Deacons. This dedicated team has faithfully managed their responsibilities at RCC, and we owe each of them our deepest gratitude for their tireless commitment and careful leadership. Each has a unique spiritual gift and has willingly shared it with RCC.

It's time to appoint a nominating committee to select the best candidates to fill the General Board, Elder and Deacon positions for next year. You may possess a gift to be able to identify candidates with the unique qualities needed. As the nominating committee begins its work,

they will be searching for members with special talents to successfully lead Raytown Christian Church.

When the nominating committee reaches out to you, please pray and seriously consider their belief in your special talents and gifts. Take some time to think about your passions, what gives you joy and where you best feel you can be of service at RCC.

As we continue to serve God, remember that there is always a place at RCC. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, serving on the General Board, or as an Elder or Deacon, please let us know. Never forget, everyone is an integral part of the RCC family.



The Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry began on Tuesday, June 2, and ends this essential program on August 11. This amazing ministry reaches out when school isn't in session with one of our most vulnerable populations, food insecure children. Raytown Christian Church generously supported this wonderful program during the summer vacation!

The RCC Mini Food Pantry continues to offer nutritious staples for RCC members and others in need. It's located 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.

Many Thanks!

The Raytown Faith Community felt it was important to minister to our Police and Fire Department's first responders during the FIFA events held at the Kansas City Stadium (Arrowhead). Raytown Christian Church volunteered to clean the RPD breakroom the day after each of Kansas City's six events. The clean-up went easily and many thanks are due to our team, Susan Bizorik, Steve Smith, Brenda Maloney, Karen Curtis and Mindy McDaniel for representing our church and Jesus' love to the RPD!



L to R: Outreach Chair, Mindy McDaniel – Brenda Maloney – Karen Curtis

SCHOOL Supply DRIVE

Raytown
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Together, we can make a difference!

SUPPORTING THE RIVER OF REFUGE

Outreach will begin RCC's School Supply Drive for the River of Refuge, beginning **Sunday, July 26**, and ending **August 2**.

A table with a list of school supplies requested and a space to leave your donations will be available **July 26**.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- ✓ Dry erase markers
- ✓ Kleenex
- ✓ Hand Sanitizer
- ✓ Pens
- ✓ Binders
- ✓ Glue Sticks
- ✓ Calculators

More items will be added!

Look for the list at the table in the Narthex.

YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT BRIGHTER FUTURES!

RIVER OF REFUGE
HOPE. HOME. A NEW BEGINNING.

You're Invited!

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE!

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD HOPE AND BRIGHTER FUTURES.

JOIN US!

- FACILITY TOURS**
9:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
- MEET OUR TEAM**
- LEARN ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS & IMPACT**
- EXPLORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- DISCOVER WAYS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Stronger TOGETHER.

FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Empowering working families experiencing homelessness with housing, resources, and support for a better tomorrow.

Outreach will hold their next meeting on Thursday, August 6, at 1:00 pm. All are invited to participate in this wonderful ministry! Raytown Christian Church is filled with amazing people who share with those in need, following Jesus' command to *love one another*.

Jesus, we lift our leaders and country in prayer. Many people are struggling, hungry and ill, and we pray for those in need.

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 people say "Yes!" to Jesus.