

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

- 5:00PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00PM AWANA Clubs
- 6:30PM Adult Bible Study
- 6:30PM Worship Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30PM Worship Team Rehearsal

Sundays

- 8:45AM Worship Service
- 10:00AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship Service
- 6:30PM Youth Group

Bible Studies and Activities are scheduled throughout the week.

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478 Ramoth Church Road
Stafford, VA 22554
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Events

AWANA Grand Prix

March 9, 2025

5:00PM

Children are going to race their cars, and youth are fundraising for camp.

Women's Missions Tea

March 15, 2025

2:00PM

Ladies, we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. See Women's Ministry page.

Marriage Conference

March 28-29, 2025

Friday at 6:30PM and Saturday at 9:00AM

Register before March 21st.

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Love God,

Love People,

Change Our World

Senior Pastor

Greetings,

We continue to ask that you be in prayer for the upcoming Called Business Meeting on March 4 for the presentation of the motion to proceed with the new Family Life Center. We have had several Town Hall meetings up to this point and have attempted to answer the questions that have been presented. This motion comes from the Deacon Body with an unanimous vote to proceed with this plan. The final decision, though, comes from you, the congregation. The motion will be presented at the Business Meeting and then voted on by secret ballot at the following Sunday morning worship services on March 9. Prayerfully consider all that has been presented to you and vote as the Lord leads you. We are seeking God's direction and will do so as we continue to serve the community He's placed us in. If we proceed, this will prepare us for expansion of all of our current ministries and future ministries that perhaps we haven't even thought of yet, and we've already thought of many. If we don't proceed with the Family Life Center, we will have to determine what to do next. In both situations, yes or no, we will face challenges and have sacrifices to make. This is more than just voting to build, it's also a vote to give sacrificially to pay for it. We are the recipients of those who have gone before us and who sacrificed to have the facility we have now, and they have passed the baton to each of us to reach into the future just as they did. Our community continues to grow, our church continues to grow and it's great that we have so many ministries reaching out to our community, but it's also heartbreaking to share with people about these great ministries, and invite them to be a part of them but then have to tell them, "Well, we'd love to have you join with us but we're full at the moment, and we'll put you on the waiting list." That's not a good statement and it's not what the people want to hear, and if you've ever made a phone call (do we still make phone calls?) and been put on hold, or get a long list of options for you to choose from, you know how that feels. God has given us a great opportunity to minister to our community and I pray that we are up to the challenge. Remember, all things are possible with God and He never calls us to do anything to fail. If we're willing to walk in obedience to His call, He will lead us to fulfillment to what He's called us to do.

Dr. Richard Harrell

Deacon Ministry

On behalf of the Deacons, I would like to thank everyone who attended the town hall meetings about the building project, and those who may not have attended, but engaged the deacons with questions about the fall schedule change and building project. You asked thoughtful questions, offered insights, and, above all, demonstrated that you care deeply about Ramoth Baptist Church and want the best for it. This fact unites all of us.

As we prepare for the special called business meeting on March 4th and the congregational vote on March 9th, I wanted to briefly offer responses to some of the common types of questions we received for those who did not have an opportunity to attend one of the town halls. I cannot recount every question here, but I will attempt to address some of the most common subject areas:

Q: Can we change the design?

A: There were multiple questions about specific design changes, e.g. could we make the kitchen bigger? Could we change the location of the classrooms or kitchen? Could we rotate the building? There are two parts to answer these types of questions. First, the design is an “off the shelf design to build.” Any changes that we make will add to the cost, like a new home purchase. The design is based on practical considerations such as the location of plumbing and the retention pond. Please also realize that this will not be a perfect building where every ministry gets everything, but it is a good building that meets our long-term needs while taking into consideration cost, giving, and the most impacted ministries.

Second, as a matter of fairness, we feel we must maintain consistency in what we present to the church for a vote. If we present one design in week one, a modified design in week two, and yet a third design in week three, we will confuse the congregation as to what proposal we are considering. We feel a simple, up-or-down vote to pursue the presented plan is the fairest way for each member of the congregation to have a voice.



Deacons of the Week

March 2

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March 9

Kerry Knowles
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March 16

Chris Adams
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Jon White
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March 23

Chris Turman
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Matt Wheeler
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March 30

Brock Lennon
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Bob Peoples
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Q: Aren't the classrooms and kitchen spaces small?

A: The classrooms, taken individually, are small, as is the kitchen. However, it is more appropriate to think of the classroom space as 800 square feet of total classroom space since the classrooms will be divided by floor-to-ceiling soundproof dividers that will allow us to flex our space as necessary. We should think of the classroom space and the kitchen as supplements to our current facilities, not replacements. The building plan works in conjunction with the scheduling change. The scheduling change doubles our adult Sunday School space on Sunday mornings, allowing us to use the spaces in our current facility and in our new facility in the most appropriate ways possible, considering the size of classes and age and mobility issues of those attending.

Q: What is the threshold for congregational approval?

A: 75%

Q: Could we add a second story?

A: The building is not designed to add a second story. We get substantial savings by keeping it as a single-story building. Even if we could add a second story later, we would have to stop using the building to do it.

Q: I thought we needed classroom space. Why are we building a gym?

A: We do need classroom space, but we also need a larger multi-purpose facility to accommodate AWANA, VBS, homeschool, and youth group as Jenny Forrester and Pastor Jonathan spoke about several weeks ago during the services. We also need a space where the whole church can gather for church-wide events such as Homecoming.

Please plan to attend the special called business meeting and prayerfully consider your vote on March 9th. Let us be united as a congregation as we move through this process.

Pete Johnson



Exalted Worship Ministry

Trust God

Have you ever been willing to do something yourself but didn't want others to do the same thing or take the same risks? I can remember my last year of college and thinking that I would study film scoring in Miami. The idea was that after getting a master's degree, I would move to California and work in the film industry. After meeting Carol, and deciding to get married, I decided that that plan was not good for her. Did you get that? My original plan was fine for me, but not for my wife. I was willing to take chances with my life but not with hers.

I would love my grandsons to enter the ministry, but I would not be honest if I didn't admit to having reservations. I know they would suffer financial challenges. I know they would be outcasts in today's culture. I know the hours are long and those you love need you to give and give and give. But there is more to be concerned about than just the demanding work and the acceptance by others.

What will the political environment be like when they enter the pastorate? What dangers will they face? How difficult will it be for them to be a pastor? Will their lives be at risk?

You see, it is fine for me to be a pastor. It is fine for me to have trouble now-and-then. If our country continues along the same path, and I find persecution to be a part of my life, that is ok. But I want to protect my family. I want to keep them safe. What if the call to the pastorate becomes a call to the mission field? What if their lives are in danger? I want to protect them.

Here is the problem. Is it really my job to protect them if God calls them into a dangerous situation. I am not the one who calls them, and I am not the one who stands watch over their lives. Their lives are not theirs or mine. Their lives belong to God.

My job is to show them how God works in our lives. My job is to tell them about Jesus, lead them in worship, and be the godly example God has called me to be. My job is to do God's will, not stand in the way of it. I must be careful not to pray, "God, do your will in my life but leave my family alone." My prayer should be (and is), "God, use my life to lead others to our Savior and use my family to further Your kingdom."

So, if my grandsons are called to the pastorate you need to know they are not the only ones. Your child may be hearing God's call on his or her life. Your child may be going into that place that will keep you up at night in worry. But worry accomplishes nothing. So, let's put it all in God's hands. We trust Him with our lives so why not trust Him with the lives of those we love? Our God is a mighty God and is powerful to save. He calls a precious few to the ministry to do His will. Someone is going to be the spark that ignites the next great revival. Wouldn't it be great if that spark came out of the congregation at Ramoth?

Pastor Chuck Hite



Refuge Ministry

To my fellow believers and followers of Jesus Christ, greetings. We have had an interesting start to the new year and the weather has been quite unusual as well. However, no matter what the weather has been and no matter how intriguing things seem to be, one thing remains constant, our God. He is the same yesterday, today, and always. It is such a reassuring truth to know that we serve, the one true living God, who is sovereign and almighty.

As we prepare for the busyness of Spring, may we march into it with great anticipation for what God is going to do next. We have important decisions to make that will shape the future of our church and its impact/influence on the local community. We have a time for fellowship for the women in our church, as they gather together and witness to younger women and other sisters that need encouragement and support. And we also have a time coming forward where we can explore God's word for what it means to have a biblical marriage. All of these things are rich blessings that we can and will enjoy, because our Heavenly Father is in the midst of them all.

Our Heavenly Father has made it abundantly clear that He will bless the endeavor of His people, as they seek to bring honor and glory to His name. **1 Samuel 2:30** says it like this, "Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before me forever,' but now the Lord declares: 'Far be it from me, for those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.'" It is clear that when we bring honor and glory to God that He will surely honor it and bless it accordingly.

That is why at this particular time in our church history that we must be about the Lord's work and to do all things to bring Him all the honor and glory that He is due. For over 158 years, God has kept and preserved the church of Ramoth. Our name is linked to one of the six cities of refuge mentioned in the Old Testament. And while the context for our existence is slightly different today, we are still offering a place of safety, of hope, and of love to those who seek it. This is why we must be active in the church and in the community. This is why we must be willing to grow our ministries and expand our buildings, so that we can continue to be a light of hope in a world that is so dark. **Matthew 5:14-16** reminds us in this way, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that ^a they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

This is what we should be after, being the light and a force for all things good and righteous. This is how we change the world around us. This is how we make the difference that we have longed to have around us. We make the difference and have this world, by aligning ourselves with God, His word, His will, and His way. When we do these things, we will see how God responds and I can assure you, that it will be favorably, because God is good and faithful. **Proverbs 8:32-35** declares, "And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. ³³ Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. ³⁴ Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. ³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord."

There is no greater place to be than in the favor of the Lord. And if you do not believe that you are there, then we are here to talk with you about just that. We are here to help you in any way that we can to be in the favor of the Lord. If you or someone that you know is struggling, we are here to help. Contact us at 540-602-7986 or

via email at counseling@rbcstafford.org or counseling2@rbcstafford.org. Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. May the favor of the Lord be upon us throughout 2025.

Your Brother in Christ,

Sergio "Woody" Wooden

DIVORCECARE

The Refuge Ministry Center is offering DivorceCare on Tuesdays. DivorceCare is a thirteen-week Christ-centered support group for those who have experienced the devastating breakup of a marriage. For more information, please contact Kim Colson at counseling2@rbcstafford.org or Sergio Wooden at counseling@rbcstafford.org.



GriefShare is an ongoing grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the loss of a loved one. The group meets every Monday at 10:00AM and 6:30PM in the Ramoth Chapel. For more information contact:

Sergio "Woody" Wooden: counseling@rbcstafford.org

IN THE WILDFLOWERS

Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group: This is a 10 week DVD driven series for women only, presented by the American Association of Christian Counselors. Contact Elena Johnson and Stephanie Wheeler for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Want to volunteer in the church food pantry and make a difference in our community? There are multiple days/times to help:

Monday: Shopping/Box Prep

Tuesday: Pantry 8:30AM-10:00AM

Fridays: Donation Pickup/Sorting

Saturday/Sunday: Donation Pickup

WOMEN OVERCOMING DEPRESSION

Perhaps you have felt down, lethargic, or out of sorts for a few weeks, or maybe this heaviness has smothered you for months...even years. *THINGS ARE NOT HOPELESS...YOU ARE NOT HELPLESS...YOU ARE NOT WORTHLESS.* If you feel you are experiencing defeat in any area of your life, you are welcome to join this group of overcomers as we meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. For more information, or to sign up for this group, please contact Pattie Foster at pattiecakes84@comcast.net

March 11th and 25th at 1PM in Room 306.

Women's Ministry

A Message from Megiddo

There were seven of them altogether. Five women. Two men. They set out to do something special for their community and ultimately for the Savior they loved and followed. They knew the risks. They could be persecuted for even attempting such a task. Was it worth it? They counted the cost and began the small project which upon completion had eternal significance.

The first step was to secure money to fund the project.

Gaianus, also known as **Porphyrius**, wanted to help. Because he led over one hundred men as a centurion, he amassed an abundance of wealth.

The next step would be to lay the foundation and let the artist begin the work.



Brutius was a skilled tesserae artist albeit of low social rank. He knew the art of cutting the limestone and placing each tile meticulously in patterns and shapes. He added tiles to resemble fish, representing the miracle with the fish and loaves. He exercised great skill and care as he placed each tile. He permanently cemented the names of those who came together to build a prayer hall to honor the Lord Jesus.

Thousands of tiny tiles in ten different shades were arranged on the floor of this new place of worship. When the mosaic was completed, the names of five women, **Primilla**, **Cyriaca**, **Dorothea**, **Chreste**, and **Akeptous** along with the extraordinary charge to "Remember" them could be clearly seen in tile.

Gaianus the Centurion was acknowledged as one of the patrons and Brutius humbly added his own name in small letters. **Akeptous**, known as "God-loving," purchased the table where they faithfully practiced the Lord's Supper.

These faithful followers wanted to honor God by creating a place of worship to proclaim Jesus Christ as God for their community. This public dedication to "**God Jesus Christ**" would prove to be the most significant in the entire makeup of the mosaic. After all, this was Megiddo, Israel, a place where battles were fought and Roman legions set up camp. The Romans worshiped many gods in this region, and centurions were expected to offer ritual sacrifices to honor the reigning emperor. Christianity was tolerated, but not widely practiced. Persecution would continue for another hundred years until the reign of Constantine, but they counted the cost. Despite the risks, these seven followers of Jesus persevered to build a place to worship God and break bread together.

Only the **Name above All Names**, in His great wisdom and mercy, honored the lives of these seven followers by preserving their names in the tile. The land endured years of struggle, and the prayer hall was eventually





destroyed. Dirt and rocks from wars and conflicts would bury the artist’s charge to “Remember.”

Long forgotten, the mosaic was buried beneath the surface for almost two thousand years, and the land was used for different purposes. The area became an ideal place for a new maximum-security prison, which housed some of the most violent criminals as well as other criminals awaiting trial. With a plan for expansion in 2004, construction of additional buildings was approved for the property. However, before any construction could begin, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) was required to confirm no significant historical structures or evidence from antiquity lay underneath the surface.



Too great a task for the head archaeologist and his team, he enlisted the help of the prisoners.

The team dug in one area and the prisoners dug in another. By the third day, excavation ceased. The prisoners discovered a truly historic find. Underneath the prison’s foundation, in the region of Galilee, lay the 580-square-foot mosaic mostly intact with the names of the seven faithful followers declaring *Jesus as God*. Crafted by hand in 230 AD, *The Megiddo Mosaic* became the oldest, archaeological proof of that declaration outside of Scripture. This masterpiece was miraculously preserved from a lifetime of changing landscape, and its message was evident to all who gazed upon it.

The team of archaeologists concluded that this mosaic was a truly remarkable discovery. Everyone, especially Christians, needed to learn about the people who built it as well as their public declaration.

After several years of careful excavation and preservation, in 2024 the Megiddo Mosaic left Israel and arrived by plane to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. where it is now on display.

One must wonder why God allowed prisoners instead of archaeologists to uncover such a treasure buried for nearly two thousand years. Also, why would God reveal this masterpiece at this time in history?

Throughout Scripture, He shows us that He is always concerned about “the least of these,” and raises up those brought low and in despair for His eternal purposes. His steadfast love for all mankind never ceases although many turn from His truth. Perhaps in an age of “deconstruction” with many Christians falling away and the existence of a large number of unbelieving Jews, He reminds all of us that *Jesus Christ is God*. As the Master Artist, His directive to *Remember* is clearly communicated in the tile. He is the Sovereign Lord, and He is coming very soon.

Plan to see this remarkable discovery at **The Museum of the Bible** in Washington, D.C. before it is too late! Meet the seven faithful followers who loved Jesus and honored Him with their lives. See God’s character shine through in their names which are forever cemented in the tile. *Remember* He has also called **you** by name and redeemed you. You are His.

Melody Hunter

VISIT

<https://www.museumofthebible.org/exhibits/megiddo> for more information and to buy tickets.

The Megiddo Mosaic, located on Floor 5, will depart on July 6, 2025.



Hello RBC Family,

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Mar 2nd: Hat Sunday- every first Sunday of the month. All ladies who want to participate are encouraged to wear a hat to church. Any questions just ask, but it’s that simple, you just need to wear a hat!

Spring FIT Workshops are starting March 6th. View the Spring schedule below, pick up a flyer and sign up in the foyer or online today!! We look forward to seeing you there!

Saturday, Mar 8th & Apr 19th: The Knitting and Crochet group is asking for yarn donations for their Winter Project. We will be working on Prayer Shawls for members of our community. All are welcome to participate, and any yarn donations would be gratefully accepted. Please place yarn donations in the box in the foyer in front of the Women’s Ministry table.



Saturday, Mar 15th: RBC Mission’s Tea: Paris in the Spring

Location: Ramoth Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall

Time: Doors open at 1:30pm for punch and parade of tables, Teatime 2pm-4pm

Join us for our annual Mission’s Tea Party where we will hear from guest speakers from Adult & Teen Challenge Virginia and Beauty for Ashes. Come participate in and browse our Handmade Goods Silent Auction (all proceeds will be donated to our mission focus). Come dressed up as fancy as you would like or not fancy at all, either way we’ll have lots of fun and fellowship and **please bring your own teacup!**

Sign-up by March 8th online or in the foyer to attend and/or decorate a table! If you would like to contribute an item to our Silent Auction or help with tea party set-up March 13th-14th please contact Pam Null (540-645-1674) or Margaret Canter (540-845-4222).



Sign-up online today for our first RBC Marriage Conference: “A Biblical Marriage Is...”

Friday March 28th – 6:30pm and Saturday, Mar 29th – 9am

Location: Ramoth Baptist Church

Save the Date:

Saturday April 12th – SBCV Women’s Conference: Refresh

Location: Red Lane Baptist Church, 2095 Red Lane Rd, Powhatan, VA 23139

Time: 8:30am – 2:30pm

Look for sign-ups coming soon!

Needs and Thank You’s!

Thank you so much to all who helped and participated in the RBC Women’s Conference: Revive 2025! We appreciate each and every one of you and could not have had such a beautiful day of fellowship and fun without you!

We thank each and everyone of you who donated to our 2025 IMGNI Life Baby Bottle Campaign! You are contributing to a resource center for those in crisis and want to empower those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices!! Stay tuned to hear how much we raised this year. If you want to continue to contribute to this ongoing mission go online here (<https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/y15kp7>) or visit our Women’s Ministry page where you can check out other opportunities to get involved. If you would like to donate diapers, wipes or formula to the center, those are always welcome as well.

If you are interested in helping with any of these upcoming events or have any questions or ideas, please reach out to Denise Johnson or Pachess Wooden. Their contact information is below:

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Pachess & Denise

F.I.T. WORKSHOPS – SPRING 2025

Come join us for Faith-focus, Inclusive Training (F.I.T.) Workshops
Register in the foyer, online or text/call Pam Null at 540-645-1674
 See Workshop descriptions below

(Note: If your Ministry or Group would like to schedule a class/workshop on a particular day or time, please contact Pam Null. We would love to minister to your groups' needs for fellowship & fun!)

PLEASE bring your Bibles to each workshop

* **Note:** We are pleased to announce that F.I.T. Workshops are **Free** for participants this Spring.

-- There will be **No Materials Fees** for **Spring 2025** F.I.T. Workshops

** **Note:** **Creative Connections Saturday Workshops** – Please bring food item to share!

March 2025

Thursday, March 6 th	4:00pm-6:00pm	- <u>Canvas & Acrylic Painting</u>
Saturday, March 8 th	10:00am-12:00pm (tentative)	- <u>Creative Connections</u> **

Fiber Fellowship, **or**
 Canvas & Acrylic Painting, **or**
 Creating Cards

Wednesday, March 12 th	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Creating Cards</u>
Wednesday, March 26 th	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Watercolor His Word</u>

April 2025

Wednesday, April 2 nd	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Creating Cards</u>
Wednesday, April 9 th	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Canvas & Acrylic Painting</u>
Saturday, April 19 th	10:00am-12:00pm (tentative)	- <u>Creative Connections</u> **

Fiber Fellowship, **or**
 Canvas & Acrylic Painting, **or**
 Creating Cards

Thursday, April 24 th	6:00pm-8:00pm	- <u>Watercolor His Word</u>
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May 2025

Wednesday, May 14 th	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Canvas & Acrylic Painting</u>
Saturday, May 17 th	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Walking with God</u>
Thursday, May 22 nd	6:00pm-8:00pm	- <u>Watercolor His Word</u>
Wednesday, May 28 th	10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Creating Cards</u>

Please Note: Rooms

All Wednesdays Day & Thursday Evening Workshops - **Room 307; and**

All Saturday Day Workshops:

Creative Connections - Fiber & Fellowship Service Projects, **and**
 Saturday Day Creative Cards, & Canvas & Acrylic Painting Workshops –
Fellowship Hall. ** Please bring food item to share!
 Walking with God – Please contact Suzanne at 540-903-7096 for address.

Integritas Men's Ministry

2. Back to Basics :

The 10 COMANDMENTS — #3

Continuing our Commandments study this year, how are you doing with the 10 Commandments? Can you name them all yet? Here's a quick review of what we learned on the 2nd Commandment last month. We learned the first commandment was *who* and the second commandment was *how*.

There is nothing that can replace God. Nothing physical. Nothing spiritual. Nothing emotional. No other god imagined, manufactured or proposed.

Our total devotion of heart, life and belief should belong to God alone. Remember that first someone forms an idol and then that idol molds the person. That which becomes our focus becomes our character, When we focus on God through prayer, worship and Scripture, we become more Christ like. And as we become more Christ like, we shine a light for others. Particularly your family. Are you leading them? Is your light guiding them? Are you reflecting Christ?

Men's Ministry

Men's ministry doesn't just stop with a men's event or a Bible study. Men serve throughout the church in many places in many ways. Come alongside us. Get to know the other men in church. Have some fun in fellowship at Ramoth while we reach out to witness for Christ.

If you'd like to get involved and join the fun and fellowship, you can get more information by contacting the church office, or Rod Montgomery, (540) 623-7651 or e-mail at SitNChip@gmail.com



7 AM Saturday Study

Fellowship Hall – Rod Montgomery

Integritas Weekly Men's Bible Study & Prayer is focused on many aspects of the Bible undergirding our Christian foundations and heritage for family, church & country.

Come enjoy some breakfast with us, too.

Read & Study His Love Story to you—the Bible.

Mar 25—We will be continuing to study *Isaiah*. There is much to learn about Israel, their future and our own future



Iron Sharpens Iron

March 3rd & 17th at 7:00PM

Kerry Knowles

Join with men of Iron Sharpens Iron as we study Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Our next meetings will be on March 3rd and 17th at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a dessert with us!

Every Man a Warrior

Sunday 5:00PM - Led by Heath Hunter, many men are finding this is to be an exciting new discipleship study.

This Bible study gives men the tools to sharpen their spiritual battle skills. *Dropping a teen off for church activities?* - It's a perfect time to join the study while you wait.

There are new study groups developing. Why not see if you might be able to fit in one of them. For more information, contact the church office or

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The Ten Commandments – 3rd Commandment – Respect God’s Name

The Third Commandment can be found in **Exodus 20:7** *“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.* Or, as we teach the shorter version to the kids, *Respect God’s Name!*

This is the third commandment stated in a negative way- “Thou shall not...”. Why is it stated that way? Well, I heard a great comparison. James Dobson told Adrian Rogers that will help us understand how the negatives and positives play out in the 10 Commandments.

The battery in your car has a positive and a negative pole. If you put your hand on the negative pole alone, it won’t bother you. If you put your hand on the positive pole alone, it won’t bother you. BUT – connect them together, grab hold, and it will curl your hair. It takes both poles working together to access the power of the battery.

The power of negative and positive works the same way with the Commandments. Each Commandment may be authored in one way, that is, negative or positive, but each Commandment has a negative and positive side.

So, with the 3rd Commandment while we hear the negative aspect *“...shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain...”*, we can also apply this in a positive way as we take God’s name in ways of praise, honor and glory. So, you will find this to be true with each of the Commandments. There is a negative and a positive application. The power for us will be an understanding of how this can be applied for each of us and our family.

Adrian Rogers puts it this way for us. *“God gave us the Ten Commandments because of His love for us. Every time God says, “Thou shalt not,” He is saying, “Don’t hurt yourself.” Every time God says, “Thou shalt,” He is saying, “Help yourself to happiness. If God says, “Do not do the negative,” he infers, “Do the positive.” If God says, “Do the positive,” He infers, “Do not do the negative.”*

Negative – Do not use God’s name in any profane or disrespectful way.

Positive – Do seek to be a witness who glorifies and honors God’s name.

I fell asleep and dreamed I was a muffler. – I woke up exhausted!

Power – Demonstrate the beauty and magnificence of God and Salvation.

We also wear God’s name that you’ll find we were first given in Acts 11 where the church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas off to Antioch. From there, Barnabas went to Tarsus to bring Saul (Paul) back to Antioch. *And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers of people; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.* **Acts 11:26** Today we still bear the name Christian. The question for us today is, “Are we honoring that name or tarnishing that name?”

Our Christian Conversion: When we accept Christ as our Savior, our life should change direction. In Corinthians, Paul passes on an order for us in regards to the name we bear, *Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.* **I Corinthians 11:1.** Christlike behavior in action, word, and deed becomes our goal. We achieve that through prayer, worship, and reading His Word.

Our Christian Cause As a child of God, we should be honoring His name as the 3rd Commandment implies. Our life should demonstrate a love for God with a change in our life that is different in speech and actions from the world around us. *So I say this, and affirm in the Lord, that you are to no longer walk just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their minds,* **Eph 4:17**



Our Christian Conduct Our knowledge of the Word and our actions should bring praise and honor to our Lord and Savior. *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.* **2 Tim 2:15**

Our Christian Cost Much of the world is not going to carry respect for God’s name. As Christians, we will sometimes bear that disrespect and even martyrdom for some. However, *if anyone suffers as a **Christian**, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.* **1 Peter 4:16**

Our Christian Conclusion We are but passing through this life. Our destination is Eternity. Life is short, but Eternity is long. *Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.* **1 Peter 2:11** NASB

Wear your name with pride. Teach your family to wear it with pride. Be proud to be identified with God’s Name when people describe your character and say, “He/she is a Christian.”

10 COMMANDMENTS Simplified

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall make no idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Keep the Sabbath day holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

10 COMMANDMENTS for Kids

1. No other god.
2. No idols.
3. Respect God’s Name.
4. Keep the Sabbath.
5. Honor your father & mother.
6. No murder.
7. Respect your spouse.
8. No stealing.
9. No lying.
10. No coveting (wanting others things).

Rod Montgomery

Prime Timers Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20th Prime Timers Luncheon– Count Your Blessings

April 17th Prime Timers Luncheon– In the Garden

SAVE THE DATE!

May 5th-7th SPRING REVIVAL- Luncheon served every day , with fried chicken and potluck on Wednesday.
More info to follow on that.

May 21st Mystery Trip (\$10-20 for lunch) at 8:30 AM

We enjoy lots of singing, guest speakers and a great luncheon at every meeting. It's a great time to get to meet new friends and fellowship with all. Next month Terry Harrell is our Guest Speaker and our menu is Pork Roast.

We gain spiritual strength as we gather together encouraged by each other's faith as Roman's 1:11 speaks about. Hebrews 10:25 says, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting on another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching."

Please come join us and fellowship together.

"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

~Romans 1:11-12

Blessings,

God is able to make *Margaret Canter*

all grace
abound toward you.

II CORINTHIANS 9:8 NKJV

Revolution Youth Ministry

Happy March Ramoth Baptist Church Family!

I hope you had a good February. Here's the highlight from last month and what's next in our youth ministry!

LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

Youth Ski Trip!

On February 14th, 27 youth and 11 adults joined us for a trip to Massanutten Resort! A group of 13 went snow tubing and the others hit the slopes with 19 skiing and 4 snowboarding. We couldn't have asked for better weather for our winter activities. It was sunny and cold but not too cold. Every other day that week had rain or snow, so I was grateful God kept Friday good. I am also thankful for our adult chaperones and drivers who made this trip possible. If even the youth were worn out, you can bet the adults were also. However, it was worth it as all had fun and there were no broken bones. At the end, we stopped at Your Pie for dinner. It was a build your own pizza place and reminded me of a Subway for pizzas. It was delicious and had a lot of combos. Here's some pictures from our trip!



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT

March

- **Wed. 5th 5:00-5:50pm – Youth Ministry's Wednesday Night Meal!** Join us for the Wednesday night meal on March 5th! The youth ministry will supply a dinner of chili, chips and cookies!
- **9th – AWANA Grand Prix & Youth Refreshment Stand:** The youth will run a refreshment stand for families attending the AWANA Grand Prix. We'll be collecting donations which will go towards lowering the cost of summer camp for participating teens!
- **9th 6:30-8pm – Escape Room Night!** I know I have kept moving this. I decided to put it on a night where we will have more time for it and recruit some extra help. Youth will be split up into 4 teams and 4 rooms to solve riddles and find clues to escape Ramoth Laboratory of Infectious Diseases. Every team has a certain time limit to escape before getting infected. The team with the best time wins!

- Sat. 15th – Women’s Mission Tea Party!** The girls are invited to attend, and the boys are invited to serve. The Tea Party will raise money for missions and participating boys will earn money towards the costs of summer camp!
- 16th 6:30-8pm – Who’s the Greenest!** Wear as much green as you can! The greenest High Schooler and Middle Schooler will get a special prize!
- 23rd 6:30-8pm – School Spirit Night:** Everyone is encouraged to wear their school or co-op’s merch to Youth Group.
- 30th – Nerf Night!** Guns, ammo, & safety goggles provided. We are playing a game known as Castle!

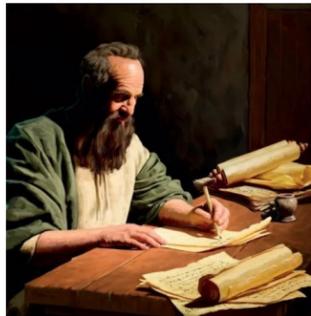


WHAT WE’RE TEACHING

Sunday School:

Explore the Bible: 1 Peter, 2 Peter, & Jude

What is hope? Many of us use the word hope when we’re uncertain about the future and what it may hold. We hope we get into the right school. We hope we receive a positive diagnosis from the doctor. We hope for a relationship to be mended. However, the books of 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude give us a different vision of true, biblical hope. Peter and Jude wrote to Christians who experienced a variety of troubles. Amid the suffering and opposition that these Christians faced, these letters encouraged and challenged them—and these books will do the same for us. We will see that because Jesus is the risen King who will return, we can have hope that anchors us and gives us joy in the present, no matter what we may be going through.



Youth Group:

Plot Twist: A study on Surprising Stories from Jesus’ Death & Resurrection in the Gospels.



Whether it’s your favorite movie, book, or reality show, you know there’s nothing like a good plot twist! Those storytelling surprises can keep us entertained, but they can do a lot more than that too. A good plot twist can make us rethink everything we thought we knew, see things in a brand new light, and get excited about what might happen next. That’s never more true than in the most surprising and significant plot twist in history — Jesus’ death and resurrection. In the last half of March and first half of April, we’ll look at

surprising stories from Jesus’ death, resurrection, and last days on earth. These stories will show us that, when we’ve messed up or are ready to give up, Jesus never turns away from us, but gives us life, gives us hope, is with us, and gives us another chance.

Sincerely,

Pastor Jonathan James

Rise-up Children’s Ministry

RISE-UP CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Upcoming Events & Reminders

MEMORY VERSE:

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing”

(John 15:5)

Memory Verse Treasure Chest Dates:

March 23rd & 30th

Save the Dates:

March 9th

AWANA GRAND PRIX

May 23-24

Memorial Day Chalk Art Contest

June 16-20

Vacation Bible School

July 7-11

Camp Red Arrow (ages 8-12)

AWANA

March 9 AWANA GRAND PRIX **5PM-7PM

March 5 Silly Hat Night **Wear a silly hat

March 12 Regular Club

March 19 Jammies or Jerseys **Wear your pjs or jerseys

March 26 NO CLUB **Spring Break

Volunteer Spotlight

Why do you volunteer?

Diane: I often tell my Sunday School class we are to be the hands & feet of Christ. Serving in the church is a great opportunity to make that happen. (Ephesians 2:10)

Charles: To be involved with the community.

Angie: I enjoy teaching the Word of God to children.

Jessica: I volunteer because I want to help the church grow and for God's Word to reach new people.

What is one thing that your family loves to do together?

Diane: Plan and cook holiday meals together. Serve the church in various ministries.

Charles: Vacation together

Angie: Watch movies

Jessica: Try new restaurants

If your family could choose anywhere to go to take a vacation, where would you go?



Diane: Cruise to Alaska

Charles: Dollywood

Angie: Italy

Jessica: Iceland



Family Spotlights



What is your family's favorite outing?

We like to go to the beach/river!

What is your family's favorite game to play together?

Smart Puzzle Games

What do you love about the children's ministry at Ramoth Baptist Church?

The Word of God is always number one!



What is your family's favorite outing?

We love going for walks, going to the library, and going to eat "chips and cheese" (Mexican).

What is your family's favorite game to play together?

We love just being silly together. Our four boys will put together outfits from our dress up trunk and make up characters.

Matt is "the tickler" and will chase them and wrestle with them.

What do you love about the children's ministry at Ramoth Baptist Church?

We love that Ramoth is a family. Everyone pitches in, and everyone is involved. We love that other adults are pouring into our own children just as much as we are pouring into theirs. We love that our children are excited to come to church every Sunday.

Family Skate Night



The Family Skate Night was a wonderful time for all who attended!

One-hundred and twenty-one children and adults of our church gathered at the Cavalier Family Skating Center on February 1st!

There were races, food, arcade games, and worship music to enjoy all night long!

The children also had a blast in the indoor playground! It was an amazing night for everyone on and off skates!

~ Trinity Herencia ~

June 16-20, 2025

Morning Session: 9am-12pm

Evening Session: 6pm-8pm

Decorating Week June 9-15

Volunteer Sign-Ups open Now

<https://vbspro.events/p/ramoth25>

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World



Children Sign-Ups start in April

RISE-UP HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

Rise Up Homeschool Ministry is halfway through our spring semester and we have been enjoying all the new classes that our volunteers have put together. We were able to add four new families this semester and they have been a huge blessing to our group.

A few weeks ago our ministry was able to come together and prepare Wednesday night dinner for Ramoth. We enjoyed every minute of it and we were even able to send some leftovers home to those that were unable to attend. Last week we had a town hall meeting in order to discuss the ministry and our mission. It was such a productive meeting with several ideas that we are now working on. Our favorite suggestion was, how can the kids of our ministry give back to Ramoth? In the next couple of weeks we will be working on ideas for this with Jenny.

With the end of the year coming up we have a few events on the horizon. At the end of February we will be hosting a mom's art night where a mom from our group will be leading us in a step-by-step art project. We are very excited to spend this time together especially since the mom leading will be leaving us in the next couple of months for Okinawa. The last day of classes for RUHM will be on April 10th and after dismissal we will have a small graduation followed by an exciting trial put on by the Mock Trial class. The following week we will return back to Ramoth for our end of the year celebration.

~ Vanessa Roberts ~

Wednesday Night Dinner

Register online or by phone every week by Monday at 5:00PM. Dinners are on Wednesdays at 5:00PM. Dinner costs \$5 per person. Max cost for families is \$25.

Monthly Menu!

March 5

Chili, Chips and Cookies

Prepared by the Youth Ministry

March 12

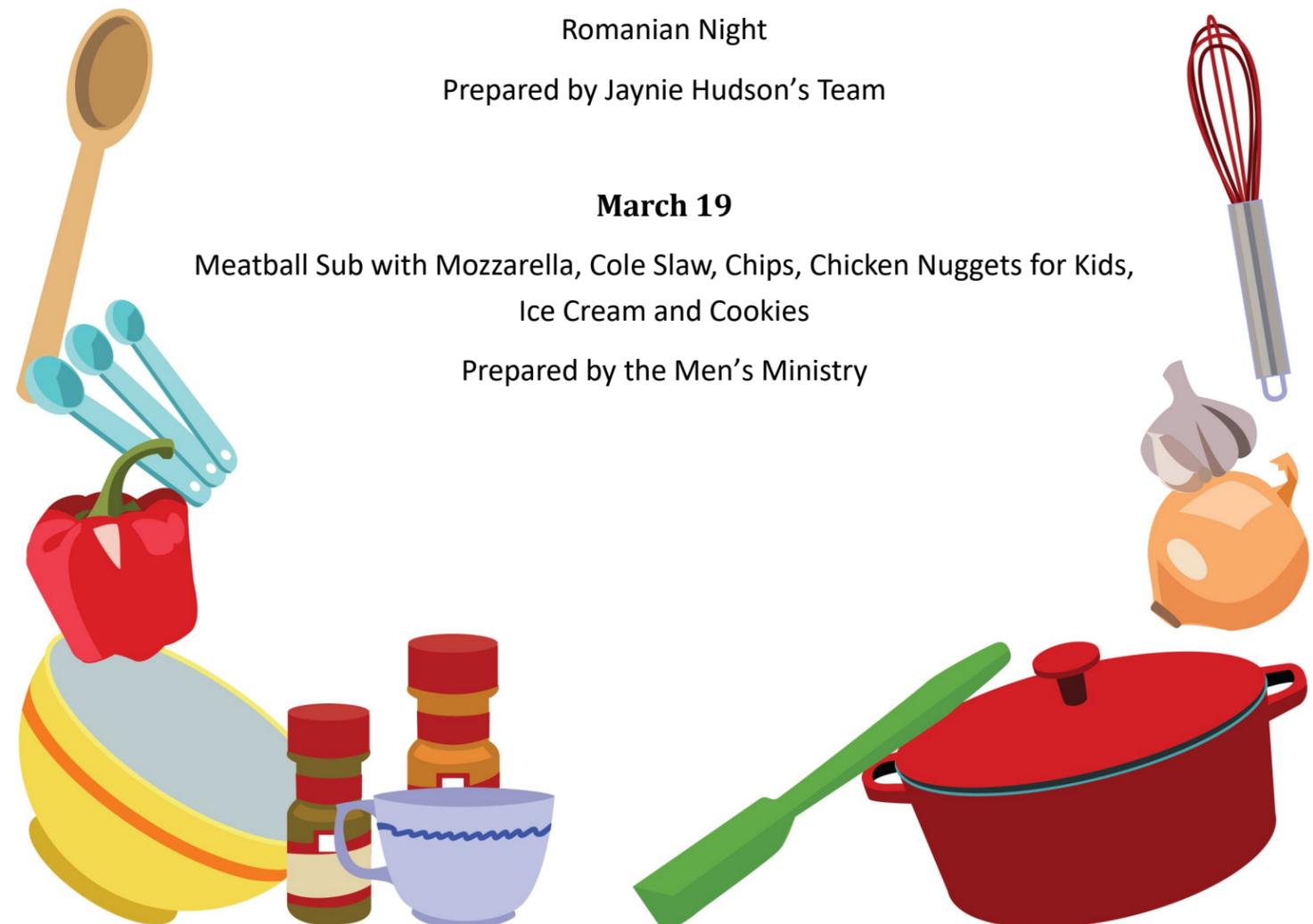
Romanian Night

Prepared by Jaynie Hudson's Team

March 19

Meatball Sub with Mozzarella, Cole Slaw, Chips, Chicken Nuggets for Kids, Ice Cream and Cookies

Prepared by the Men's Ministry





Happy Birthday!

March 2

Jeff Robinson

March 22

Edis James

March 4

Sheila Alford

March 23

Joann Jewell
Terry Menteer

March 5

Kenneth Shifflett

March 24

Jeff Tyson

March 9

Sonja Edson
Artie Limerick

March 25

Aaron Hudson

March 11

Jeff Sullivan

March 26

Rod Montgomery

March 12

Tim Eicher
Sean Truax

March 27

Jacob Nimeth

March 15

Greg Kolandjian

March 28

Ryan Price

March 20

Matthew Sarkissian

March 31

Margaret Canter
Amy Mehochko

March 21

Jennie Austin
Shannon Turman

Hughes Home Riverhouse

Birthdays

Marilyn Prock

March 4

Merritt Miller

March 6

Elfriede Brownice

March 9

Henry Hunt

March 11

Virginia Scott

March 12

Garvin Walter

March 23

Larry Sefchick

March 28

Jim Spelman

March 29

Mail a Card!

Name of Person

c/o Hughes Home

100 Caroline Street

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Donations

The Hughes Home Riverhouse
Ministry is always accepting
Depends, in all sizes. You may
place them in the bins in the right
hallway on the outside of the
Chapel.



Church Stewardship

Offerings and Attendance January 1– February 17

Offerings

General Fund

Designated Fund

Expenses

Cemetery Fund

Paid out for cemetery upkeep:

Average Attendance

Sunday Events

Wednesday Events

Other Weekly Events

In Christian Sympathy



Adult Sunday School

Young Adult: Three Truths

~Room 101~ Nate Ewoldt

Adult 1: Book of Revelation

~Fellowship Hall (left)~ Pete Johnson, Matt Wheeler

Adult 2: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life (Senior Adults)

~Chapel-2~ Gary Bennett

Adult 3: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life

~Room 305~ Gary Graham

Adult 4: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life (Senior Adults)

~Room 306~ Matt Canter, Paula Menteer

Adult 5: Chronological Study through the Bible

~Sanctuary~ Heath Hunter, Chris Adams

Adult 7: LifeWay Explore the Bible

~Room 301~ Ptr. Paige Bowman, Randy Colson

Adult 8: OT Chronological Survey: Kings/Chronicles/Prophets

~Room 307~ Chris Turman, Sean Springer

Senior Men: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life

~Library~ Kerry Knowles

Ladies Class: God of Creation

~Chapel~ Terry Harrell, Kim Colson

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