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Events

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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Spring Revival (Sponsored by Prime Timers Ministry)

May 5-7, 2025

11:00AM Every Day

All are welcome. Lunch provided. Worship and fellowship with us!

Men's Conference

May 17, 2025

This year's focus is leading your family. Join us to learn and fellowship.

Memorial Day Chalk Art Contest

May 23 & 24, 2025

Remember our Heroes! Register online to participate.

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*Love God,
Love People,
Change Our World*



Senior Pastor

Giving that Pleases God and Causes Me to Grow

Greetings,

Our ***It's Time to Build*** offering will be the greatest spiritual test that God has given to many of us. It will test our faith... our hope...and our love. Many have asked *"How do I decide what God wants me to give?"*

Six Questions to Ask Myself

1. Will I give based on REASON or by REVELATION?

Is my gift just what I think I can afford or is it what God wants to give through me?

2. Does this amount really stretch my faith?

"God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others" II Cor 9:8 (LB)

3. Does it show I value my hope of eternal reward more than material things on earth?

"Use your money to do good...always being ready...By doing his you will be storing up real treasure for yourself in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And you'll live a fruitful Christian life down here as well." I Tim 6:19 (LB)

4. Will this amount demonstrate how much I love Christ and his church family?

"...be a leader in the spirit of cheerful giving.... This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words." II Cor 8:8 (LB)

5. Does this amount represent a genuine sacrifice?

"I will not sacrifice to my God an offering that costs me nothing!" II Sam 24:24

6. Does this amount express the level of thanksgiving I have for how Ramoth Baptist Church has blessed my life & family?

"With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord." Psalm 54:6 (RSV)

If you'll sincerely ask these questions, you'll be able to arrive at a specific amount to give. The amount will almost always be larger than the first number that popped into your mind since it will be a step of faith.

Dr. Richard Harrell



Deacon Ministry

Deacons of the Week

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We began our stewardship campaign on April 27th, and we are progressing toward Victory Sunday on June 8th. This is an exciting time for the church as we mature together spiritually and examine what each of us can give to make a difference and leave a legacy. God gives us a blueprint for a successful stewardship campaign in 1 Chronicles 28-29. David is still king, but God has told him his son Solomon, not David, will build the temple. David accepts God's word and says to Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished" (1 Chronicles 28:20). After he charges Solomon with his mission, David leads in the giving of money to construct the temple and issues a challenge to his fellow Israelites. David says, "I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple...Now who is willing to consecrate himself today to the Lord?"

We see in David's example several lessons we can apply in our stewardship campaign for the Family Life Center. First, David knew he would never see the completion of the temple or know its full impact. This did not stop him from leading the giving. Like David, those who gave of their treasure in 1866 to start Ramoth Baptist Church could not foresee the impact this church would have for generations in the community. We are like those who have gone before, unable to fully see the impact, but excited because we know there will be a tremendous impact because we are reaping the rewards of those who went before!

Second, David's actions stirred the leaders of Israel to give. "Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly" (1 Chronicles 29:6). The Bible goes on to enumerate their sacrificial gifts. I pray that our "leaders of families" and "officers" of the church lead the way in giving.

Finally, the actions of the leaders inspired the Israelites. "The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord" (1 Chronicles 29:9). And, most importantly, God received the glory for all of it. David praised God in front of Israel saying,

"Wealth and honor come from you; you are ruler of all things...Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name" (1 Chronicles 29:12-13). May we follow this Biblical model of stewardship for God's glory.

Pete Johnson



Exalted Worship Ministry

The Bible states in Hebrews 13:15 "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

This passage sounds a little strange. Why would praise be sacrificial? What is so hard about praising God? Well, a lot of the time, praising God is a natural reaction to our blessings. It isn't sacrificial at all! We praise God for the birth of a new child, when a loved one finally comes into the family of God through submission to Christ, when we get that loan for our new home, or when we find that soul mate who completes us and agrees to take that journey through life with us side-by-side.

There are many times when our hearts are filled with praise, and we desire to sing out to God our love for Him and his goodness. These times are easy and for a season we find it easy to be a Christian. Here at Ramoth, we are experiencing a time of harvest. We see people coming to the Lord, coming to our church, and we are getting ready to build a new building to support our growing ministries. We hope this harvest will continue forever. We pray that our season of harvest will spread across our area, across our state, across our country and become a season of revival. But the season never lasts forever. There will eventually come a time when a storm hits the shores of our lives, and we begin to wonder what God is doing. It is during those dark and stormy times that we lean on our faith, we trust in our God, and we offer a sacrifice of praise.

You see, to praise God is so much more difficult when the life of a child is taken, when a loved one dies never knowing the truth of the gospel, when our finances never work out and we never get that home we have desired, or when the one we loved so dear looks at us and says, "I want a divorce." Praise during this time becomes a sacrifice. We don't want to lift God's name. We would rather not go to worship that Sunday. We don't want to sing. We don't want to share the good news with others. We want to lie in our sadness and sink down in the pit of despair. We want to burn with anger. We want to do anything but praise.

It is during these times of trial, these times of desperation, that we must grasp onto the promises of God more tightly than ever before and push our sorrows and our angers aside and say, "God, I love you with all my heart. I know You will not abandon me. I know You will never let me go." In Nahum 1:7 the Bible states, "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him." We must offer Him a sacrifice of praise.

How often have we loved our children when they were good? How often have we shown them love when they have been successful? But we don't stop there. We love them when they disappoint us. We hold them when they are broken when they fail. Our love for them is never ending, and if we love our children in this way, how much more does God love us? My love cannot compare to the love of God who gave His only Son to die for my sins. Who loved me to the point that He provided a way for me to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

A season of hardship, a season of trouble, a season of sadness, whether brought on by my own choices or by the sin I, through Adam, allowed into this world should never stop my praise. On Friday of Holy Week, we sang "Thank You Jesus for The Blood" and throughout the song I remembered the cruel death Jesus endured. But as I thought of the terrible time of sorrow as Jesus died on the cross, I also remembered that wonderful promise my God made to me. Because Christ died, and defeated death through His resurrection, I have a chance to live. For a moment I was making a sacrifice of praise but as the song went on, God allowed me to climb past the sacrifice and rewarded me with a beautiful time of praise. You see, the sacrifice may last but for a moment, and then we are swept away in the praise and promises of our loving God.

I pray in your seasons of trouble when you offer a sacrifice of praise you will be washed away in the loving flood God has given us to escape the world and to remember the great promise He has given us of eternity with Him.

Pastor Chuck Hite



Refuge Ministry

Greetings and blessings, once again. It was a pleasure to be with all of you on Resurrection Sunday. It was an incredible recognition of the work of Jesus Christ, leaving behind the empty tomb. Because of that singular act, we have hope. We have hope for what is to come...the return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is that hope that builds our faith and our faith is what ushers us through each new day.

While new days are welcomed, not every day is an easy day. Some days are harder than others. Other days are just days to be forgotten. But some days will break down the very best of us. So, imagine if you will, that your days are marred by struggles with Mental Health. Imagine feeling like you do not matter. That you cannot trust your thoughts or feelings. Try picturing needing to function for work, family, or self and not having the focus to do so. This is the reality for more people than you know.

Over the last several years, we have tried to make it a point to bring as much awareness to Mental Health issues/concerns as possible. Especially during the month of May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month. In recent years we have provided you with some of the statistics associated with mental health. We have provided you with things to consider about those around you that might be struggling with any number of mental health matters. Hopefully, you have considered those things, and you have taken better care of how you treat people.

This is why; we want to share with you an account from the Bible on how to treat people that are struggling. There are two accounts of the same encounter, the first is found in **Mark 5:1-20** and the second is found in **Luke 8:26-39**. Both address Jesus encountering a demon-possessed man and for the sake of any arguments that may come, we are going to say that demons are anything that suppresses the spiritual development of a person. In the case of the man in this account, he had come under the influence of an actual evil-spirit. For the nature of people today, is alcohol not considered an evil spirit? The same question could be asked of illegal substances, or fear, or anxiety. These are all evil spirits that keep a person from spiritually developing into the person they were meant to become.

Jesus speaks calmly to the man, that under any other circumstance would not have been a great audience to interact with in a social manner. Jesus, moved with all power and authority to relieve the man of his struggle. The man was changed in an instance and by all accounts, this man went on to live a "normal" life. All because of an encounter with Jesus. That's all that some people who are struggling need today...an encounter with Jesus or a servant of Jesus.

We are to consider all people, the creations of God, deserving of care, compassion, and respect. Any of us are just a set of circumstances away from having our mental health struggle. So, with that in mind, be praying for those who you know are struggling. Be kind to those who are a little different. Help those who come to you in need and if you do not believe you are equipped to help, then send them to those who have been called by God to help. If you have lost someone to a mental health struggle, champion their cause and honor them. If nothing else, let's bring greater awareness to the mental health concerns of our nation, our state, our local community, even on our church. As always, if you or someone you know needs help, we are here. Please contact us at 540-602-7986 or via email at counseling@rcbstafford.org or counseling2@rcbstafford.org. Our office is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. No one has to struggle, no one needs to be alone...Jesus is always available and ready when someone needs Him the most.

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@rcbstafford.org or Sergio Wooden at counseling@rcbstafford.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@rcbstafford.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

May 13th and 27nd at 1PM in Room 306.



Women's Ministry

Hello RBC Family,

Upcoming Events:

F.I.T Workshops- Come join us for the final spring Faith-focus, Inclusive, Training (F.I.T.) Workshops! Please see schedule below.

Sunday, May 4th: 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!

Tuesday, May 13th & May 27th: Prayer Group- Join with other women for a bi-weekly prayer group. The meeting will be in the Prayer Room (located in the sanctuary to the left of the stage). For more information please contact Lidia, 540-840-5729.

Time: 6pm

Wednesday, May 14th: Women's Ministry Kitchen Clean Up

Location: Ramoth Baptist Church

Time: 4pm-7pm

Please join us for a spring cleanup in the kitchen and closet areas of the church. We will provide dinner, so please RSVP in the foyer.

Saturday, May 17th: RBC Men's Conference Helpers

Location: Ramoth Baptist Church

Time: 2-3 volunteers to start (0715-0830) and 4 to tally scores (1230-end of games in the field behind parsonage/cemetery)

Thursday, June 12th, Women's VBS Decorating Day- Women's Ministry will come together to get creative, decorate, fellowship, and share a meal. No special skills needed just a willing spirit, and all supplies/instructions will be provided.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Time: 4pm-8pm



Save the Date!

Wednesday, Aug. 13th Serve Concessions at Fredericksburg Nationals Game

Location- Fredericksburg Stadium

We need 8-10 people to help serve food/drinks, and raise awareness for IMGN Life and Choices Women's Center. No experience needed, we will provide you a t-shirt, hat, and all the training you need, and all we need is a willing heart and a team spirit! Signups coming soon, or contact us to sign up now!



Sunday, Aug. 24th Fredericksburg Nationals Game with the Prime Timers

Location- Fredericksburg Stadium

Needs and Thank You's!

Need: We are looking for someone interested in sharing their expertise on felting, beaded painting, or cricut machines in a relaxed workshop setting.

If you are interested in helping with any of these upcoming events, 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 (Updated 3/20/25, 4/22/25)

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 on the back side of this page

(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 March 8	4:00pm-6:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm (tentative)	- <u>Canvas & Acrylic Painting</u> Saturday, - <u>Creative Connections</u> ** 1. Fiber Fellowship, or 2. Canvas & Acrylic Painting, or 3. Creating Cards
Wednesday, March 12 Wednesday, March 26	10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Creating Cards</u> - <u>Watercolor His Word</u>

April 2025

Wednesday, April 2 Wednesday, April 30 Saturday, April 19	10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm (tentative)	- <u>Creating Cards</u> - <u>Canvas & Acrylic Painting</u> - <u>Creative Connections</u> ** 1. Fiber Fellowship, or 2. Canvas & Acrylic Painting, or 3. Creating Cards
Thursday, April 24	6:00pm-8:00pm	- <u>Watercolor His Word</u>

May 2025

Wednesday, May 14 Saturday, May 17 Thursday, May 22 Wednesday, May 28	10:00am-12:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm 6:00pm-8:00pm 10:00am-12:00pm	- <u>Rock Painting</u> - <u>Walking with God</u> - <u>Watercolor His Word</u> - <u>Creating Cards</u>
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Please Note: Rooms

All Wednesday 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.



F.I.T. WORKSHOPS – SPRING 2025

Canvas & Acrylic Painting, & Rock Painting 5/14/25

Leader: Pam Null (pamelanull@gmail.com)

Come and join the canvas and acrylic & **Rock Painting** class and enjoy Christian fellowship as we enjoy painting together! We will go step by step in creating a canvas you will want to share with others!

For the Spring workshops we will paint an Easter picture, a church and a rock. The rock can be a contribution to the prayer walk scheduled on May 17. Hope you join us to praise the Lord through painting!

"We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us." Romans 12:6

Creating Cards

Leader: Kelley Skowronek (pkskow4@msn.com)

Share the Word and encourage others with homemade cards! During the classes, you will be provided with the materials to make at least 6 cards -with a variety of occasion sentiments. Making cards and crafting should be fun and not stressful! Come and share in good company and leave with a variety of cards ready to sign and mail.

All supplies (paper, adhesive, stamps, ink, and envelopes) will be provided. If you are interested in doing more cards at home, there will be card kits available to take with you as you leave. Bless someone through the mail!

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Walking With God

Leader: Suzanne Battle (alisabattle17@gmail.com)

Location: Please contact Suzanne at 540-903-7096 for address.

"Join your Sisters in Christ for a walk of prayer & reflection on scriptures along park-like trails. May it strengthen your physical heart and your spiritual heart for Jesus, boost your mood and reduce anxiety! (Three times around on the trail is a little over a mile!)

"Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live and [that it may be] well with you, an [that] ye may prolong [your] days in the land which ye shall possess." Deuteronomy 5:33 (KJV)

Watercolor His Word

Leader: Sarah Fraley (natasha25461@gmail.com)

Watercolors only look intimidating! Learn the basics in a "Paint by Number" setting as we fellowship together and meditate on God's Word and the beauty of His creations! All supplies are provided. Every class will leave you with a completed 8"x10" work of art made by your hands. The paintings offered in each class are different from each other.

The Lord's works are great, studied by all who delight in them. All He does is majestic and splendid; His righteousness endures forever." Psalm 111:2-3

SERVICE PROJECT: FIBER FELLOWSHIP

Fiber Fellowship

Leader: Sarah Fraley (natasha25461@gmail.com)

The Knitting and Crochet group offer fiber and fellowship as we use our talents for the good of our church and our community. Each season we tackle a new project for ministry. Join us this spring as we create Prayer Shawls. If you are new to knitting and crochet please join us and you will be taught starting on an easy project: Washcloths for the Homeless. Everyone at all levels is welcome! Any questions, please contact Sarah Fraley.

"...that their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love..." Colossians 2:2

Integritas Men's Ministry

1. May 17th—2025 Men's Conference & Woodsman Skills Challenge. Yes, you've been waiting for it since last year's competition - a chance to redeem yourself. In conjunction with a morning **Men's conference—Are you leading the hearts of your family?** with a **Mission BBQ lunch** leading into an afternoon of zealous competition. Ten challenging events making up the **Woodsman Skills Challenge**. These events will test your skills and patience as we enjoy fellowship in the fields.

2. Basics: The 10 Commandments - #5

Three of the young men in our pre-school Sunday School class earned a 10 Commandment coin by reciting all ten of the shorter version from the graphic in the article. Can you do it yet?

Remember last month we said the Commandments can be looked at as a form of the Cross. The first four Commandments are the vertical component of the Cross leading up to God. The 5th thru the 10th Commandment can be looked at as the horizontal component of the Cross. They deal with our relationships with others here and now.

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.

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

Iron Sharpens Iron

May 5th & 19th 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 May 5th and 19th 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 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 – 5th Commandment – Honor your father and mother.

Exodus 20 *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you."*

In April, we said the Commandments can be looked at as a form of the Cross. The first four Commandments are the vertical component of the Cross. The 5th thru the 10th Commandments can be looked at as the horizontal component of the Cross. They deal with our relationships with others.

We know the Commandments are made up of universal *principles* designed to protect us. The 5th Commandment has one difference that none of other Commandments contain. There is a conditional statement. It is made up of a *principle* and it is the first commandment that holds a *promise*. The *principle* here is the attitude and respect which children are expected to extend toward their parents.

The *promise* is one based on proper application of the *principle*. The *promise* is one of *prosperity* based in *physical* well-being and *property* inheritance.

Psalms 127 speaks to this and titles the psalm - *Prosperity Comes from the Lord.*

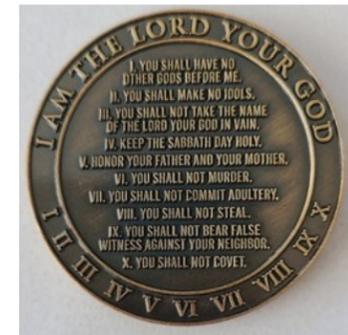
- ¹ Unless the Lord builds a house, They who build it labor in vain; Unless the Lord guards a city, The watchman stays awake in vain.*
- ² It is futile for you to rise up early, To stay up late, To eat the bread of painful labor; This is how He gives to His beloved sleep.*
- ³ Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.*
- ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.*
- ⁵ Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.*

What I love about this Psalm is that it gives great value to the family as a whole and honors both parents and children. It speaks to the blessing of the family unit as a whole as designed by God. Families were a gift from God intended to live in the Garden of Eden. Even though sin entered the Garden, that did not change. Children still need family. And we need to carry family throughout our life. God gave us families to Live together, Learn together, and Love together so that we can Last together.

Often, we tend to think *"Do as I say not as I act."* However, we need to remember our actions will always speak louder than our words. James Baldwin notes this in his quote – *"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them."* This leads us to the question of whether our profession of Christ aligns with our actions. So, in a sense, the honor we expect of our kids certainly comes as a result of how we live our lives before them.

Scripture demonstrates these principles in the book of 1 Timothy. As the apostle Paul is giving Timothy advice, he notes the heritage of his faith going back two generations. *For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelled in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 1 Tim 1:5*

How do we build a family that honors God and each other? Adrian Rodgers gives 5 ways we can honor our





children that will lead to them honoring us as parents and as a family before God.

Love them – they need hugs and a blessing. Real love is not giving them what they want, but what they need. A physical touch endears another. Find a Scripture and use it to actually pray a blessing over your child as so many of the patriarchs of Scripture did.

Lifting them – build your children up through encouragement, not just praise, encouragement. Tell them thank you but tell them what they have done so well. “Thank you for cleaning your room. It looks so nice and organized the way you put everything away.”

Limit them – set healthy limits for them. This provides a protection for them as well as you. They will test these limits. If the limits move, their security will diminish. They need safety nets.

Leading them – Don’t just tell them what’s right,; show them what’s right. Again, remember that our actions will always speak louder than our words. Children ARE always watching. **Proverbs 22:6** we hear so often is certainly in play here: *Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.* It’s required of us to train our children with the proper guidelines and values. It’s up to them to put them into practice.

Laughing with them – We’ve all heard the saying - *Laughter is good medicine.* Many times life needs a pressure release. Laughter allows for this. Have fun. A house needs joy and laughter. Our emotions are made in the image of God. Laughter is one of those. Laugh often!

Rod Montgomery

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

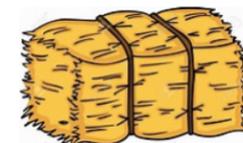
1. No other god.
2. No idols.
3. Respect God’s Name.
4. Keep the Sabbath.
5. Honor your father & mother.
6. No murder.
7. Respect your spouse.
8. No stealing.
9. No lying.
10. No coveting (wanting others things).



2025 Ramoth Men’s Conference & Woodsman Outdoor Skills Challenge



Leading Your Family



Ramoth Baptist Church, Stafford, Virginia
17 May 2025

1. Must attend Conference to participate in the Ramoth Woodsman Skills Challenge.
2. Families are welcome to come cheer for your favorites.
3. Challenge Opening Ceremony at 12:30PM in the field behind the Youth Pastor’s house
4. Register online at rbcstafford.org
5. Or, email Rod Montgomery: sitnchip@gmail.com

Prime Timers Ministry

Spring Revival

May 5-7, 2025 at 11AM

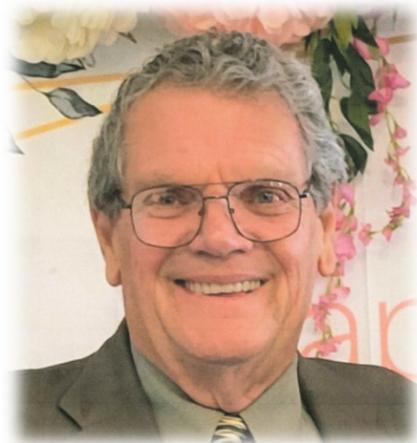
His Name is Wonderful

Sponsored by Prime Timers.

All are Welcome!

Lunch served daily (no charge).

Singing Everyday!



Ron Mullins

Spotsylvania, VA



Mount Calvary Singers

Alexandria, VA

“There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great in might.”

~ Jeremiah 10:6 ~

Margaret Canter



Rise-up Children’s Ministry

The Cave of Wonders

April was an exciting month in the Cave!
Here is a recap of what April held for us.

AWANA:

Our clubbers raised \$43.88 for the first week of Annie Armstrong giving and then another \$222.79 for the second week!!

What a blessing!

On April 16th, we held our AWANA Store, where clubbers get to use the points that they earned throughout the year to purchase items! They had a lot of options and a lot of fun!

Thank you to Brother Woody for all of the donations that we received for the store this year!

On April 30th, we had our AWANA Awards Night. Families came out with their clubbers to celebrate the awards that they earned. Afterwards we held a reception in the Fellowship Hall and enjoyed treats.

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers for pouring into and discipling the clubbers this year!!

Homeschool Ministry:

On April 10th, homeschool ministry had their last day of classes followed by a graduation and mock trial. On April 17th, the ministry held a Celebration Day on the grounds. It was a beautiful day!! They will be coming back in on May 1st to complete a service project. Plans for the 2025-26 school year are well on the way. Thank you to the homeschool admin team for all the hard work this year!

Sunday Mornings:

The children have been learning a multitude of great lessons in the Cave.

On Palm Sunday, the children led a parade in the second service and one of our little wonders came in on a ‘donkey’! It was a blessing for them to be able to participate in such an important celebration.

Each week our campers for Camp Red Arrow have been coming to recite memory verses for camp credit. Most of the verses for this year came from Jesus’s famous ‘Sermon on the Mount’. In March, they recited Matthew 6:19-21 & Matthew 7:24-25. In April, they recited Matthew 7:26-27, John 15:5, and Proverbs 1:7. The last verse on the list is 1 Chronicles 29:11. Encourage them in this journey. Ask them to recite the verses for you and talk more about what these verses mean.

VBS Planning:

~We have less than 7 weeks until VBS! That means, **WE NEED YOU!**~

Volunteer and child registration is open

~Registrations will close on June 3rd.

~VBS Volunteer Mandatory Training will happen on June 4th.

~VBS Decorating week will be June 9-14.

~Wednesday evenings in May will be preparation nights. We will make decorations and other VBS preparations on those nights. For more information, please speak with Tiffany Truax.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



Why do you volunteer?

Jesus calls us to make disciples. That is what we love about our church, the discipleship that runs from the men's ministries to the women's ministries and down to the youth and children's ministries. Volunteering is our contribution to the church that has blessed our family with all of the robust discipleship ministries at RBC.

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

We love supporting our kids in their sporting events and traveling together.

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

- Brock: I want to go back to Jerusalem with the family.
- Stefanie: Israel
- Hanna: South Korea
- Wyatt: Rome

Why do you volunteer?

I have always wanted to help others in some way. It is just part of my soul. I have been volunteering at church since I joined Ramoth in 2005. When I joined, I asked if there was an opportunity to help in the children's ministry, and I was asked to be a Girls in Action (GA) Leader. I jumped at the chance to teach others about missionaries! I was a GA when I was young, and I just loved it. As the years passed, and we moved to AWANA, I was a TNT leader. Now, I love teaching during Story time, and the kids love hearing the Bible stories!

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

I have two kids (grown-ups now) Seth, 22, and Brooke, 21. They LOVE to game together, playing Minecraft. I am terrible at games, so I enjoy listening to them battle.

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

Our family has been renting a beach house in Nags Head for years, except for the years during COVID. We just love going and having that time to relax and enjoy each other. Seth is a homebody, so besides going to the beach with the family, he would not choose any other place. Brooke would choose Universal! I am looking forward to a trip to Hawaii after retirement!

Debbie Pickeral



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

What is your family's favorite outing?

As a family, we enjoy adventures that allow us to be in nature: camping; hiking; going to the playground/playing sports in the yard; or even just throwing water balloons and riding bicycles and scooters. Our boys love the outdoors in general; so, as long as bugs, animals, and/or balls are part of the adventure, the boys will enjoy it. We like trying new adventures and visiting new places. If we can work it around the little guy's nap time, we'll make it happen.

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

The favorite game will depend on who you ask. Mommy enjoys hide and seek because I am always partnered with Carson and he makes me laugh. He hasn't quite figured out that we are supposed to be quiet and let Dalton and Daddy find us; so, he'll either jump out and say "gotch you!" when they get close or answer when they call his name. I say, "buddy, we're supposed to be quiet." Lol Dalton likes to make up games. He has a great imagination and is very creative; however, all the games he makes up favors him winning...and if at any point, it's likely that he won't win, he changes the rules in the middle of the game, hahaha! Carson likes to do whatever 'bro-bro' does. Daddy likes to challenge Dalton in the arcade type basketball game that we have. It gets very rowdy during those games. As a family, we play uno, the floor is lava, board games and A LOT, LOT, LOT...did I say LOT of nerf wars. Dalton has all the automatic nerf guns on his team, of course. Carson has a single fire gun, that he is not strong enough to reload; so, he will ask someone to reload it; so he can shoot them. Again, Carson is usually on mommy's team and Dalton and daddy battle together. Mommy is a good shot; so, I make up for the little guy with the single shot. 😊

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

We love everything about the Children's Ministry at Ramoth Baptist Church. As you've probably heard Peter say before, it's one of the reasons we chose Ramoth. I feel like the Children's Ministry volunteers are an extension of my family, in that I can leave my children with them and not have to worry about what they hear or see, what they are being taught, if they are being cared for, or if they are comfortable and happy. Every Sunday, Carson tells me that he had fun at church. Dalton always talks about his time in Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery's Sunday School Class. Dalton is eager to show me his score on the board, for AWANA, and run's to show me his AWANA awards on Wednesday nights. He gets excited to tell me how much of his book he has covered or to recite his books of the Bible. We love the community, of the Children's Ministry, that loves our children as their own.

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

What is your family's favorite outing?

Anything outdoors! We try to hit up any parks with trails, water, and play scapes for the kids! Aquia Landing is also a great spot the kids love to go to play in the water and collect shells!

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

We love to play board games together. Right now we're into Spider-Man Yahtzee, Sequence for Kids, and Hi Ho Cherry-O.

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

We love that the gospel is taught in the Children's ministry at Ramoth and our kids are always excited to tell us what they learned! The love that the leaders have for the kids shows through how excited our kids are to come to church, see their leaders, and learn about God!



RISE-UP CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Upcoming Events & Reminders

MEMORY VERSE:

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness."
(Psalm 115:1)

Memory Verse Treasure Chest Dates:
May 4th, 11th, & 18th

See the next page for more reminders and events.

Memorial Day 
CHALK Art Contest
Remembering Our Heroes

May 23rd-24th
Register Online:

- ★ Family
- ★ Group
- ★ Individual

Prizes for 1st Place in each category announced on May 25th




Save the Dates:
Wednesdays in May:
VBS Prep Nights @ 6:30pm
May 11: Mother's Day
May 23-24: Memorial Day Chalk Art Contest
June 4: VBS Volunteer Training
June 15: Father's Day
June 9-14: Decorating Week
June 16-20:
Vacation Bible School
July 7-11: Camp Red Arrow



June 16-20, 2025

Morning Session: 9am-12pm
Evening Session: 6pm-8pm

Decorating Week June 9-15

Sign-Ups open
<https://vbspro.events/p/ramoth25>

Trusting Jesus in a Wild World



Volunteer & Children's
Sign-Ups Open





Happy Birthday!

May 1

Maria Cruz-Riveria
Amy Graham
Payton Micke

May 15

Callie Knight
Mary Studebaker

May 26

Katie Taylor
Reagan Phillips

May 3

Jonathan James
Ashley Sims

May 16

Jean Gilbert

May 27

Jacob Anderson
Norma Brown

May 4

Daniel Ferguson
Patience Ngalla

May 17

Kinleigh
Berninghausen

May 28

Dee McDaniel

May 6

Raylan Gallagher

May 19

MiraBella Ferraez
Aidan Kuczka
Lily Shelton
Jamie Shingler

May 7

Jasmine Sarkissian

May 20

Ella Okpalaeze

May 9

Samantha Blake
Cori Hughes

May 21

William Mehochko

May 10

Laura Libby
Mattias Turner
Tammy Snyder

May 22

Noah Blake

May 11

Debbie Bradman

May 23

Nancy Anderson

May 14

Sonia Stevens

May 24

Jo Embrey

Hughes Home Riverhouse

Birthdays

Helen Riley Gill

May 3

Michael Sweet

May 6

James Perry

May 15

Shirely Wood

May 15

Margaret Jenkins

May 29

Mail a Card!

Name of Person

c/o Hughes Home
100 Caroline Street

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– April 22

Offerings

General Fund

Designated Fund

Expenses

Cemetery Fund

Donations:

Donation

Wayne Raines

Paid out for cemetery upkeep:

Mowing

Average Attendance

Sunday Events

Wednesday Events

Other Weekly Events

Welcome New Members

Jo Roxburgh

Ken Roxburgh

Nathan Ross

Alex Clough

Isaiah Nicklaw

Polly McKennon



Adult Sunday School

Young Adult: Three Truths

~Fellowship Hall (right)~ Nate and Sarah Ewoldt, Matt and Jasmine Sarkissian, Jorge and Chris Morales

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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