

The Beacon



Quarterly Business Meeting

Members, join us on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 to learn about current events and vote on important church matters.



Car Show

Our annually car show is back register online by reaching to Pastor Chuck. It's October 31 at 10AM.



Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

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

Sundays

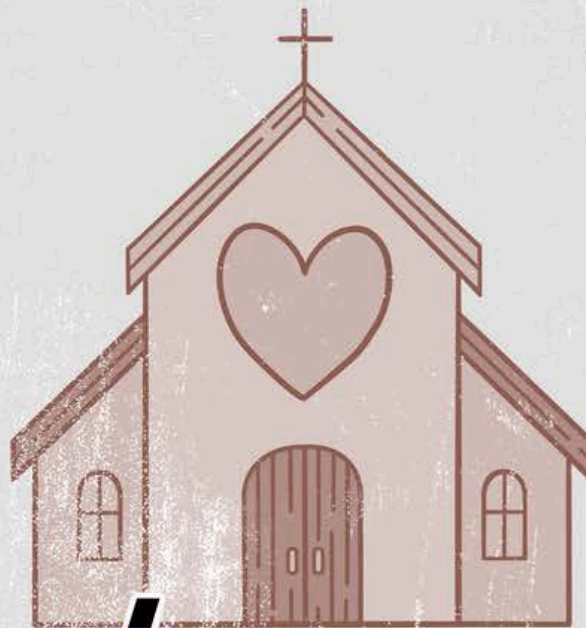
9:00AM Worship Service
9:00AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
10:30AM Sunday School
6:30PM Youth Group

Bible Studies and Activities are scheduled throughout the week.

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CELEBRATE 160 YEARS WITH US!



welcome HOME

160th Homecoming

Join us for one large Sunday School class for adults and kids in the sanctuary at 9AM. Worship Service will start at 10:30AM along with a concert by Mount Calvary Singers. Following is a Homecoming meal. The church will provide the meat and families please provide a dishes that are enough for your family plus one. We need volunteers to for the meal. Sign up in the foyer.

Greetings,

We rejoice that the building permit for our Family Life Center is ready to be issued, BUT, as I shared with you last Sunday, the site plan has yet to be approved. This is the first time in my years of ministry of helping churches build buildings that I've seen the building permit approved before the site plan. There are still a couple of issues under review by the county on the site plan which we are waiting for resolution (hopefully they won't come up with another issue). There is a 30 day revision plan in place for each time the plan is presented and now we have one more week in this last revision before a decision is made. Continue to pray as we know that God is in control and if nothing else it's certainly trying my patience and I'm sure yours as well (And just so you know, I didn't pray for patience). I almost dread to see Tuesday mornings come, as that's when we have our meetings, anticipating that something else, unexpected, might come up. Again, though, we rejoice that the building plan is complete.

The next couple of months are going to be very busy but what a great season it is. Thanksgiving, Christmas, a New Year, and new opportunities in which to celebrate and serve our Lord. So, my question every year has been, "Are You Ready For Christmas?" And if this is your first Christmas season here at Ramoth, you will find out that I'm not just talking about being ready with all of your preparations and decorations, and gift buying and family gatherings. I'm talking about your relationship with Jesus. Are you ready to worship the Christ Child? Are you ready to receive, have you received Jesus? We have received and can give away, but still keep, the greatest gift we will ever receive in Jesus. When you have Him as your Lord and Savior you are truly ready for Christmas. All else is secondary! I'm reminded, here, of Jesus welcoming the little children to Him. We are much the same as we come to Him. He said in Matthew 19:13-14, "Then little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'." We are just like little children when we come to Jesus and He welcomes us with open arms.

We are also celebrating our 160th anniversary as a church next month - WOW. I often wonder as I read the history of our church and look at some of the old pictures, what would the folks who felt led by the Lord to start this church in this community 160 years ago think today if they could see what it has done and is doing in ministry today. We are the recipients of their obedience to the call of the Lord to begin this ministry. And, we are called to see that it continues until our Lord returns for us all. We have been and continue to be blessed as we diligently serve our Lord as He leads us in many different directions of ministry. Our goal is to proclaim Jesus in every ministry we have here. We don't just have programs, we have ministry opportunities. We want everyone to be an active part of the life of this church and its ministries. This is also an exciting time in the life of the church as we continue to reach more and more people in our community and we are seeing those who've come to be an active part of the church family. It's also very exciting to see those growing up here in these ministries becoming leaders in those and other ministries. They are becoming the next generation of leaders and the church has a bright future for years to come.

There will be changes coming in schedules and events as we start the building process and we seek your patience as we work through all of the challenges ahead. We will do our best to keep you informed of all that's taking place so make sure you read the information we send out and also check out the web-site and facebook page as we will be placing that information on as many venues as possible. If you have questions or need additional information, please ask. Then, after the building is completed there will, of course, be more changes and challenges. I ask that you pray through this entire process for the Lord to bless our efforts as we continue our mission to proclaim Jesus to our community.

I'm reminded here of the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-10. "That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then He told them many things in parables, saying: A farmer went out to sow his seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear." Hear this: Ramoth Baptist Church was seed that fell on good soil and produced and is producing a good and multiplying crop.

Dr. Richard Harrell

Deacons of the Week

October 4

Matt Giles (864) 207-0787

Andy Robeson (769) 234-0079

October 11

Kerry Knowles (540) 834-6631

Flavius Lungoccia (540) 840-5689

October 18

Tim Eicher (540) 907-1545

Sean Springer (571) 697-9309

October 25

Heath Hunter (912) 596-8294

Bob Peoples (540) 226-7083

The Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

The joy of the Lord is a deep-seated gladness that transcends circumstances (Nehemiah 8:10 ESV). This joy, given by the Spirit, causes us to praise God with grateful hearts, acknowledging His goodness regardless of our situation. We often see joy on exhibition when a Christian is filled with sadness over the loss of a loved one, in the middle of a job change, or given a diagnosis of cancer. I am not saying that we are happy about any of the circumstances just mentioned but happiness and joy are two different things. Happiness is caused by what happens **to** us while joy is given from the Spirit **within** us. The joy of the Lord is at the core of our being and rises above our circumstances.

Corrie Ten Boom said, "Joy runs deeper than despair."¹

We all know the story of Corrie Ten Boom. Corrie's family became part of the Dutch underground resistance movement, protecting, hiding and helping Jewish people escape from their now Nazi occupied country. But a neighbor reported them to the authorities, and they ended up in a Nazi Concentration Camp. I encourage you to read one of the books about Corrie Ten Boom's life. Still, I have a favorite story.

When Corrie Ten Boom was placed in solitary confinement in a 5' by 2' cell, she prayed. She prayed not to be alone. She didn't pray for victory for she already knew Jesus as Victor. She just didn't want to be alone. God sent an ant. One, tiny, ant that stayed with her and then ran into a small hole in the wall each time a guard came to her cell. The ant brought her joy. She was in that cell all alone with God and a little ant. And she survived. The hole was the ant's hiding place. Her hiding place was God himself.

No matter the situation, no matter the depth of despair, joy runs deeper. Joy is our constant from the Holy Spirit. It is what people see in us. It is what makes them see us differently. Our joy runs through our despair. Our joy stands out when we are on the mountain tops. Our joy shines when we worship God. We light up. It doesn't matter if we sing well, or if we pray with beautiful phrases, or if we have all the answers when we study God's word. Joy sustains us. It is our reflection of God's character for God Himself is a joyful God. Joy is a fruit of our salvation. It is a product of our sins forgiven, our hope for eternal life, and the true peace we experience through God our Father. Joy comes from our willing heart that follows Christ with gladness. It is always present in our worship, for without joy, there is no worship. Do you know Jesus? Do you know the Holy Spirit? Are you filled with Joy today?

Pastor Chuck Hite

¹Corrie Ten Boom Quotes About Joy | A-Z Quotes

Prime Timers Luncheon

October 15, 2026

Theme:
Harvest Time

Menu:
Pork Pot Roast
Please bring Sides and/or Desserts

Host/Hostess:
Virginia Armstrong and Helen Young

Decorator:
Cathy Leach

Guest Speaker/ Testimony:
Matt and Margaret Canter

Singing Every Month

PSALM 147
SING TO THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING



Here is a little bit of History on Ramoth 1949-1963

We've come this far by Faith, leaning on the Lord, Trusting in His Holy Word
He's never failed us yet, we can't turn back now.

Ernest Y. Averett (1949-1963)

Ernest Young Averett grew up near Petersburg, in Dinwiddie county, Virginia. He graduated from Crozer Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania in 1936. While a student there, he met his wife, the former Janet Powell, of Chester, studying Christian education and working in settlement houses for the Methodist Home Mission Board. In 1960, Crozer Seminary honored Rev. Averett with its alumni achievement award.

Rev. Averett had several pastorates before he came to Stafford County. After seminary, he served three pastorates in North Carolina. He was pastor of a church in Kensington, Maryland when he was called to become pastor of Ramoth and Berea in 1949. After living in the suburbs of Washington, D.C., he was glad to get out in the country with his three children. On December 19, 1949, the Averetts were the first family to move into Ramoth's newly completed parsonage.

During Rev. Averett's pastorate, the Brotherhood (now Baptist Men) was organized with David Way as the first president. Soon the men were taking an active role, doing such things as conducting the spring revival.

Rev. Averett was active in our community. In 1962, the Ruritans named him their man of the year. He participated in many activities as his children went through Stafford schools. Lewis, John, and Joan all three graduated from Stafford High School.

By 1963, Ramoth and Berea had both grown to the point of needing full-time pastors. Rev. Averett moved to Fauquier County, where he became pastor of Bealeton and Calverton Baptist Churches, until his retirement in 1973. That year Mrs. Averett died. She was well-loved at Ramoth and the Janet Averett Circle at Ramoth was named in her honor.

As we gather monthly, let's not forget to thank God every day for health and strength. Please join us October 15, 12PM for fellowship and luncheon. Bring a friend, all are welcome. Blessings,

Margaret Canter

Greetings, in the name of the most high God. Brothers and sisters, I am so excited to share the news about the marriage conference that we had on Sept. 19, 2026. It was an incredible event, and I hate that so many of you missed out, but it was still a time to be had. Those who attended can and will testify that what they heard, saw, and experienced was a blessing to them as an individual and to their marriage, as a whole.

The theme of the conference was Vertical Marriage: Marriage as God Intended. There were five topics covered over the course of the conference. Each topic was just as impactful as the ones presented before or after. They covered everything from communication to conflict resolution. They addressed how to appreciate the other person and stressed the importance of intimacy on all levels. They even challenged those in attendance on the measure of commitment they were willing to give to their relationship, as God has commanded, directed, and given instruction. Many in attendance recognized the value of having the marriage conference, with several inquiring about the potential for the creation of a marriage ministry.

The conference was attended by people from within our church and from outside as well. There were couples who had been married over thirty years, a few who had been married less than five years, and even an engaged couple was in the crowd. And the message to each of these, was the same for all that were there, that God's way is the best way to engage your marriage/relationship. God's instructions are clear that we are to sacrifice for one another. That we are to forgive, restore, and build with one another. That we are to develop godly habits and live them out before our children and those who see our marriages, on full display. God's word is also clear about the value and importance of marriages that honor and glorify, His name.

If you would like to be equipped, encouraged, or engaged like those who attended our marriage conference, you are in luck. Through our partnership with the Virginia Marriage Initiative and FamilyLife, we are happy to announce upcoming marriage events in our area. There is the opportunity to take part in a Weekend to Remember, happening Nov. 20th through 22nd, in Williamsburg, VA. And just after Valentine's Day in 2027, there will be another opportunity to enjoy a Weekend to Remember event in Norfolk, VA, Feb. 19th through 21st. We hope these will be a blessing to any couple that can go.

As always, we at the RMC, are looking for ways to help those who are looking for guidance, encouragement, or simple reassurance. We passionately believe that God created our ministry to remind people that there is always hope, help, and healing available. Sometimes, it is just a matter of knowing where to look. If you or someone you know needs our assistance, we are available Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to noon. We can be reached at 540-602-7986 and via email at counseling@rbcstafford.org or counseling2@rbcstafford.org. God bless and be well...

Your Brother in Christ,

Sergio "Woody" Wooden



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 Room 307. For more information contact:

Sergio "Woody" Wooden:
counseling@rbcstafford.org

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

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.

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

Our next meetings will be:
October 12th and 26nd at 1:00PM in Rm 306.

A Place of Hope, Help, and Healing



2ND ANNUAL MARRIAGE CONFERENCE



Jesus, Our Kinsman-Redeemer

Over the summer I had the privilege of digging into the book of Ruth with some wonderful ladies in our church. While I could fill the pages of this Beacon with the treasures we found, I will stick to our main point that Jesus is our kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth's story takes place during the time of the judges where, "everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). This was a dark period in Israel's history marked by instability, moral decline, cycles of sin, famine and general hardship. It was also the backdrop for a beautiful account of redemption.

The book of Ruth begins with Elimelech taking his wife, Naomi, from Bethlehem to Moab in order to escape a famine. As the years pass Elimelech and his two adult sons die, leaving Naomi and her daughters-in-law widows. Naomi knows she must return to Bethlehem and encourages her daughters-in-law to stay in Moab and start new lives for themselves. One of them agrees and they have a sweet parting. The other? Her name is Ruth and she makes a beautiful declaration of love not only to never leave her mother-in-law's side but to make the one true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, her God too. Naomi loved Ruth, and was happy to have her come with her, but she had been through so much loss she could not fathom that God still loved her. Upon her return to Bethlehem, she asks to be called "Mara" which means bitterness, she truly believed her story was over. What she didn't know at the time is while this chapter started with a famine, it ended with a harvest. God is not finished with Naomi, and we have the joy of watching His plan and His love for her play out over the next three chapters.

Historically, widows did not have many options for work but one way they could feed themselves was by going to a field during the harvest and collecting what was dropped on the ground. Ruth found herself at a field belonging to Boaz. Boaz was a prominent man of noble character from Elimelech's family. He had heard of her kindness to Naomi and immediately wanted to provide her with protection and extra food. As the harvest months passed by Ruth was able to care for Naomi and a respectful relationship with Boaz began to blossom. Eventually after a series of events, he became her kinsman-redeemer.

The term kinsman-redeemer has a specifically defined role in Israel's family structure and was ultimately a safeguard for the persons, the property and the posterity of the family. Boaz willingly stepped into that role for Ruth and Naomi. He redeemed what had been lost and secured a future for them. Boaz and Ruth wed and they had a child named Obed. Rather than her story ending in bitterness, Naomi's future is blessed! Her life and old age are enlivened through Boaz and the birth of Obed. Obed became the father of Jesse, who fathers King David and is therefore in the lineage of the greatest King, Jesus Christ.

God uses the lives of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz to point us to the Gospel. While Boaz was a redeemer for Naomi and Ruth, he shows us a picture of the ultimate redeemer, Jesus. The Enduring Word Commentary puts it like this, "But it all comes back to the idea of Jesus as our *kinsman-redeemer*; this is why He became a man. Jesus, in His eternal glory, without the addition of humanity to His divine nature might have saved us, but He would not have been our *kinsman*. A great prophet or priest would be our kinsman, but his own sin would have disqualified him as our *redeemer*. Only Jesus, the eternal God who added humanity to His eternal deity, can be both the *kinsman* and the *redeemer* for mankind!"

I would encourage you to take a moment this week and read these four short chapters, it won't take long, and I promise you will be blessed. When you read, you may notice that God did not move through miracles, visions or dramatic signs. Instead, He worked through ordinary people, daily decisions, faithfulness, and providence. What a great encouragement that God is always working behind the scenes even though we cannot see it in the moment. Most importantly, when you read how Boaz stepped in for Ruth and Naomi, don't lose sight of the great Redeemer who stepped into our story, Jesus Christ.

Jessica Melander

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Oct 4th (next one Nov 1st): Homecoming Hat Sunday

Every first Sunday of the month is hat Sunday, and 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!

Every Tuesday in October: Prayer Group

Location: RBC Prayer Room (located in the Sanctuary to the Left of the stage)

Time: 6:30pm

Join with other women for a weekly prayer group to pray for family, church, and country! Contact Lidia Lungoccia for more info (540-840-5729).

Wednesday Daytime Women's Bible Study – The Book of Esther

Location: RBC Room 307 **Time:** 1:00pm **Taught By:** Jessica Melander

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study – Holier Than Thou: How God's Holiness Helps Us Trust Him by Jackie Hill Perry

Location: RBC Room 307 **Time:** 6:30pm **Taught By:** Denise Johnson

Sign-up in the foyer or online today!

FIT Workshops – The New Fall/Winter Schedule is in the foyer and online! Please sign up today!

Upcoming October workshops:

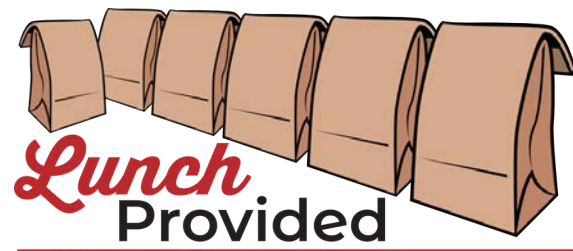
Friday, Oct 2nd	10:00am-12:00pm	Painting & Fellowship
Wednesday, Oct 7th & 28th	10:00am-12:00pm	Coffee, Tea & Jesus
Saturday, Oct 10th	10:00am-12:00pm	Fiber & Fellowship
Wednesday, Oct 21st	10:00am-12:00pm	Paper & Fellowship

Sunday, October 25th – Bagged Lunches for Micah Ministries

Location: RBC Kitchen/Fellowship Hall

Time: After 2nd service

Join us after church to pack 100 bagged lunches to be distributed to our neighbors in downtown Fredericksburg. You can donate food items to be used in the lunches, and/or show up to help make the lunches. Signup coming soon.



Wednesday, November 4th– Women’s Ministry Wednesday Night Dinner

We will be serving breakfast for dinner on the 4th. We will need help prepping food on Tuesday, November 3rd, and cooking, serving and cleanup on Wednesday, November 4th. Sign-up’s coming in October

Saturday, November 7th – Walk4Life with IMGN Life

Location: Old Mill Park, 2201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, VA, 22401

Time: 8:00am–12:00pm

Join us as we partner with IMGN Life for a morning of walking, and fellowship as we reach out to the community and share about choosing LIFE! You can get involved in a variety of ways by using this link (<https://www.imgnlife.org/events/walk4life>) to:



Sign up to participate in the walk individually or Start a team and get donations that will go to IMGN Life



You can also:

Donate items for Self-Care Bags that we will be packing at the Walk 4 Life.

Items to consider are listed below:

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| -Chapstick/Lip Gloss/Lip Balm | -Lotion (Face, body, foot) |
| -Hand Soap | -Hair Ties |
| -Make up remover wipes | -Nail Grooming tools or small kit |
| -Mud Masks/Face Mask | -Spa Headband |
| -Bath Bombs | -Spa Socks |
| -Under eye patches | -Nail Polish |
| -Travel Hair Grooming items | -Shower Steamers |
| -Loofah | -Hand Sanitizer |
| -Hair Clips | -Shower Gel |
| -Shower Cap | -Body scrub |

Save the Date!

Saturday, February 20th– RBC Women’s Conference

Location: RBC

Time: 9:00am–3:00pm

Saturday, April 10th– Mission’s Tea Party

Theme: Christmas Around the World

Mission: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Needs and Thank You's!

We appreciate our ladies that have signed up to facilitate the new season of F.I.T. Workshops. They are all so talented and we are grateful that they share those talents with our church and community! We would also like to give a shout out to all of the ladies participating in our Secret Sister program this quarter. It's a blessing to see so many ladies being prayed for and loved on through small acts of kindness. We are the church and getting to know others and praying for them is how we show the world we belong to God! Thank you to everyone that participated in events in September and we look forward to seeing what God does the rest of the year!

Needs:

We are always looking for others to share their talents with our Women's Ministry, church and community. If you have a talent to share, an idea for an event/F.I.T. Workshop, would like to submit an article for one of our monthly Beacons or would like to help coordinate/lead any events please reach out to the Women's Ministry. Any and all ideas are welcome!

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:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Pachess Wooden & Denise Johnson



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PASTOR APPRECIATION



thank you

PASTOR

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

We will be kicking off our appreciation activities on Sunday, October 11th. Please join us in honoring our pastors throughout the whole month of October. We will have a guest speaker on October 11th, special music, videos, and treats every Sunday to show our pastors how much they mean to us. If you would like to show your appreciation, please stop by the table in the foyer to see what their favorite things are and then make their day with a THANK YOU during the month of October!

1 Timothy 5:17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.



IMPORTANT INFO TO KEEP ON HAND!!!

As we near the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, there is usually an increase in scammers and others looking for a way to part you from your finances. While it's been 5 years since the "pandemic" of COVID created and upturn in these crimes, there has been no let-up, and perhaps even an increase in the exploitation of people as cyber criminals attempt to steal confidential and sensitive information through various email-based strategies and phone calls as well. Below and on the next page, you'll find the definitions of some of the ways criminals will attempt to scam people followed by some of the schemes that the **Stafford Sheriff's Office** found being used in the area.

Spam is unsolicited email, instant messages, or social media messages. These messages are fairly easy to spot and can be damaging if you open or respond.

Phishing: email sent from an Internet criminal disguised as an email from a legitimate, trustworthy source. The message is meant to lure you into revealing sensitive or confidential information.

Spear Phishing occurs when criminals obtain information about you from websites or social networking sites, and customize a phishing scheme to you.

Spoofing describes a criminal who impersonates another individual or organization, with the intent to gather personal or business information.

Pharming: a malicious website resembling a legitimate website, used to gather usernames and passwords. Scams have evolved significantly in 2026 with two new major areas of concern utilizing advanced technology such as AI and image manipulation to deceive victims. These scams involve **Work-from-home** scams for those who are actually working at home or want to work from home.. This scam remains a major risk, with scammers offering unusually high pay pressuring people to share personal information or send money. The other is **Real Estate Fraud**. The FBI reported a significant increase in real estate fraud and a 32% rise in 2025. Victims often face substantial financial losses, making it crucial for homeowners to remain vigilant. Work with trusted agents.

Men's Ministry: If you'd like to get involved, join the fun & fellowship. Contact the church office or Rod Montgomery @ (540) 623-7651 e-mail at SitNChip@gmail.com

7AM Saturday Study

Fellowship Hall – Rod Montgomery

Integritas Weekly Men's Bible Study & Prayer is focused on many aspects of the Bible undergirding Christian foundations & heritage for family, church & country, as well as our need for obedience to it.

Come enjoy some breakfast with us, too.

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

October 2026—**Isaiah 60-66** Continuing the study of Isaiah, we'll see four major themes: 1) It acts like a miniature Bible, 2) A rebellious heart reaps God's Judgement, 3) The vision of God's mercy and restoration, 4) It reveals the Messiah, Jesus. All of these will lead us to the Millenium and The Kingdom.



Iron Sharpens Iron

7:00PM - 5- Oct. 2026

Kerry Knowles

Join with men of Iron Sharpens Iron as we study 1 John 4:20-5:13. We meet the first Monday of the month. Join for fellowship and Biblical studies.

Every Man a Warrior

Sunday 5:30PM - 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.

Scams – Spam, Phishing, Spoofing and Pharming

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Work-from-Home Scams Scammers are increasingly targeting individuals working from home.

Here are some warning signs to watch for:

- Promises of high pay for minimal work
- Requests for payment for supplies or training
- Receiving checks or packages unexpectedly
- Pressure to share personal information
- Communication through social media or messaging apps

Recommended Actions: If you suspect a scam, take the following steps:

1. Stop all communication with the scammer.
2. Do not send any money or personal information.
3. If you have sent money, contact your bank immediately.
4. Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission and local authorities.

Real Estate Scams: Real estate scams are becoming more sophisticated, with criminals employing deepfake technology. This includes:

- AI-generated voices and images that mimic legitimate professionals
- Fake emails and spoofed phone numbers that appear credible

Clues to help you recognize a phishing scam

- Requests for your username and/or password – credible institutions and organizations will not request personal information via email
- Time sensitive threats (e.g., your account will be closed if you do not respond immediately)
- Spelling and grammar mistakes
- Vague or missing information in the “from” field or email signature
- “To” field contains multiple random email address or is alphabetized
- Impersonal or awkward greetings, such as “Dear Mr. account holder”
- Unexpected files or downloads
- Links that don't refer to the sender or sender's organization
- Emails about accounts that you don't have, such as eBay or PayPal, or bank accounts
- Emails “from” celebrities
- Asks you to reply in order to “opt out” of a service or
- **Plays on human emotions to evoke sympathy, kindness, fear, worry, anxiety, or excitement**

"Arrest Warrant" & "Missed Jury Duty" Scam Alert

"Arrest Warrant". These scams involve an alleged law enforcement agent informing you that you are wanted for a crime or involvement with a crime. They will then proceed to offer you a way out of the arrest warrant with a monetary fee.

"Missed Jury Duty" These scams involve an alleged law enforcement agent informing you that you missed jury duty. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a law enforcement officer and they demand money over the phone, it is a scam! If you are ever unsure of the legitimacy of a call from the Sheriff's Office, hang-up and call our non-emergency line at (540) 658-4400.

Remember:

- A law enforcement agency or government agency will NEVER ask you to pay with gift cards
- A law enforcement officer will NEVER demand immediate payment over the phone to avoid arrest.
- **DO NOT** rely on caller ID, scammers can spoof phone numbers to make it appear the call is coming from the agency's phone number.

Ordering Takeout? Watch Out For Fake Websites

Ordering takeout is more popular than ever. Some restaurants have set up their own websites to avoid the fees and challenges that come with food delivery apps, like DoorDash or GrubHub. As always, scammers are quick to pick up on a trend. Watch out for fake food ordering websites that scam consumers out of their money and personal information.

Charitable Giving After A Natural Disaster or Tragedy

After a disaster or very public tragedy, kindhearted people want to help. That often means contributing to fundraisers to help the survivors and the families of the victims. Sadly, scammers often take advantage of these moments of vulnerability to deceive donors. In addition, there are often campaigns set up by well-meaning individuals who may not be able to deliver on promised relief activities.

Don't Send Money To Fake Friends On Venmo.

When a friend or family member is stuck in a bad situation and urgently needs money, you should help them out, right? It could be a scammer. Always double-check before sending money to a friend in need. In today's world scammers are also using AI to replicate voices you may be familiar with.

Don't Send Money To Fake Friends On Venmo

Companies use QR codes to point consumers to their apps, track packages, or view menus. But because these codes can't be read by the human eye, they have become a way for scammers to disguise malicious links. As QR codes get more popular, BBB Scam Tracker is seeing more reports of con artists using them to mislead consumers.

Please report incidents for any of these scam efforts to the Sheriff's Office by contacting our non-emergency number: (540) 658-4400.

Rod Montgomery

For assistance, questions or more information, please contact
Rod Montgomery of the Safety Team SitNChip@gmail.com or (540) 623-7651



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UPCOMING

October 4
Homecoming

October 25
Deacon Ordination

October 28
Business Meeting

October 31
Car Show

November 7
Family Movie Night

December 6
Christmas Choir
Presentation

December 9
AWANA Christmas Store

December 13
Christmas Caroling

December 19
Volunteer Appreciation
Luncheon & Gift
Exchange

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MEMORY VERSES

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (1st-5th grade)

Exodus 20:1-3

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Pre-K & Kindergarten)





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What is Coming Up & Recent Happenings

Recently, Andrea and I attended an E2Kids conference. The topic of our discussions revolved around Family Discipleship. We have gathered and are reviewing some resources and hope to have a list available for you soon.



RBC Recipe Book



Children's Ministry will be putting together a recipe book for Ramoth!! Submit your "most requested" recipes to Jenny or Andrea no later than October 28th.



Local Mission Opportunity



Camp Red Arrow has asked us to consider being the camp counselors for a week of day camp in 2027. Please reach out to Jenny or Andrea if you are interested in knowing more.

Coming Up:

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) starts in October



Car Show ~ October 31



Family Movie Night ~ November 7



OCC Packing Party ~ November 14



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon ~ December 19



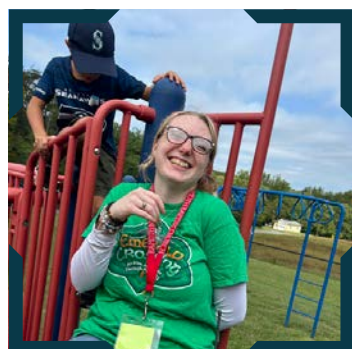


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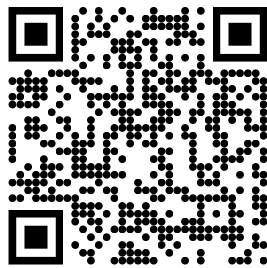
Ramoth Baptist Church
Recipe Book

DIRECTIONS:

- We're creating a cookbook filled with the recipes and memories of our RBC family.
- Submit your most requested recipe and return by October 28th.
- Recipe Cards available in the foyer or submit online.
- You can also submit your recipes to Children's Ministry



SCAN ME



Youth Ministry

This fall, our student ministry is walking through the seven “I Am” statements of Jesus that are recorded in the Gospel of John. Each statement makes a powerful claim in its own right. And together, they paint a beautiful picture, that echoes themes and promises from the Old Testament, to give us insight into who Jesus is, and what he came to do.

In John 6, Jesus says, “I am the bread of life.” He is the one who truly satisfies our deepest hunger. The world offers countless alternatives that promise fulfillment, but only Christ can sustain us, and give us the life we were created for.

In John 8, Jesus says, “I am the light of the world.” He brings light into our darkness. He reveals the truth about God, and about ourselves, and about the world around us. And he calls us to follow him, rather than walk in darkness.

In John 10, Jesus says, “I am the door.” He is the entrance into salvation, and the way into the safety and care of God. There is no need to search for another way to God – Christ himself is the door.

In John 10, Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd.” He leads his people, knows them, cares for them, and protects them. Ultimately, he lays down his life for them at the cross, and takes it back up again at the resurrection.

In John 11, Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life.” Death does not have the final word. Because Christ is alive, those who trust in him have the hope of eternal life, and the promise that death itself will ultimately be defeated.

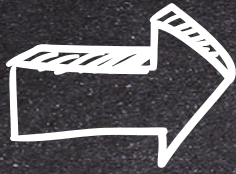
In John 14, Jesus says, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” Jesus is not merely a teacher who points us toward God. He is the way to the Father, the embodiment of truth, and the source of genuine life.

Finally, in John 15, Jesus says, “I am the true vine.” We are the branches. Our calling is not to manufacture spiritual fruit through our own strength, but to abide in Christ. As we remain connected to him, the Holy Spirit works through us to produce fruit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

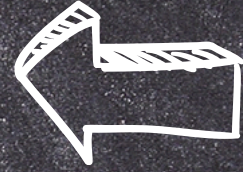
Taken together, these seven statements give us a beautiful picture of Jesus. He satisfies us. He illuminates us. He saves us. He shepherds us. He raises us. He guides us. And He sustains us.

And the invitation is simple: Come to Jesus. Trust in him. Follow him. Abide in him.

Pastor Ben LoPresti



WEDNESDAY NIGHT Menu



October 7th

SAVORY BEEF POT
ROAST AND APPLE
CRISPS

Brenna Fox's Team



October 14th

TO BE
ANNOUNCED

TBA

October 21st

BRATS/
SAUSAGE,
HOTDOGS, FRIES,
BAKED BEANS,
SALAD AND
DESSERT

Joshua Farrar's Team



October 28th
QUARTERLY BUSINESS
MEETING

Join us in the Fellowship Hall



More Than a Shoebox

Born to impoverished parents, Lejla was just twelve years old when she received her first gift and heard about Jesus for the first time. If any American city had experienced a December snowfall of five feet, no school would have been open. But on that frosty morning in Bosnia, Lejla's mother woke her, dressed her, and put an old pair of shoes on her feet. The toes of the shoes were ripped open. Her father had tried to close them up with steel wire but the leather was so rotten it wouldn't hold together. Lejla's mother wrapped her feet in bags and sent her out into the arctic chill that defines Balkan winters.

A bulldozer had come through early that morning and cleared a narrow path in the road that remained slippery and messy. Lejla may have been walking toward the school five miles away, but she had no intention of showing up there. If ever an adolescent was on the brink of giving up, it was Lejla. To prove it, she purposely detoured into a landmine field where just the day before her best friend had been killed and another friend had lost his leg in an explosion. Maybe if she walked through the same field she could end her miserable life. She had no reason to live. With no coat to keep her warm, maybe she would even die from the frigid temperatures...

[Lejla] cried out, "God, if you have any mercy, could you forgive me of the terrible sin and show me your mercy?"

I found myself walking toward the school, disappointed I had survived Sniper Alley. As I approached, I saw some kids holding boxes and I wondered where they had gotten them. We had nothing new; even primitive items were scarce. As I got closer, I noticed how bright and beautiful the boxes were. One of the boys said, 'There are people inside giving these away. You can get one too.'

Why do I need a box? Leila thought. I don't have anything to put in it. It's pretty, but it won't do me any good. When I walked inside, I saw an older gentleman sitting on the steps. He jumped up and grabbed a box from the top of the pile and headed toward me. But I didn't want any interaction. I wanted to be left alone. I was bitter and hateful. To make matters worse, the man had a big smile on his face and gently said, "I want you to have this..." The heaviness caused my hands to give way slightly.

I took hold, turned and ran as fast as I could until I found a solitary corner and slumped to the floor, cradling the box in my lap. My heart was racing and my emotions were fragile. Do I dare hope for what might be inside? After all, this is a shoebox. I looked down at my frozen feet, and then with great apprehension, lifted the lid. Inside was a **pair of brand-new sneakers...**





The Gift That Changed Lejla's Life

That day in 1993, Lejla received far more than new sneakers that fit perfectly, pencils, and toys. After hearing about the greatest gift of all—Jesus—Lejla invited Him to be her Savior. Through the power of the gospel and the kindness expressed in a simple shoebox, her life was changed forever.

More Than a Tangible Gift

Lejla's experience is one of countless stories of children around the world who receive more than a physical gift. Each shoebox is an opportunity to share lasting joy and hope with children who are marginalized, desperate, or discouraged. When you pack a shoebox, you help bring the gospel not only to a child, but also to that child's family and community. You can make a lasting impact for God's Kingdom.

A Path to Discipleship

Children who receive shoebox gifts also have an opportunity to participate in a 12-week discipleship program led by local leaders who speak their language. The program materials are translated into their language as well. At the end of the program, each child receives a New Testament and is encouraged to share the gospel message within the community. Some communities have even established churches as a result of children coming to faith in Christ.

How You Can Help

Will you pack a shoebox this year? The Acts 1:8 Committee has set a packing goal of

250 shoeboxes!

Your participation can help create gospel opportunities for children, families, and communities around the world! What are you waiting for? It starts with YOU and a simple shoebox.

Melody Hunter



Be A Blessing Around The World



SHOEBOX COLLECTION



Return date:
Nov. 15
Boxes available in Oct.

How can you help?

PACK A SHOEBOX



Fill a box with
gifts, school
supplies, and
personal care
items for children!

SPONSOR A BOX



Your donation helps ship, sort,
and deliver the good news
around the world!

Workshop

Friday, October 16th
9:30 am - 12 pm



Packing Party

Saturday, November 14th
10 am - 12:30 pm

Scan to get started!



Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches
Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

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Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

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A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
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- Musical instruments
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- Jump rope
- Stickers
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FOR

Appalachia

2026



Thank you!



October Birthdays

October 1

Pam Nimeth

October 3

Prince Okpalaeze

October 4

Wyatt Adams

October 5

Amy Ortega

October 7

Audrey Ewoldt

October 8

Scott Hughes

October 9

Carroll Blake
Adam Embrey
Beth Ruiz

October 10

Allayna Boswell

October 11

Laura Martinez

October 12

Timothy Lies
Sumarra Wooden

October 13

Dylan Hughes

October 15

Bill Pena

October 16

Kelsey Haynie

October 18

Racquel Balsavich
Avery Blake
Ellie Hunter
Pam Land

October 19

Carol Hite
Alexander Lies
Philip Lies

October 20

Matt Canter
Janice Peoples
Lauren Shelton
Debbie Tyson

October 21

Terry Harrell
Hendrick Mehochko
Julianna Whaley

October 22

Lilia Martin

October 23

Anne Jett

October 24

Sandy Germain
Paula Kerr
Bob Peoples
Jackie Wheeler

October 25

Trey Schneider

October 26

Isabell Forrester

October 27

Tom Nutton

October 28

Linda Gayle

October 30

Tala Ojibway

Hughes Home Riverhouse

October 4
Ruth Stewart

October 5
Emily Croner

October 12
Travers Berry

DONATIONS

The Hughes Home Riverhouse
Ministry is always accepting
Depends, in all sizes, but need
more larger sizes.

Mail a Card!

Name of Person c/o Hughes
Home 100 Caroline Street,
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Stewardship

Offerings and Attendance January 1–September 21

Offerings

GENERAL FUND

DESIGNATED FUND

EXPENSES

Cemetery Fund

UPKEEP

DONATIONS

Average Attendance

SUNDAY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENTS

OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

In Christian Sympathy

Worship Service & Sunday School Schedule

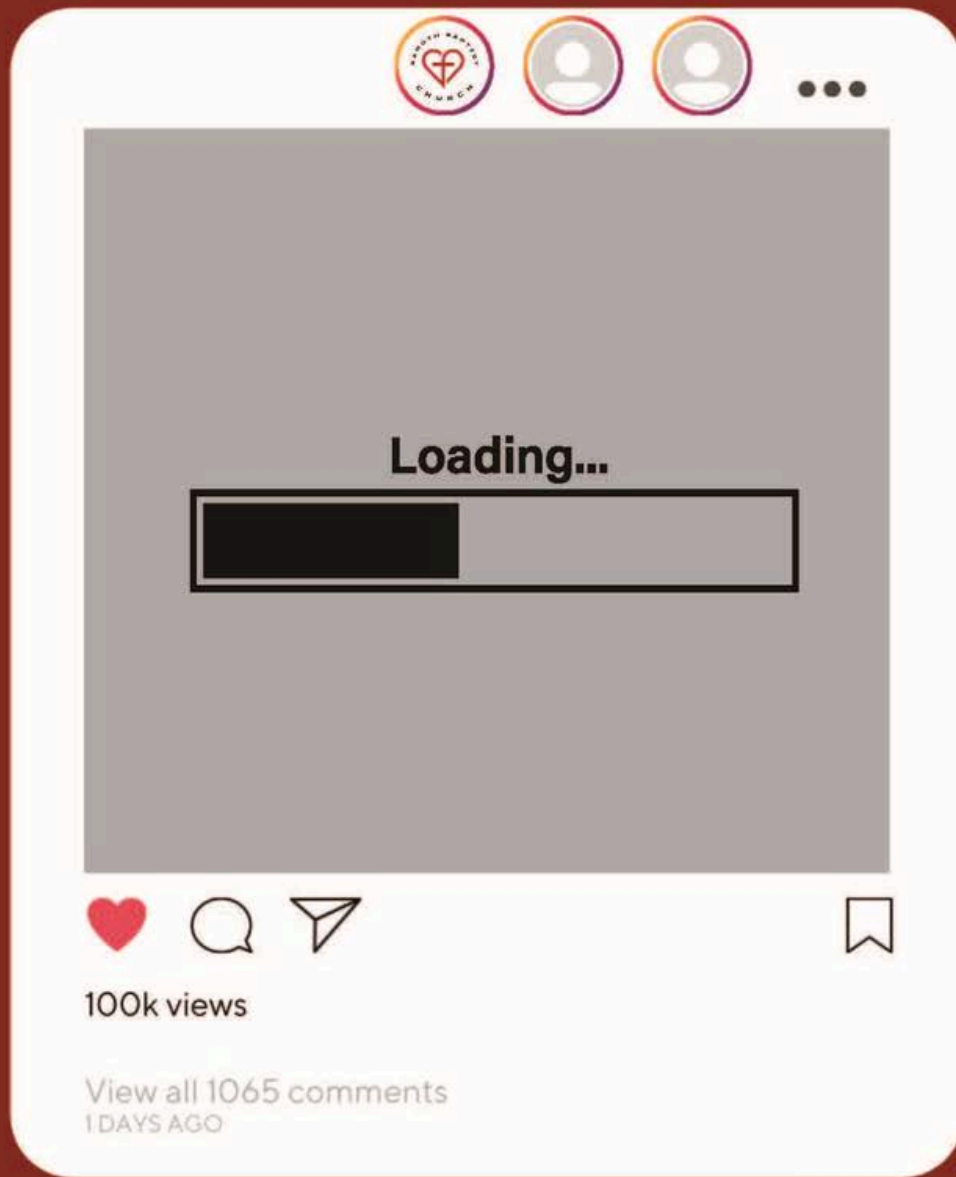
Early Service & Sunday School 9:00–10:00AM Adult Schedule

Location	Class	Teachers	Curriculum	Demographics
301	Beholding Glory	P. Bowman & R. Colson	Explore/Gospel Project	All Ages
306	Senior Men	K. Knowles	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life	Senior Men
307	Chronological Study of the Bible-1	C. Turman & S. Springer	Survey of the Old Testament (exegetical/expository)	All Ages
Chapel	The Ladies' Class	T. Harrell & K. Colson	Gospel of Mark	Ladies
Fellowship Hall	Chronological Study of the Bible-2	C. Adams & H. Hunter	Chronological Study through the Bible	Married Couples

Late Service & Sunday School 10:30–11:30AM Adult Schedule

Location	Class	Teachers	Curriculum	Demographics
301	Overcomers in Christ	G. Bennett	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life	All Ages
307	Expository Study of the Bible	P. Johnson & M. Wheeler	Genesis	All Ages
305	Seasoned Saints	P. Menteer & M. Craiger	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life	Seniors
Chapel	The Way Forward	M. Sarkissian & N. Ewoldt	Life Change Bible Studies	Young Adults

Streaming Sunday Service? You'll be waiting a while...



Unless you follow!



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