

# The Beacon



## Pray for our Travelers

Pray for our Youth, Children, and Acts 1:8 Volunteers. The youth and children will be at camp and our Acts 1:8 volunteers will be in El Salvador.



## Members are Meeting

The Quarterly Business Meeting will be on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Attend to participate and stay up to date on church affairs.



## Worship Schedule

### Wednesdays

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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Greetings,

I'm sure we've read and studied and thought about all of the miracles we find in the Bible. Many of those miracles have been preached over and over and over and we seem to know them by heart, but do we really? Do we really grasp all that we see in Scripture and especially in the miracles that Jesus showed us? One of the most talked about miracles in the feeding of the 5,000 and we can hardly imagine how that happened. We know this event can't be explained away. It was truly a miracle. But, do we really understand here what really happened other than a bunch of people stranded in the desert getting something to eat and having 12 baskets of food leftover? So, let's look inside this miracle of Jesus and realize that it's more than just feeding 5,000 people.

Mark 6:34-44 is the factual account of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with just one little boy's lunch. In fact, there were far more in attendance as it was the custom of the day to only count the men who were present. Women and children, in that society, were considered "not worthy" of being counted. We concentrate most of our thoughts on the feeding of the 5,000 but there was another miracle that happened that day that most often goes unnoticed. That miracle was of the little, unimportant boy in the eyes of most who was willing to serve because he gave up his lunch to the disciples to take to Jesus. He had no idea what was going to happen with his lunch but he was willing to serve by giving it up to find out. He didn't argue, he didn't complain, he didn't pass the buck by saying it was the people's fault they were hungry because they weren't as prepared as he. He didn't fully understand what or why he was being asked but he responded when called upon. Wouldn't it be great today if we would do the same? (I know, I've stopped writing and gone to preaching.) One other thing we sometimes fail to realize is that Jesus didn't need the little boy's lunch to feed the people but He used it to show the need for people serving to help others. You see, many times, God doesn't give us the entire picture until we're willing to serve and to give sacrificially of our time, talents, and resources. Ever thought of that?

This miracle is very important because God wants you to know, not as much about the miracle, which is pretty clear, but that you need to be prepared for service no matter how small the contribution might be. You see, Jesus always did miracles to teach a lesson and not to simply bring attention to Himself. Someday, in all probability, you're going to need a miracle in some area of your life and you might even need one now and you might be saying, "God how do I get You to help me?" That's our cry in desperation and that's why we need to look seriously at this miracle because there are some great lessons or principles that teach us how to be in relationship with God to prepare ourselves to serve and we need to know and live by these principles. Let me share some of those with you.

First, we as a church must admit that we have a need and that need is to serve. Second, we must take inventory of what we have to work with and we have a lot of people to work with. Third, we must give God what we have no matter how large or how small. And, fourth, we serve as best we can and allow God to use it for His glory. In all four of these situations our faith is going to be stretched both individually and as a church. What we also know, though, over the years of our lives is that for your faith and service to grow or mature beyond what it is right now, you're going to be stretched and challenged. It's never going to grow if we always look to someone else or some

leader to make the decision for us. Now, that's not my teaching but comes from the actions and teachings of Jesus as He encourages and challenges the disciples and now us to join Him in His great work. The only thing with allowing someone else to make our decisions for us is to give us, we think, the right to criticize the one or the leadership group if the decision doesn't work out. He stretches our faith by asking us to do things we've never done before. You see, God has a plan and hopefully we'll follow that plan and be servants even though we don't always know at the moment the outcome, but we trust our Lord to lead us to its conclusion. The disciples nor the little boy didn't know what the outcome was going to be but they were obedient, when Jesus called them out to serve. Is this how you're serving today?

As a pastor for many years now, I've discovered that the most miserable Christians in the world, and the ones who give others the most problems are the ones who feel guilty because they know they're supposed to be serving but are sitting on the sidelines complaining. I pray you are not one of those today. Everybody can complain and criticize but few, it seems, step up to the plate to serve. And, I hope you know that service comes in many different packages. There's service in the church and service outside the church but in both situations we're still serving the Lord and His church. So, here's what we need to be doing. This day and from this day forth I want you to spend some time everyday praying for what God might be preparing you for in the ministry of this church. We are facing some challenging times, good challenging times, when the construction of our new building begins, and I'm sure there is going to be some criticisms of inconvenience and the changing of schedules or maybe even having to give up your favorite seat, but you can be a leader in helping to make those decisions instead of just standing on the sidelines complaining about them. Will you do that? Will you commit to praying in that way? Here's what every preacher will tell you if he isn't afraid to ruffle your feathers, "If we would spend as much time praying for others as we do in criticism, what a different world and churches we would have.

**Dr. Richard Harrell**



What an incredible season we have experienced together at Ramoth!

Over the past several weeks, our campus has been filled with worship, laughter, learning, and fellowship as God continues to work in and through our church family.

We kicked off the summer with our Family Life Center Groundbreaking Ceremony! It was a joy to watch many of our faithful servants turn the first shovels of dirt and to see our church rally together as we turn another page and begin an exciting new chapter of building for future generations.

Another highlight was our Emerald Crossing Vacation Bible School (VBS). We were blessed to welcome children from our church and community as they learned about God's love, engaged in exciting activities, sang praises, and built lasting friendships. None of this would have been possible without the countless volunteers who gave their time, energy, and talents to serve. Thank you to every teacher, crew leader, kitchen worker, decorator, Security Shepherd, and volunteer who helped make VBS such a tremendous success. The seeds planted during that week will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

We also enjoyed a wonderful Worship Night as we gathered together to lift up the name of Jesus and celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary through our "Declare His Glory" worship event. Centered on 1 Chronicles 16:24—"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples"—the evening reminded us of God's faithfulness throughout our nation's history and challenged us to recommit ourselves to sharing the hope of Christ with future generations. It was a special time of praise, prayer, and reflection as multiple generations came together with one purpose: to glorify God. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped lead us into His presence.

We also want to remind our church family that deacon elections are approaching later this summer. Following our nomination process, the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on August 23. We will present to the church on August 9 those who have accepted the call and will be placed on the ballot. Please be in prayer for these men, as well as for all who faithfully serve through the deacon ministry. We are grateful for their commitment to caring for our congregation and supporting the mission of Ramoth Baptist Church.

As we reflect on all God has done and look ahead to what He has in store, we are reminded that ministry happens because God's people faithfully serve together. Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your willingness to be the hands and feet of Christ.

The Lord continues to bless Ramoth, and we are excited to see what He will do next.

**To God be the glory!**

**Tim Eicher, Deacon Chairman**

## Deacons of the Week

### July 5

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Jacob Nimeth (540) 408-3887

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### July 19

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### July 26

Matt Giles (864) 207-0787

Andy Robeson (769) 234-0079

## God is here

We can see God's manifest presence throughout the Old Testament. The children of Israel experienced Him in the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud that guided them across the wilderness. "After the people of Israel left Egypt, the Lord Himself went ahead of them. During the day, He guided them with a pillar of cloud, and at night, He gave them light with a pillar of fire. This meant they could travel day or night. The pillar of cloud was always there to lead them during the day, and the pillar of fire was always there at night. These guides never left their place in front of the people." (Exodus 13:21-22 ESV). We can also see Him in the tabernacle. "And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." (Exodus 40:34-35 ESV) Moses couldn't enter the tabernacle because God's incredible presence was there.

Do you ever wish you could see God's presence before you today? Are you sure you haven't? I know, God is always with us, but there are moments, often moments that shape our faith, where we are sure we feel God's presence. These are the times when we know exactly what He requires from us. I recall the day God called me to the ministry. It was unmistakable. The voice was perfectly audible to me, and I didn't hesitate because I didn't just hear God call, I could feel Him. No one else could hear Him. Just me. God's message was for me, no one else.

This is part of His manifest presence. His Holy Spirit lives within every believer. When God speaks, He also moves. This is how we know the voice is real. We have all had those moments when we "thought" we heard something, but when God speaks and moves, we know something special has happened. God makes Himself known to us in very special and very powerful ways.

Paul says, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16 ESV) We have a special relationship with the Spirit. He moves us to follow God's will, convicts us of sin in our lives, pushes us to leadership for God, empowers us to share Christ with others, gives us the power to serve Him, guides us to the truth, strengthens us to walk through the valleys, and comforts us in times of need. All of the above lead to real and intense worship.

When we are walking in God's will, we are closer to Him and more intensely aware of His presence. This draws us into worship. Conviction of sin leads to repentance and repentance leads to worship. By repenting we are humbled before Him as we experience His grace and forgiveness, and this naturally leads to worship.

Can we worship without humility? Can we worship if we feel our talents are something of our own creation? We can perform. We can entertain. We can fake worship. But this is not what God desires. He wants us to walk in step with Him and to recognize His glory and to be a witness to His greatness. We must worship in humility. We must recognize His gifts and our blessedness to be given the opportunity to worship. We are not to stand beside Him but to fall before Him. This is worship.

Pastor Chuck Hite

# Prime Timers

July 16, 2026

Theme: Count Your Blessings

Menu: Hamburgers and hotdogs

Guest Speaker/Testimony:  
Pachess Wooden and Denise Johnson



Prime Timers meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month.  
It is a time of Worship, socializing and good food.  
Prime Timers is for age 50 plus, but all of our younger  
friends are encouraged and very welcome to join us.

Blessings to all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. We have been blessed beyond measure by the success of our recent Vacation Bible School. It has touched every area of our church and many areas of our local community. It is so refreshing to know that there are those who are still hearing and obeying the word of God. It is so encouraging to know that there are those who are bold and courageous enough, to step out of their comfort zone to do the things that please God.

With all of that being said, it is shocking at times to know that there are those who are in need of help, but no one is listening. That there are times when some need to be encouraged by the words of God, but no one is willing to use their voice. That there are even other times, when all a person needs, is to know that someone cares about them, but so many have no desire to get involved. How does that make Christians look to the outside world? How does that make seasoned Christians, look to new believers? If we are not mindful that others are always looking, is it possible that we are forgetting the call that God has placed on all of us?

If you are wondering where the implication comes from, it is found in **Matthew 25**, in the parable of the goats and sheep. It is here that we find the Son of Man, dividing people into two groups, one the sheep, to His right-hand side and the other the goats, to His left-hand side. The sheep will have heard His message of love and the charge to care for others. The goats will have ignored it and done nothing for those who were at their mercy. In verse, 34 through 40 we have these words,

*“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’<sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*

We, collectively, last week addressed the spiritual needs of hundreds of individuals, as we served our local community by having our Vacation Bible School. While we are not counting numbers for numbers sake, we know that some lives were forever changed by what took place last week. However, the work is not done in just a single week of Vacation Bible School. It is not done in a week-long revival, nor is it done in a week of camps or mission trips. The work is done in the fleeting moments when we hear a person’s cry for belonging. The work is done in the passing moments when we can offer a meal that nourishes and provides care for a basic need. The work is done, when we see other people and their needs ahead of our own, and point them in the direction of where our help comes from...God Almighty.

We are here for a reason, and our purpose is to make the Gospel Message, known. We make that happen through our prayers for others, through the words of kindness we speak, and the God-driven actions that we take...each and every day. And when we have done, what God has called us to do, without regard for our personal needs, we will become the sheep that inherit the Kingdom of God. For what we have done for the least of these, we would have done for Jesus, Himself. This goes for the efforts of the Refuge Ministry Center, as it does for each and every believer. If you need help, we are here to address your pleas for help. If you know someone who needs our help, have the courage to speak up and bring them to our helping hands. 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](mailto:counseling@rbcstafford.org) or [counseling2@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling2@rbcstafford.org). We are standing by to do the kingdom's work and covet your prayers as we do so.

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. For more information, or to sign up for this group, please contact Pattie Foster at [pattiecakes84@comcast.net](mailto:pattiecakes84@comcast.net)

**Women Overcoming Depression will be taking a Summer Break starting in June through August.**

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00PM in Rm 306.

## The Eyes of God



Leaning in closely to greet her friend, Mrs. Doolittle, Civilla Martin marveled over how peaceful her friend appeared laying in her bed. Although crippled and bedridden for over 20 years, Mrs. Doolittle had a radiant glow which seemed to permeate past the dim realities of her small existence. Longing to know her secret, Mrs. Martin asked her friend how she could remain hopeful despite her adversity. Even her husband, wheelchair-bound himself, offered little support. With a gleam in her eye, Mrs. Doolittle assuredly replied:

*“His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.”*

This profound truth resonated with Civilla as she reflected on the story of Jesus caring not just for birds, but for all of humanity. Not one small sparrow could escape His notice. Civilla left her friend’s bedside that day in 1905 feeling encouraged and inspired to write one of the most influential and best-known hymns, His Eye is on the Sparrow. Many years later, legendary actress and singer Ethel Waters sang it as a rededication hymn at a Billy Graham Crusade making it a widely sung hymn that continues to this day.

Freedom and joy abound when believers abide under God’s watchful eyes. Evidence of peace exists for those who look to God in faith and walk in His ways. In the book of Psalms, God promises to instruct and guide His children with His eyes upon them. His eyes “are toward the righteous” (Psalm 34:15) and they “are on those who fear him...to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine” (Psalm 33:18-19).

The word for “eye” in Hebrew is **ayin** (ah'-yin) which literally means the physical part of the body. However, a deeper meaning of the word translates as “please, presence, regard, and favor.” The psalmist understood that the loving gaze of Jehovah God meant the power of His presence in his life.

Like his ancestor King David, Asa ruled righteously for many years during his reign over Judah. However, towards the end of his rule, Asa decidedly took his eyes off God and trusted in another earthly king to defeat his enemy. This rebellious act greatly displeased God. In mercy, God sent a **seer** named Hanani to rebuke Asa for his error. Hanani first reminded the obstinate king how God had delivered him from all his past enemies. Then the seer reminded King Asa of God’s sovereignty and power:

**“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV).**

The Hebrew word for “run to and fro” (sut/ shoot) does not indicate a quick glance by the Almighty. On the contrary, the word signifies a deeper search into the heart of man. Hanani confronted Asa, yet regrettably, Judah’s king chose not to repent. Despite Asa’s failure, God’s truth rang loud and clear: Those who follow Him wholeheartedly will experience His very presence as He searches the earth intently, seeking whom to strengthen and renew.

As early 20th-century pastor and author F. B. Meyer once wrote:

**“What an exquisite thought...At first glance He takes in our position; not a sorrow, trial, or temptation visits us without exciting his notice and loving sympathy. In all the whole wide earth there is not one spot so lonely, one heart so darkened, as to escape those eyes.”**

**Those eyes.**



The eyes of El Roi (God who sees me) saw Hagar in the wilderness after she fled from her mistress Sarai. The eyes of Jehovah Jireh (The LORD will see to it) watched Ruth gather grain to provide for her mother-in-law Naomi. He is Jehovah Nissi (LORD is my Banner) who saw Elijah under the broom tree in need of nourishment after fleeing Jezebel. He is also Jehovah Rapha (The LORD who heals) who gazed upon Job as he grieved over the loss of his children and suffered from numerous boils covering his body.

In flesh, Jehovah is God the Son who beheld the widow, the leper, the lame, and the Samaritan woman. He healed the sick and opened the eyes of the blind, extending a loving gaze in which some could reciprocate for the first time. When He looked out onto the crowd in need of a Shepherd, “He was moved with compassion for them” (Matthew 9:36). His sheep, much more valuable than sparrows, could not escape His eyes.

God’s watchful eyes remain unchanged today as His Spirit indwells believers. He is immutable: the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He lovingly searches the earth looking to strengthen the brokenhearted, the chronically ill, and the downcast soul. His eyes are always on the righteous, and on those who seek Him for their daily bread. His eyes “are in every place” (Proverbs 15:3) keeping watch on the good and the evil. He will not let the guilty go unpunished, yet He longs to be gracious to the penitent sinner. He delights when He sees His children live together in unity and when they obey His commands.

He is also omniscient: He is the all-knowing, all-seeing and wise God who searches the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). His eyes hold the promise of His presence and strength for every day, and for the believer, well, that is reason enough to sing.

*-For Anna & Sue*

[Link to His Eye Is On the Sparrow sung by Ethel Waters:](https://youtu.be/Ilkt0yYILIM?si=_VMAehwm-YIIRPbf)

[https://youtu.be/Ilkt0yYILIM?si=\\_VMAehwm-YIIRPbf](https://youtu.be/Ilkt0yYILIM?si=_VMAehwm-YIIRPbf)

Melody Hunter



Dear Ramoth Family,

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Sunday, July 5th (next one August 2nd): 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!

#### **Tuesday's, July 7th; 14th; 21st: 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. Contact Lidia Lungoccia for more info (540-840-5729).

#### **Sat, July 11th & Aug 8th FIT Workshops – Fiber & Fellowship & Creating Cards**

**Location:** RBC

**Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm

**Fiber & Fellowship Leader:** Sarah Fraley ([natasha25461@gmail.com](mailto:natasha25461@gmail.com))

The Knitting and Crochet group offers fiber and fellowship as we use our talents for the good of our church and our community. Each season we will tackle a new project for ministry. Join us as we continue to create baby items for IMGNI Life, washcloths and adult hats for the homeless, and hats for backpacks for Appalachia. If you are new to knitting and crochet please join us and you will be taught starting on an easy project. Everyone at all levels is welcome! Any questions, please contact Sarah Fraley.

**Creating Cards Leader:** Kelley Skowronek ([pkskow4@msn.com](mailto: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 purchase & take with you as you leave. Bless someone through the mail! 😊

#### **July 18th, 2026 – GALS (Girls of All Life Stages) Game Day**

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Time:** 11:00am-1:00pm

Come join us for fellowship and a fun game day with light food, drinks and games! All ladies of all ages welcome! Bring a brunch item to share. Sign-up online or in the foyer today!

**Thursday, July 23rd: Serve Concessions at Fredericksburg Nationals Game**

**Location- Fredericksburg Stadium**

We need 13-15 people to help serve food/drinks and raise awareness for IMGN Life and Choices Women's Center. No experience needed, we will provide you with a T-shirt, hat, and all the training you need. All we ask is for a willing heart and team spirit! Sign-up in the foyer, limited spots available. Easy online training must be completed in advance.

**Save the Date!**

**Wednesday, August 5th: RBC Kitchen Clean-Up Day**

**Location- RBC Kitchen**

**Time:** 5:00pm-7:00pm

Come help us before the start of AWANA to clean the kitchen to prepare for fall ministry to start back! We'll provide your dinner and time of fellowship after the cleaning ends.

**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, Aug. 9th Fredericksburg Nationals Game – Church-Wide Invite!**

**Location- Fredericksburg Stadium**

**Sign-ups and more info coming soon!**

**Save the Date!**

Tuesday, October. 13th Sight & Sound Theater Trip (3pm showing)

Location- 300 Hartman Bridge Rd, Ronks, PA 17572

Sign-ups and more info coming soon! Rooms are reserved at the Eden Resort, Lancaster, PA for the night of October 13th.

**Needs and Thank You's!**

**Thank you to everyone** that came out to support VBS!! This wonderful outreach event could not have happened without you! Thank you for your help decorating, bringing in snacks, facilitating dinners each night and serving brunch on Saturday for all of the volunteers! You are very much appreciated, and we are so thankful for all of your help to support our Children's Ministry, who planned and wonderfully executed such a fun, successful event for our church and community members!

**We want to thank each and every one of you** who donated to our 2026 IMGNLife Baby Bottle Campaign! You are contributing to a resource center for those in crisis and want to empower those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices!! Stay tuned to hear how much we raised this year. If you want to continue to contribute to this ongoing mission please visit our Women's Ministry page where you continue to donate funds or check out other opportunities



to get involved. If you would like to donate diapers, wipes or formula to the center, those are always welcome as well.

**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!

**Pachess Wooden and Denise Johnson**

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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## 1. **3rd Annual Men's Conference and Mountainman Skills Challenge - 08 August 26.**

Join us this year for the Ramoth Men's Conference and the manly challenges that follow. The theme this year is from 2 Tim 4:2-5—**Be Ready In Season and Out Of Season.**

This conference and those participating in the challenges has grown in size each year. Dad's & sons, young men, youth and seasoned men will be tested with 10 challenging events. Families and friends, please come join us in the afternoon to watch and cheer on your favorites in events like axe throwing, knife throwing, bow & arrow, slingshot, javelin, hay bale toss, and, yes, the infamous toilet seat toss.

2. **What is The Bible?** The Bible is the mind of God, and reveals the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you; food to supply you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, Frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be open at the Judgement, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its sacred contents.

**Men's Ministry:** If you'd like to get involved, join the fun & fellowship. Contact the church office for more info. 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.

July 2026—**Isaiah 40-66** 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 - 6th - July 2026

#### Kerry Knowles

Join with men of Iron Sharpens Iron as we study I John. 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 or

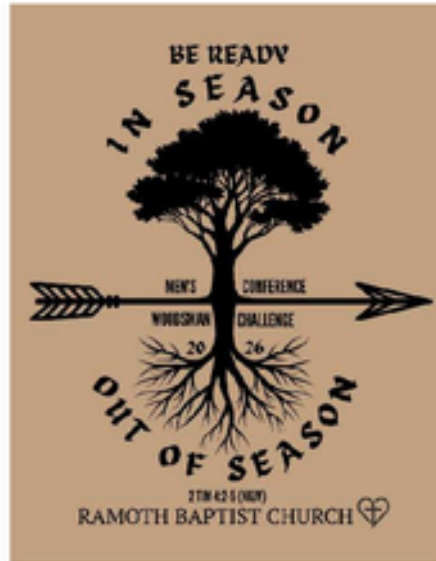
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# 2026 Ramoth Men's Conference & Woodsman Outdoor Skills Challenge

Theme: **Be Ready In Season & Out Of Season**  
*2 Tim 4:2-5*



**Ramoth Baptist Church**  
**Stafford, Virginia**  
**08 Aug 2026**

1. **Must attend morning Conference to participate in the afternoon Ramoth Woodsman Skills Challenge.**
2. **Fees: \$35 for 18+; \$20 for 17 & under (Conference T-shirt, Mission BBQ, & Swag included).**
3. **Families welcome to come cheer for favorites.**
4. **Challenge Opening Ceremony: 1230 in the field behind the Youth Pastor's house**

**How to Register:**

1. **Online at [rbcstafford.org](http://rbcstafford.org)**
2. **Use the QR on this page.**
3. **Or email Rod Montgomery: [sitnchip@gmail.com](mailto:sitnchip@gmail.com)**



Rod Montgomery

## On Missions for God...

Fellow believers and faithful prayer warriors, this article is coming to you for help. The summer El Salvador mission trip is upon us. We are asking you to be in prayer with us over the following things. We need you to be in prayer for the final preparation for the trip at hand. That the travel arrangements would be easily made and that there would be no more expenses to address, that all would be provided by God.

Pray that God will provide all the workers that are needed, in the mission field that lies before the group. May there be those who are equipped to address the physical needs of medical and dental care. Those who are equipped to address the need for haircuts and eyeglasses. Those who are equipped to interact with children in play and adults in prayer. May there be those who are equipped to share the Gospel message in a way that the people hearing it, will be compelled to accept Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Savior.

Pray that every supply that is needed will be in place and get to the people who need it the most. Pray over every toy, t-shirt, flip-flop and Bible that will be given out. That those who receive them, will know that these are gifts from a loving God, who wants to have a personal relationship with them. Pray that all that is given is well received and that the efforts of those who worked hard to put those things in place, that they know God is pleased with their work.

Pray for each person who is going, young and old, experienced and first timers. Pray that their hearts and minds are in the right place. Pray that they will leave behind their desire for the comforts of home and that they will embrace the opportunity that God is giving them to be His ambassadors. Pray that they have the strength that is needed, get the rest that is required, and find the resolve for each day as it comes. Pray that they will put their trust in God to be equipped for whatever things are asked of them on this mission trip.

Pray that when those who have gone to the mission field return, they will be different than when they left. Pray that they will have grown by the hands of God and that they will see the blessings of that growth. Pray that through all that takes place the last week of June and the first two weeks of July, that all would honor and glorify the name of God. That God's message will be proclaimed and that those who are convicted by the message...that they will come to accept Jesus as Lord of their life. Pray over town and village, every church, and all people. Pray the will of God to be done and may we hear the reports of the difference that this mission trip has made.

We thank you in advance for all the prayers that will go up and for all of the blessings that will pour out. If you want to be a part of the difference makers and be On Missions for God, reach out and let us know. We will find a place and a way for you to serve. As always, continue to pray that the kingdom work will be done.

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# The Way Forward

**The Way Forward serves young adults (college-age through early 30s) within Stafford**

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

– Philippians 1:2

As summer continues, we're thankful for what God is already doing through this ministry. Relationships are growing, conversations are deepening, and week by week we continue seeing the importance of gathering consistently around God's Word and God's people.

Over the past months, we've been walking through the book of Joshua together, learning what it means to trust God fully, move forward in obedience, and stand faithfully in difficult times.

This journey brought us to the cities of refuge, where we saw that the death of the high priest brought freedom to the accused. Like so much of the Old Testament, this detail beautifully foreshadows the Great High Priest and points us ultimately to Jesus of Nazareth—the promised Messiah. As we close Joshua, we're excited to spend the summer fixing our eyes more fully on Christ through our new study, *Name Above All Names*.

## Wednesday Night Summer Table Study

### Name Above All Names

**Begins Wednesday, July 8th at 6:00 PM**

This summer, The Way Forward will begin a new table study through *Name Above All Names* by Alistair Begg and Sinclair Ferguson.

And honestly—we're incredibly excited about this one.

Each week we'll gather around the table for dinner, fellowship, Scripture, discussion, and teaching centered entirely on the person of Jesus Christ.

Our guiding passage for the study is Philippians 2:9–11:

“Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name...”

Throughout the study, we'll explore why Jesus truly is the Name above all names:

- the exalted King,
- the suffering Savior,
- the Good Shepherd,
- the Lamb of God,
- and the coming Lord of all creation.

Every name and title of Christ reveals something deeper about His glory, His mission, and His love for His people.

More than just another Bible study, our hope is that these evenings become a place where people slow down, build real community, ask honest questions, and leave seeing Christ more clearly than when they arrived.

The vision for these evenings is simple:

Come to the table. Be with God's people. See Christ more clearly.

If you've been looking for a place to connect, grow, or simply sit at the table with other believers, this is a perfect time to jump in.

Bring a friend. Come hungry. We'll save you a seat.

## Summer Pool Party

**Saturday, July 18th | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM | 55 Journeys Way**

We're excited to gather together later this month for a summer pool party filled with good food, great people, and time spent building stronger community together.

Following Christ was never meant to be done alone. Some of the best moments of church life happen around dinner tables, backyard conversations, laughter, and simply spending meaningful time together.

Christian life is not only about Bible studies and ministry events, but also about building community and forming deep friendships that encourage and strengthen us as we follow Christ.

**Good food. Great people. Stronger together.**

Bring a towel, bring a friend, and come spend the afternoon with us.

## Final Encouragement

Summer can easily become a season of distraction and spiritual drift if we aren't intentional.

Stay rooted in Scripture.

Stay connected to God's people.

Stay near to Christ.

Some of the most meaningful spiritual growth happens in ordinary moments around dinner tables, open Bibles, and faithful community.

We're looking forward to a great summer together.

### **Soli Deo Gloria**

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# Wednesday Night Dinner



## THEY'RE COMING BACK!

Wednesday Night Dinners will be starting back in the fall! Are you interested in helping to bring the church community together?

## INTERESTED?

Leads and volunteers are needed to make these dinners happen. Wednesday Night Dinner Volunteers and Leads are meeting on August 16 at 12PM in Room 301.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Leads guide a crew of volunteers to make a dinner.
- We need enough leads and volunteers so that each crew only does 1-3 dinners per year.
- The dates of the dinners correspond to the AWANA Calendar.

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER

Contact Tammy Snyder at [bookkeeper@rbcstafford.org](mailto:bookkeeper@rbcstafford.org).





June 2026

# RISE-UP Children's Ministry

Jenny Forrester

## UPCOMING

July 4th  
Independence Day

July 5th  
Camp Meeting

July 6th-10th  
Camp Red Arrow

July 24th  
Paint, Pic, & Play  
Family Night



**VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEMORY VERSES

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make Vacation Bible School a success through the week and weeks leading up to VBS!

Thank you to everyone who donated items and food for VBS!

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES. WE NEED MORE SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHERS. PRAY AND CONSIDER IF GOD IS CALLING YOU TO TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH INTO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY.**



June 2026

# RISE-UP Children's Ministry

Jenny Forrester

## Grumbling to Grateful

We just finished up a great week of Vacation Bible School. On Day 4, the children were studying Psalm 23:5. The lesson title was Grumbling to Grateful. David had a lot of enemies, yet he chose to focus on the good that God had provided.

Who is our enemy? Is it the people that God has placed around us? How about the person who cut us off in traffic? The answer is not any of those people. The enemy is Satan.

We may not get what we want or have everything go the the way we think it should. If we grumble and complain, we are telling God that we are not content or happy with what He has provided for us. One of the passages for this lesson is a favorite of mine, Philippians 4:8, which instructs us on what we should think about. God is Good! Everything He gives is good.

Remember that God is our provider, Jehovah-Jireh. His will is greater and better for us than our own.

So, ask yourself:

Am I a grateful person, or am I a grumbling person?

If you find you are a grumbling person, what will you do to change?

I challenge you to begin & end each day of July with gratitude!!

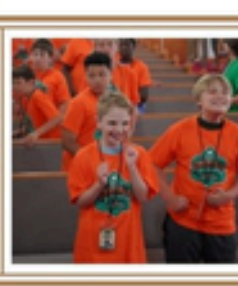
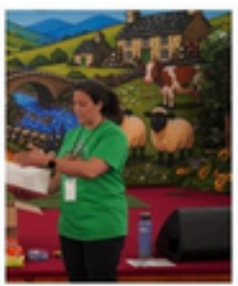
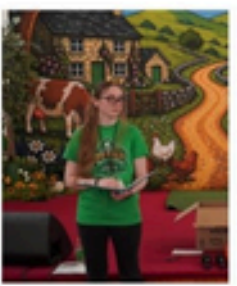
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June 2026

# RISE-UP Children's Ministry

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In Psalm 16, David draws a clear line between two ways of life: the path that leads into deeper communion with God, and the many counterfeit paths that end in sorrow. And we are meant to feel the pressing question of which path we will take.

David makes a scandalous claim that he has no good at all, apart from God. (16:2) This is not a rejection of God's good gifts, but a reordering of value. Created blessings are real, but they are not ultimate. The human heart is constantly tempted to take good things (comfort, identity, success, relationships) and turn them into ultimate things. And David names the result plainly: "The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply." Counterfeit gods always take more than they give, and leave us empty with regret.

But David does not only turn away from false worship; he turns toward God's people. In 16:3, he says, "As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." This is a crucial mark of true devotion to God. True love for God is always accompanied by love for God's people. A heart that treasures the Lord will also treasure those whom the Lord has redeemed.

This has direct implications for the life of the local church. In Scripture, belonging to God's people is not an optional spiritual upgrade - it is the normal context of the Christian life. Membership in a local church is not merely administrative; it is covenantal and relational. It is the visible expression of 16:3 - delighting in the people of God, committing oneself to their good, their encouragement, and their perseverance in Christ. A claim to love God, while remaining detached from his people, runs contrary to the pattern of Psalm 16, and the wider New Testament vision of the church as the body of Christ.

David's love for the saints flows from his delight in God. When God becomes your portion (16:5), God's people become your family. You cannot rightly say, "The Lord is my refuge" (16:1), while refusing the refuge he provides in the gathered life of his church. The Christian life is not designed for isolated endurance, but for shared perseverance.

This culminates in the gospel hope that anchors the psalm. David trusts that God will not abandon him to the grave (16:10) - a promise that is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Son of David, who rose from the dead. Christ is both the "path of life" (16:11), and the one who forms a people to walk that path together. Through union with Christ, we are reconciled to God, and we are joined to one another.

In Christ, then, the church becomes the community of refuge - imperfect, yet redeemed; ordinary, yet eternal in hope. As we walk the path of life together, we learn that fullness of joy is not found in the world, or in solitary spirituality. It is found in Christ, and in shared communion with God and his people.

**Pastor Ben LoPresti**

# June Birthdays

## July 1

Faith Fraley

## July 2

Sarah Fraley

## July 5

Joshua Giles

## July 6

Carol Wilson

## July 7

Wyatt Rochefort

## July 9

Charles Gallahan  
Tristan Herencia

## July 10

Giana Lungoccia

## July 12

Kevin Springer  
Brenda Weaver

## July 13

Denise Johnson  
Danny Null

## July 18

Brandon Good

## July 19

David Gayle

## July 20

Paisley Adams

## July 21

Matthew Bennett  
Charlotte Embrey

## July 24

David Studebaker

## July 25

Jamie Scott

## July 28

Jennifer Giles

## July 29

Tammy Anderson  
Janice Kelly

## July 30

Ryan Garrison

# Hughes Home Riverhouse

## Geneva White

July 1

## Sandra "Sandy" Perkins

July 2

## Charlene Ryan

July 14

## John Griffiths

July 15

## Patricia Shapleigh

July 24

## 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,  
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# Stewardship

Offerings and Attendance January 1–June 22

## Offerings

**GENERAL FUND**

**DESIGNATED FUND**

**EXPENSES**

## Cemetery Fund

**UPKEEP**

**DONATIONS**

## Average Attendance

**SUNDAY EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY EVENTS**

**OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS**

## New Members

# 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
306	Season Saints	P. Mentee & M. Craiger	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life	Seniors
Chapel	Young Adults	M. Sarkissian & N. Ewoldt	Life Change Bible Studies	Young Adults
Chapel C-3	Apologetics: Ready to Share	C. Hickcox	TBD	All Ages

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