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### Men's Conference **11/12/2022**

**8:00am-3:00pm**

Come join us as seven of our speakers from Ramoth minister to men with powerful messages about standing up for the Christian faith.  
Contact:  
Rod Montgomery at [sitnchip@gmail.com](mailto:sitnchip@gmail.com) for more information.  
We hope to see you here!

### Operation Christmas Child **11/1/2022**

People pack shoeboxes to bless children in need.

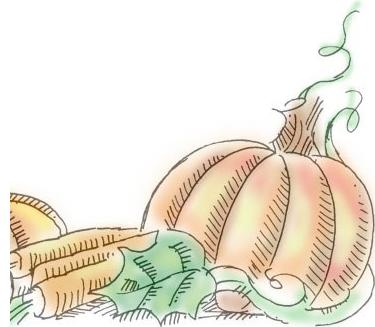
Please pray about how you can keep reaching those who are in need this holiday season.

If you would like more information contact Woody at [counseling@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbcstafford.org).

### CareTakers Group Meeting **11/3/2022**

In the Chapel every first and third Thursday of the month all Care Takers are welcome to attend meetings designed to provide learning and support opportunities.

For more information contact Sherrie Treida by call or text at (540) 272-0948.



**Ramoth Baptist Church  
478 Ramoth Church Road  
Stafford, VA 22554**

## Worship Schedule

### Wednesday

6:00pm Awana  
6:15pm Young Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Worship Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal

### Sundays

8:45am & 11:00am Worship Service  
10:00am Sunday School  
6:30pm Youth Group

# Senior Pastor

Greetings,

We are rapidly approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas and the church will be very active during this time. There are special events and gatherings both inside the church and at other venues. As a Church we have much to be thankful for and hopefully we realize how much God has blessed us as we begin this season of celebration. Of course my favorite question to you over the years has been, "Are you ready for Christmas?" and as many of you know I'm not talking about the purchasing of gifts and dinner preparations and family get togethers or even time away. I'm talking about your relationship with Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. Without Him there is no real celebration. During this season of celebration, both Thanksgiving and Christmas, in all that we do, we want to share with others how God blesses those who know Him and are obedient to His calling. This is a great time of renewal for all believers and an excellent opportunity for us to share our faith. We will see, though, many who will be hurting, angry, disappointed, frustrated, and spiritually lost. It's also a great time for us to share the love of Jesus as He always gives us many opportunities as we're out shopping and celebrating and visiting. We just have to seize those opportunities. Our website and other media outlets will list all of the events coming up so be sure to check out the sites for further information. As we prepare for this time of year it also gives us initiative to begin a New Year, so to speak, on the right foot.

**Dr. Richard Harrell**



# Deacon's Ministry

## Deacons of the Week

### November 6

Jeff Johnson  
(540) 836-7535

Bob Peoples  
(540) 225-7083

### November 13

Kerry Knowles  
(540) 834-6631  
Jon White  
(540) 623-6184

### November 20

Flavius Lungoccia  
(540) 840-5689  
Matt Canter  
(540) 845-3185

### November 27

Jeff Johnson  
(540) 836-7535  
Chris Turman  
(540) 752-2571



## From the Deacons

On 16 October, 10 men, chosen by the congregation, were called to serve as Deacons in Ramoth Baptist Church. This is important, but just as importantly was the ordination of four men – Peter Johnson, Nick Lybeck, Dan Mehocho, and Matt Wheeler – who, never having served as Deacons, responded to God's call and to willingly serve God and the members of Ramoth Baptist Church.

The Deacon Body welcomes these men to the brotherhood of Deacons, knowing full well that you serve with diligence, faith, and love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# Worship Ministry

Hear oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Mark 12:29

### Part 8 Hear God

We like to make excuses for everything we do. Even when we apologize, we stick a "but" at the end of our apology. "I'm sorry I hurt your feelings, but..." "I didn't mean to hurt you, but..." We do not just do that with each other, we also do that with God. "I want to believe in you, but..." "I believe you are the way, but..." "I would go to church, but..." "I want to hear you, but..." We make excuses, not only for ourselves, but also for others. However, God says we cannot have it both ways. *We cannot serve God and mammon.* (Matthew 6:24) We can only have one Master.

Monolatry is the worship of one God yet not denying the existence of other gods. I have friends who think that God is the way for them but there may be another way for others. They hate to leave anyone out of the conversation. It is easier to allow each to have his own truth.

Henotheism is the worship of one God while accepting other gods. This is what my friend in Thailand wanted to do after he accepted Christ. This was far easier than going home and telling his family and friends that they were wrong. Monolatry and henotheism are different sides of the same coin. Accepting or not denying, the result is the same. God tells us to worship Him and Him alone.

Polytheism is the worship of many gods, but even those who are Hindu choose the gods they will worship. I went to a festival in D.C. and found a parking spot several blocks away. As I passed out copies of the *Jesus Film* a woman came up to me and asked where I parked. I told her and she explained she had parked right in front of the festival because one of her gods was the god of parking. I think she was pulling my leg, for I have never heard of a Hindu parking god, but she seemed quite serious.

Pantheism is thinking that god is everything and everything is god. This is what I often think when someone tells me they can worship god while they are alone in nature, and they never need to attend a church with other Christians. This is not to say that you cannot see God's handiwork in nature, but we are never called to worship what God has created. What we see in nature (General Revelation) will never reveal Christ (Special Revelation).

Of course, Atheism is denying the existence of God. All of this is one big cosmic accident. We have won the universal lottery. Somehow, without a creator, we live in a world that looks like it was designed, but accidentally exists. There is no before and no after. We just happen to be here. My atheist friends enjoy bashing God more than ignoring Him. They spend a lot of time talking about Someone they don't believe is there.

Some of us grew up in a religion believing in many gods. Some of us grew up in a family that didn't believe in any god. Most of us do not want to leave anyone out, so we choose to hope that we all go to Heaven or that if we are faithful to whatever religion we choose, God will honor us as His. Some of us refuse to even think about God and so, try to avoid a failing grade by not taking the test. Some of us have chosen to follow the adversary and many of us plan to decide later.

The kings of Israel and Judah often worshiped other gods and they often did this because their wives were from other nations. The wisest of men, King Solomon, left God for other gods because of the influence of his wives. When we allow influence from outside, and when we begin to make concessions and compromises, we find ourselves in compromised positions. We are without defense, and by wandering away from God, we find ourselves lost. We are fallen away from our first love and the strength He provides.

My wife and I took our first vacation together to Virginia Beach in the summer 1982. We dropped the baby off at Grandma's and Grandpa's and drove down Interstate 95 and Interstate 64 to a campground at the beach. It was the perfect summer week, though we suffered a fair amount of separation anxiety being away from the baby. We had a wonderful time going to the beach, eating meals together, and feeling like we had truly grown-up. We had a little apartment back home, a daughter, an old car, and full-time jobs, but taking a vacation made us feel like we were finally adults. I remember saying, as we drove home, that I was so proud we had planned and executed this vacation all on our own when I saw a sign saying, "Welcome to North Carolina." Our journey to my in-laws in Spotsylvania, VA had taken a turn South. I had taken a wrong turn and had not noticed until an hour later. I wasn't as grown-up as I had thought. I had become comfortable with where I was until I discovered that, in my comfort, I had become lost.

# Worship Ministry

This is the way the world influences us. We may not decide to wander from God, but when we do, we are shocked at how far we have wandered before we realize it. Taking our eyes off God for even a moment will result in wandering. Remember, God knows we are prone to wander away from His will. We have a desire to make our own way and we often do this with the best of intentions. Not all wandering is sin. Sometimes we simply make the wrong decision. Buying the wrong house, or going to the wrong church, or taking the wrong job could be mistakes, not sins. But choosing the wrong path, knowing God is guiding you elsewhere, is sinful, for we are then rebelling against God's will.

I had a pastor friend who took a church because it was a challenge, and he felt that God wanted him to work and overcome the issues the church faced. He entered leadership with confidence, but soon discovered the issues facing the church were truly God-sized. He had good intentions. He tried. But in the end, he realized he should have gone elsewhere. God wanted that church to overcome; He simply didn't want my friend to be at the helm.

This is what David faced when preparing to build the temple. Nathan came to him and told him that God wanted his son to build the temple. David had the plans. David had the materials. David had good intentions. God had a different plan. So, how did David react? Was he hurt? Disappointed? Upset? Angry? Embarrassed?

In 2 Samuel 7:28 it says, *Lord God, you are God; your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant.* God's plans supersede our own. David knew this, so he rejoiced in God's plan. By taking his eyes off God's plan for a moment, he was about to make a big mistake. God sent Nathan to set him back on course. He does the same for us.

Following God's will is difficult. We must work to stay in a close relationship with Him to do what He wants. He places people in our lives to help us stay on course. A husband has a godly wife. A wife has a godly husband. Pastors, friends, relatives, people of the church can open another's eyes to God's will. Just as a husband-and-wife work to complement each other, we must work to complement God. He is the light. We are the reflection.

God will lead us through His word. He will lead us through answered prayer. He may give us visions or dreams. He will lead us through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The question is, will we listen? It is not as though most of us have never heard this before. We have been saturated with God. We can hear about Him on the radio, see Him on television, on the internet, in apps on our phone, in our churches, in books and magazines. We simply choose not to listen. We refuse to follow Him and then are quick to blame Him for every difficulty we have in life. In C.S. Lewis's *The Great Divorce*, we see how everyone in hell continues to choose hell after they have died. They refuse to choose heaven. God and His will have not changed, and unfortunately, neither have we. We still rebel against Him. We still reject God.

I have been a Christian since I was 8 years old. Every sin I have fallen into or have willingly jumped into was with the full knowledge that I was rebelling against God. I rebelled against the advice of my parents. I did the opposite of what my bible told me to do. Every sin was me closing my ears to God and opening my heart to the world. And every sin was followed by regret.

You are no different. You sin and you know you are sinning. You and I can try to rationalize why we did or why we do something that goes against God, but we have no excuse. You could say that you didn't know God, but in Romans 1:20 we read that his attributes, power, and nature are easily seen in the creation all around us. Pascale said that we all have a God-shaped hole within us. We have a need to worship and know God. We are without excuse. In Romans 1:18-19 we are told that we choose to go our own way and face the consequences of refusing to hear God. *Hear oh Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.* (Mark 12:29) Can you hear Him? Will you hear Him? I pray you will for one thing is for certain; God hears you.

**Pastor Chuck Hite**



# The Refuge Ministry

## 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 Monday at **10:00 am, in room 306.**

For more information, or to sign up for this group, please contact Pattie Foster at  
[pattiecakes84@comcast.net](mailto:pattiecakes84@comcast.net)

*Meetings in October will be on the 14th and 28th at 10:00am*



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 6:30PM in the Ramoth Chapel.

For more information contact:  
Sergio "Woody" Wooden  
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*A Place of  
Hope, Help,  
and Healing*

## F.I.T. Fridays

Faith-Focused

Inclusive

(Mental, Emotional, Physical, Spiritual Wellness)

Training

### F.I.T. FRIDAY'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**November 1st – January 6th**

**Workshops will resume Friday, January 13, 2023**

Thank you to all our workshop leaders and participants  
for an amazing Fall semester!

Look for details for all workshops in January 2023 Beacon.

## IN THE WILDFLOWERS

### Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group

There is a natural reluctance to face sexual abuse.

The journey of healing and experiencing full joy involves bringing our wounded heart before God. This is a choice that only you can make, to either listen to the shameful voices of the past, or to the voice of new life and freedom through healing in Christ.

This is a 10 week DVD driven series **for women only**, presented by the American Association of Christian Counselors, and led by survivors.... women who have been there.

For more information or to register for this support group please contact Karen Larrabee.

[Karen.larrabee@yahoo.com](mailto:Karen.larrabee@yahoo.com)

# The Refuge Ministry

Greetings once more brothers and sisters, in the name of Jesus Christ, we hope all of you are well. As we begin to settle into a very busy time of year, we thought it necessary to ask the following questions? What does help look like to you? What does hope feel like when it is received? How does healing take place and what is its lasting impact?

Many of you may be wondering, why the interesting assortment of questions? We have been a part of a recent Bible study about how to love our neighbor. During the study we were directed to the story of the Good Samaritan, which is found in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verses 25-37. Most of us know this story by heart, so we will only give a brief summary.

A traveler is attacked on a treacherous road and left for dead. Several prominent people see him and pass him by. Along comes a stranger to the area and sees the man in dire straits. The stranger immediately provided the traveler with help by bandaging his wounds. The stranger then provided the traveler with hope, by paying for his care and well-being until he was well. The stranger aided in the healing of the traveler because of the actions he took, without regard to race, origin, religion, or manner of disposition.

While this was a unique set of circumstances, how many of us have felt like the unwitting traveler, overtaken by life and in need of help? How many of us have watched as friends and family members passed us by, without any thought to help us, to point us in the direction of hope, to aid us in the healing of our wounds? How many of us have wondered if there really is any help, hope, or healing out there for us to find?

On the other hand, how many of us just now realized that we might not have been the traveler, but were instead the prominent people that walked on by? How many of us have felt ill-equipped to help others in their time of need? How many of us could not bear to render help, because the situation hit too close to home? How many of us did not know that all we needed to do to help, was to be there when a person needed us.

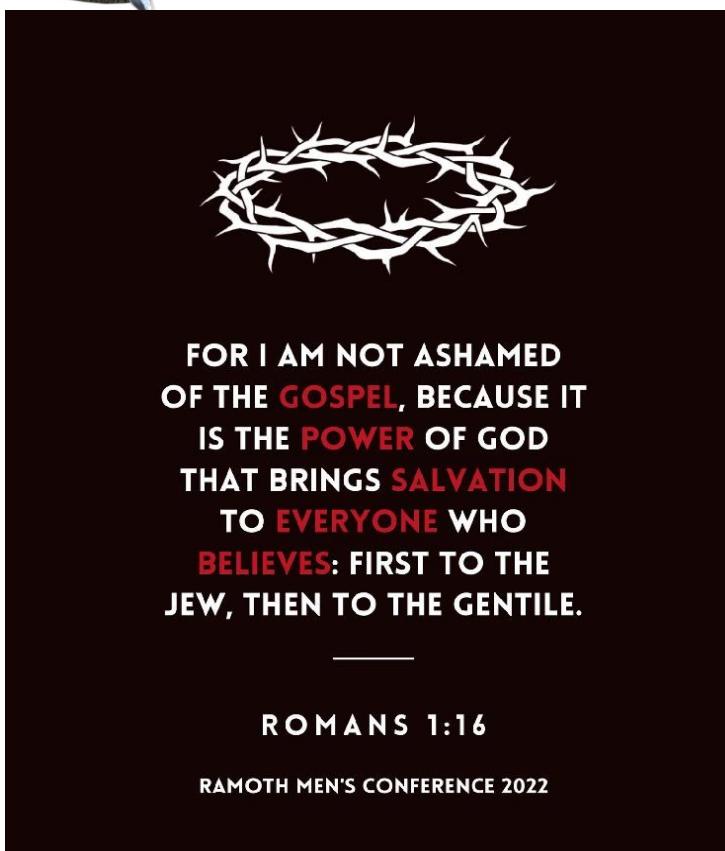
We bring this matter to light, not to shame anyone, but to have us all be more aware of what we all could be doing. How we all could be making a bigger difference. We bring this matter to light, to draw attention to the need of those around us. Let us not continue to turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to the issues that are playing out, right in front of us.

The truth of the matter is this, most if not all of us know where to go to find help. **Matthew 11:28-30**, says that we can go to the Lord. But do we know how to be help for those in need? Some of us know where hope can be found, for **Romans 15:13** says God provides it and it comes with joy and peace. But do we know who to point people in the direction of the one that makes hope possible? And even still a few of us know how healing happens and what it means to us. **Isaiah 53:5**, states that Jesus was pierced by our transgressions...but His actions on our behalf afforded us peace and healing. But do we know how to help others heals?

To answer any of the questions for ourselves or for the benefit of others, we simply must look to Jesus and then act as Jesus acted, with the thought and concern for others greater than regard for His own well-being. If you or someone you know needs hope, help, and healing, just contact us at the Refuge Ministry Counseling Center. We are open Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4pm, call us at (540) 602-7986 or email at [counseling@rbctafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbctafford.org).

Your Brother in Christ,

**Sergio "Woody" Wooden**



## 7 AM Saturday Study

### Fellowship Hall – Rod Montgomery

Integritas Men's Bible Study & Prayer is a weekly study focusing on the many aspects of the Bible that undergird our Christian foundations and heritage for family, church & country. Currently, we are going through a video/discussion series on persecution by Andrew Brunson.

Come enjoy some breakfast with us, too.

### Have you read His Love Story to you—the Bible?

**November 2022**—Join us as we continue the series *Prepare to Stand* by Andrew Brunson done in conjunction with the Billy Graham Assoc. Pastor Brunson was arrested and persecuted in Turkey's prisons for two years awaiting a trial as he faced a 35 year sentence.

**December 2022**—Continued: Prepare to Stand video/discussion series on persecution by Andrew Brunson.

**REGISTER NOW!!**

### Ramoth Men's Conference

*I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ*

**8:00-3:00 12 Nov 22**

Come join us as 7 of our speakers from Ramoth minister to the Men with powerful messages about standing up for the Christian faith.

Mission BBQ is on the menu for lunch

Men's Conference Commemorative T-shirt!

Adults \$30.00 Youth \$20 Conference fee

Registration covers shirts, continental breakfast, and

Mission BBQ Lunch.

Sign-up options so we can prepare for you:

1. Fill in one of the Sunday bulletin inserts and place in the baskets in the church foyer.
2. E-mail or see Rod Montgomery ([sitnchip@gmail.com](mailto:sitnchip@gmail.com)) providing the info below.

Name(s), E-mail address, Phone, Number attending, and shirt size(s): \_\_\_\_\_



# Integritas

## Every Man a Warrior

**Sunday 7 PM** - Led by Heath Hunter, many men are finding this to be an exciting new discipleship study. This Bible study gives men the tools to sharpen their spiritual battle skills. *Dropping a teen off for church activities?* - It's a perfect time to join the study while you wait. For more information, contact the church office or Heath Hunter at (912) 596-8294 or philliphunter38@gmail.com

## Your Christian Heritage – Pass it on!!

Continuing our tour of **The National Monument to the Forefathers**.

**July** we learned **Faith** is the preeminent figure atop the Monument acting as the foundation for four principles represented by statues at the base of the Monument - **Morality, Law, Education, and Liberty**.

**August** we studied **Morality**. Without **Morality** none of the other statutes and principles would stand. God has implanted morality – the innate sense of right and wrong – in the heart of every person in the form of a conscience. When they do not listen to it, there is no morality.

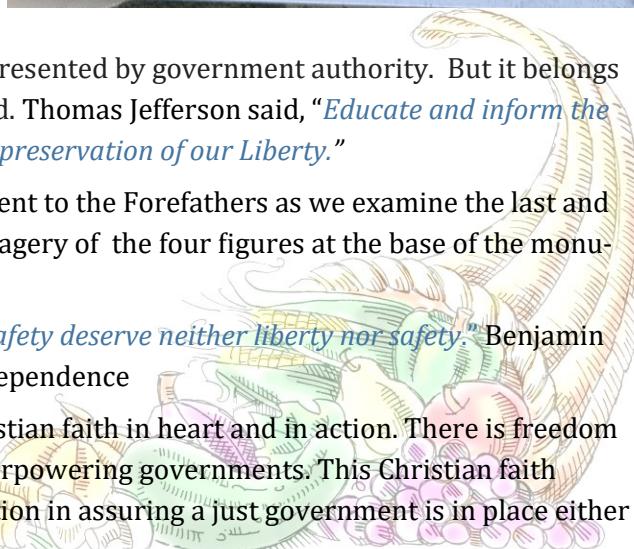
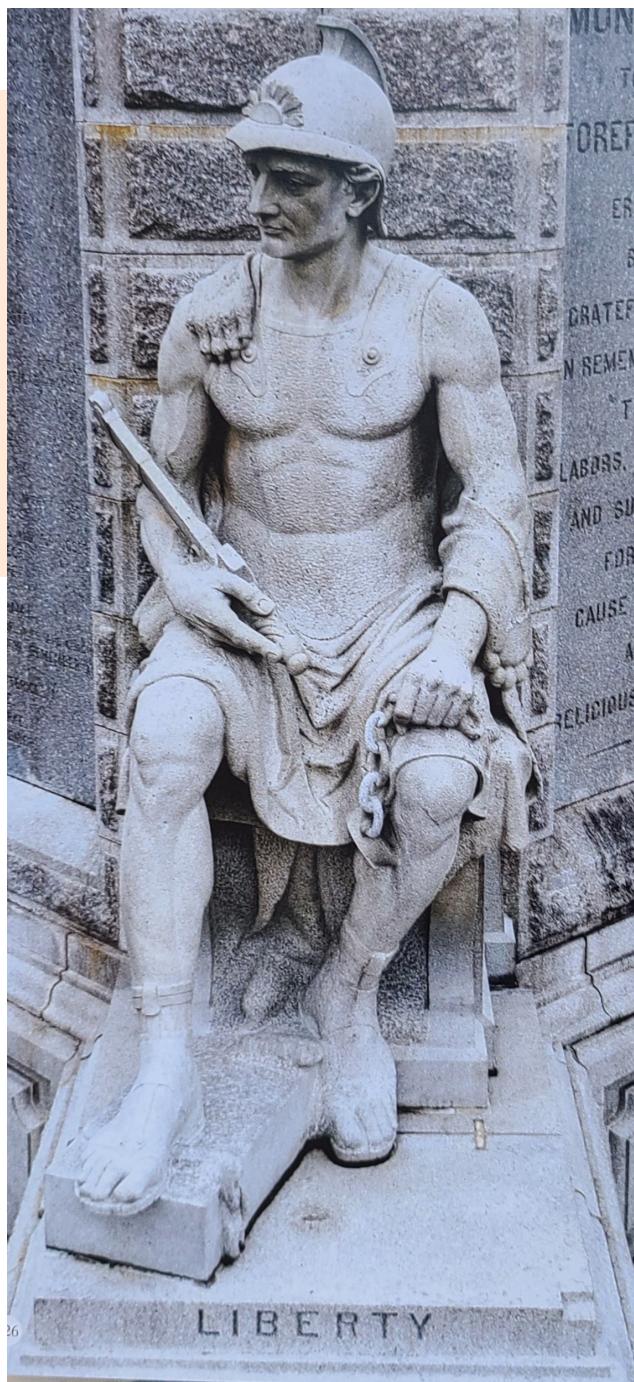
**September** we examined the principle of **Law**. **Law** is established with the ability to see, judge, and execute both equally and fairly the right and wrong actions of man. **Law** has the responsibility to protect the innocent while restraining and prosecuting evil.

**October** was centered on the principle of **Education**. The statue of **Education**, depicted by a woman, is one of virtue and stateliness. Her characteristics signify that education is not represented by government authority. But it belongs to the family and is a God given responsibility directly from God. Thomas Jefferson said, "*Educate and inform the whole mass of the people...they are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our Liberty.*"

For **November**, we'll complete our tour of the National Monument to the Forefathers as we examine the last and perhaps one of the most detailed in build and complex in its imagery of the four figures at the base of the monument.— **Liberty**.

*"They who give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."* Benjamin Franklin, Founding Father and signer of the Declaration of Independence

**Liberty** is a product of a rightly understood and lived out Christian faith in heart and in action. There is freedom from sin and protection from the dominance of tyrants and overpowering governments. This Christian faith **MUST** be actively lived out and requires a committed participation in assuring a just government is in place either by participation or election.



# Integritas



**Liberty** is seated. Evidenced by the lion skin he is draped in as a prize of victory; he has been victorious. What has he conquered? Well, the lion skin represents the King of England at that time, the tyrannical King James I persecuted the early protestants. In Scripture, the lion is also used as a symbol of adversity. *Be sober, be vigilant;* because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I Pet 5:8 So, there is represented the defeat of Liberty's mortal enemy the Devil as well as signaling an end to the religious tyranny that plagued the Pilgrims in England.



However, now **Liberty** is at peace, but ready. His sword is sheathed, but at hand. This is an offensive and defensive weapon. Held in its scabbard, it is ready for deployment if necessary. He is vigilant as he gazes out as though scanning for trouble on the horizon.

Taking a deeper look at what **Liberty** is wearing we can see that much of the Armor of God is represented. The helmet, we know, protects the head in combat, but, for the Christian, it also protects the thoughts and intents of the Christian taking every thought captive. The crest on the helmet is one of a high-ranking officer and the helmet is embellished with a sunrise that implies a Divine guidance and a dawn of peace within the Plymouth colony.

**Liberty** is wearing the Breastplate of Righteousness – a defensive piece of the armor. This guards his heart where his faith resides. It's tightly fit to stay in place and defend against injury. This is where the name of our men's ministry - **Integritas**—comes from. The Thesaurus synonym is ethics, which means "morality, morals, decency, principles, values, code of right and wrong, categorical imperative.

At the time of the 12 Caesars, the Roman army would conduct morning inspections. As an inspecting centurion came in front of each legionnaire, the soldier would strike with his right fist the armor breastplate that covered his heart. As he did this, he would shout 'integritas,' which is the Latin word for 'material, wholeness, completeness and entirety.' The centurion then listened closely for this positive declaration and for the ring that well-kept armor would give off. Satisfied that the armor was sound and that the soldier beneath it was protected, he moved on to the next soldier.

In one hand and at the feet of **Liberty** are broken chains. **Liberty** has been set free. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century many were thrown into prison in miserable inhumane conditions with their only crime being their Christian faith. Many were even betrayed by friends and family. Some were executed for their faith. Here, **Liberty** has been freed with the chains of oppression broken.

*"Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"* Patrick Henry, Founding Father, orator and first governor of Virginia



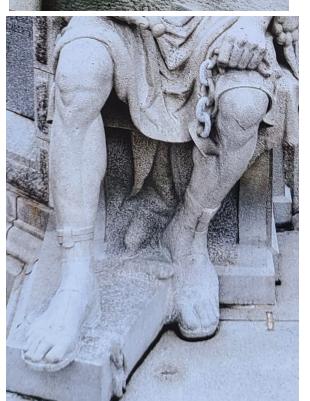
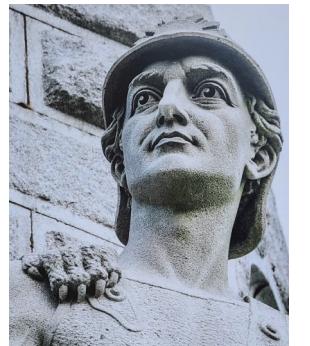
## Iron Sharpens Iron

**Monday, Nov. 7th at 7 PM**

Kerry Knowles & John Schranz This group meets in the **Fellowship Hall** for social distancing requirements. Monthly reading will be

Acts 8:9-39

Light supper provided.

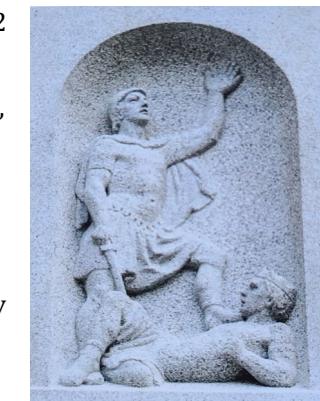


# Integritas

To the right of **Liberty**, the niche holds his wife named **Peace**. She is crowned with a wreath to indicate honor and in her left hand she holds an olive branch symbolizing the spirit of reconciliation. Her right hand is extended as though an extension of that peace. At her feet is a cornucopia or horn of plenty representing a prosperity that the Pilgrims found in their new land.



**Tyranny** fills the niche to the left of **Liberty**. Here **Tyranny** is revealed as a defeated foe. With his hand lifted to heaven the conquering hero stands with his foot on Tyranny's neck in the same way King David did proclaiming "*You armed me with strength for battle; you humbled my advisories before me. I pursued my enemies and crushed them....they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.*" 2 Sam 22:40, 38-39

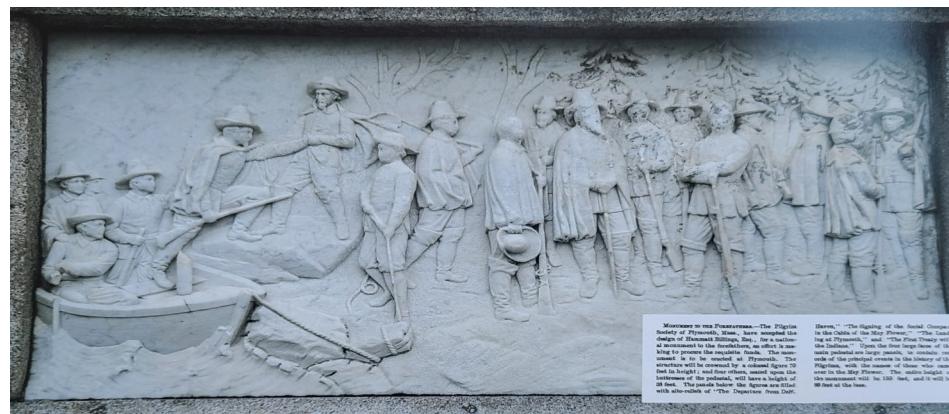


Taking us around the base of the monument, **Liberty**'s purpose is to defend his faith, his morality, his laws and the sacred responsibility to educate his children in a Biblical worldview.

At the feet of liberty, is an image of the Pilgrims as they landed at Plymouth Rock. The first image we saw like this was at the beginning of our trip around the monument. We saw the embarkation of the Pilgrims as they left England for a land where they could freely worship and practice their faith in freedom as they established a new society based on Biblical Law. Now, we end the journey as they step out onto Plymouth rock, a symbol of liberty and a new world.



We *DO* have Christian Foundations. The National Monument was built to represent the



Biblical worldview of the Pilgrims. Yet, the statue looks out over the Atlantic Ocean, facing their motherland England.

Take a fresh look at our founding documents.

Teach them to your children.

## The Declaration of Independence

## The Constitution

## The Bill of Rights

## The Bible



# The B.R.I.D.G.E

## Building Relationships Into Deep Godly Encounters

### Wednesday Nights

Weekly Bible Study continues on Wednesday Night 6:15-7:30pm in Room 307. The study will begin again on November 9<sup>th</sup>, since there is a Business Meeting on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. We plan to meet weekly through the end of the year, minus holidays.

### Sunday School

The young adults just finished a series on Loving Your Neighbor, and will soon be starting a series on James. Join us at 10am in Room 103 for a light breakfast, Bible Study and fellowship!

## Chili Cook-off



### Previous Events:

#### October

The young adults had a chili cook-off last month. They had four different kinds to choose from and pick a winner from the following: traditional, vegetarian, venison, and chicken chili. Tristan H. took home the prize for his traditional chili recipe!

The class has also been working together as a class to bring in items for the Backpacks for Appalachia. Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

### Upcoming Events:



#### November

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm. Fall bonfire, games and food. Location: 1074 Kellogg Mill Road, Stafford VA (Behind the Youth Pastor's Parsonage)

Please RSVP to Pachess 207-632-7334.

Operation Christmas Child collection and packing



#### December

##### Christmas Party

Pack-The-Pantry Food Drive to replenish the church's food pantry for the new year.



# Prime Timers

Our Prime Timers Luncheon in October was a great time for all. The Decorations were just beautiful ushering in Fall for our Harvest Blessings! The food was great and the Pork cooked by Virginia Armstrong could not have been better. Of course we had all the trimmings and wonderful side dishes. What a feast!

Our guest/speaker Joe Tomlinson and Cindy came from Pennsylvania. What a blessing he was. Beautiful ministry in singing and testimony

We are looking forward to our November 17th meeting. Harvest Blessing!

We will be serving our traditional meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Gary Graham will be cooking the turkey and Gary and Amy will be hosting. Please come and bring the side dish that you signed up for. If you need an idea of what, to bring, contact Virginia Armstrong or Margaret Canter.

Our Speaker for the 17th will be Jeff Tyson/speaker/singer.

We hope to see you in November and welcome new friends.

Blessings,

*Margaret Canter*



Hello Ramoth Baptist Church family!

It has been great joining your church family and ministry this past month! It has felt like a blur for Edis and I, but in that blur, you all have made us both feel welcomed, loved, and supported. Thank you.

October has been a month with a lot of good changes! The youth group has started again! The Youth Praise Team is rocking again and led worship at the Costume Party! And our morning Bible study groups (Sunday School) have split up into High School and Middle School groups! On top of that, Edis and I are married! And the leaves have turned colors! Please continue to pray for God to lead and work in our youth ministry as we look toward November and the beginning of the holiday season.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Sunday, November 20th 6:30-8:00PM: Campfire Night

Weather permitting, we will take our Sunday evening youth group outside to enjoy nighttime games, smores, and a Bible lesson around the campfire!! We will meet over in the field across the graveyard. Make sure to bundle up!



### Friday-Saturday, January 13th-14th: Youth Evangelism Conference

I will send out an email with more information soon! For now, please mark your calendars if your youth plans to attend!

## WHAT WE'RE TEACHING

### Sunday Mornings:

#### Explore the Bible: Amos, Jonah, Hosea, Micah - Failure and Future Grace

We will continue our fall study through the prophets. Although their messages are thousands of years old, they show us the character of the unchanging God and the same old dilemmas and struggles of humanity. Their words are powerful because they are from God! So, there is a lot for us to learn from the prophets!

First, the HS group will conclude their study of Hosea's message about God's unwavering faithfulness despite His people's unfaithfulness while the MS group will learn about Amos' message of God's justice and call to repentance. Then both groups will do a 3 week dive into the book of Micah. We will discover leading self-centeredly angers God, obeying God gives true peace and security, and trusting God produces hope!

### Sunday Mornings:

#### Grow: No Problem - A 4-Week Study from the Gospels on Forgiveness

Apologies are hard to give, but they're sometimes hard to receive, too. When you're the one who has hurt someone else, saying you're sorry (and actually meaning it) takes work and practice. But when you're the one who's been hurt by someone else, things get even more complicated. What if you don't want to forgive them? What if they don't seem sorry? What if they won't even admit they're wrong? What if they've moved on, but you're still not over it?



In this 4-week series from the Gospel accounts, we'll find out what it means to truly give (and receive) forgiveness. We'll discover that when you need forgiveness, it's not enough to just apologize. And when you've been hurt and need to forgive, we'll explore the importance of shifting your perspective, remembering God forgave first, and remembering Jesus knows what it's like to be hurt.

*Pastor Jonathan James*



Sunday

8:45 Nursery Toddler Care

10:00 Sunday School - all ages

11:00 Worship Classes

Wednesday

6:00 Awana Clubs



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It is with bittersweet emotion that I write this article. My husband Bob and I have decided to move to North Myrtle Beach, SC. I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to serve here at Ramoth in one way or the other over these last ten years. What a blessing to see so many children saved and baptized and so many being discipled through our various ministries. I am thankful for those who have faithfully served their classes week in and week out during the Sunday School hour. Ashley Montgomery and Emma Thompson in the nursery, Virginia Armstrong and Cindy Johnson with our toddlers, Rod and Sharon Montgomery with our Pre-K-Kindergartners, Cindy Bennett and Linda Gayle with our 1st-2nd graders, Dee McDaniel and Linda Rochefort with our 3rd-4th graders and Carol Hite & Suzanne France leading our 5th graders.

During the 11:00 service we rotate volunteers in the nursery and toddler rooms and we so appreciate all those who serve! Our other three classes have teachers who are dedicated to teach every week as we continue to disciple kids for the Kingdom. Taylor Rowenhorst and Aaron Hudson; Kati Justice in 1st-2nd grades; Nick & Deanna Lybeck in the 3rd-4th grades,

Awana Clubs are once again in overload, praise the Lord! We are so thankful for every family that sees the benefit of having Awana Clubs in the lives of their children. Ramoth has stepped up in a big way to provide the volunteers needed to have such an impact on the kids who come each week. Thank you so much for serving in Awana Clubs!

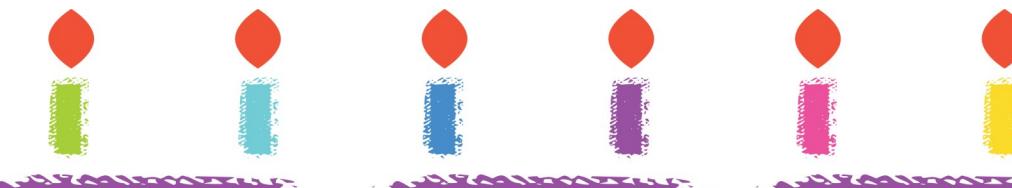
Rise Up Homeschool Ministry is truly reaching our community! Shannon Gallagher and Megan Williams had a vision of welcoming home school families into an environment where they could find like minded families to connect with and to provide enrichment classes for their kiddos. We have been blessed to see over 40 families with about 100 students commit to this ministry.

Thank you Ramoth for being a church who loves God, loves people and wants to reach the next generation with the gospel in so many ways!

Blessed to serve,

Robin Lingo (Children's Ministry Director)

## The Hughes Home



*Happy Birthday to...*

**Michael Wilson**

November 8

**Virginia Garnette**

November 8

**Mary Lanham**

November 9

**Randel Roby**

November 12

**Emma Jean Johnson**

November 13

**Thomas Purtell**

November 20

**Doris Wilkerson**

November 24

**Virginia 'Betty' Fletcher**

November 26

**Edmee Pastore**

November 28

**Mail a Card!**

**Name of Person**

c/o Hughes Home

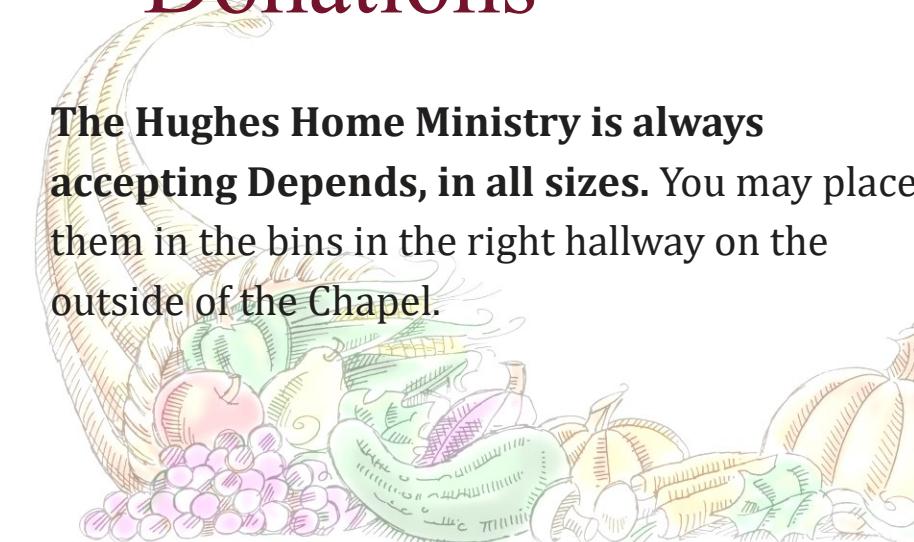
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## Donations

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



**November 1**  
Sylvia Sullivan

**November 2**  
Matthew Ngalla  
Brian Justice Sr.  
Darrin Whaley

**November 5**  
Emily Denson

**November 6**  
Nora Sheleva

**November 8**  
David Jett  
Linda Buckles

**November 9**  
Pete Johnson  
Russell Shaw  
Trinity Herencia

**November 10**  
Clyde Bryant  
Philip Embrey

**Happy  
Birthday!**

**November 11**  
Dylan Kuczka

**November 13**  
Kerry Knowles  
Lewis McElfresh  
Jaynie Hudson

**November 16**  
Sara Beth Stell  
Krystal Stinnett  
Sharon Kolandjian

**November 17**  
Vera Dickerson

**November 18**  
Suzanne France

**November 21**  
Seraphine Mehochko

**November 22**  
Noela Bryer

**November 23**  
Judy Sokolowski



# Church Stewardship

*Offerings and Attendance January 1-October 26*

## Offerings

### General Fund

### Designated Fund

### Expenses

### Cemetery Fund

*Donations were given in  
memory of:*

William Armstrong

Billy and Betty Lawrence



## Average Attendance

### Sunday Events

### Wednesday Events

### Other Weekly Events

### Cemetery Fund

*Paid out for cemetery  
upkeep:*

## Welcome! New Members

- ◆ Fiona Farrar
- ◆ Brian Justice Sr.
- ◆ Hudson Farrar
- ◆ Linda Justice
- ◆ Sara Farrar
- ◆ Laura Martinez
- ◆ Jeni Justice

# Adult Sunday School

What Are the Classes?	Where Am I going?	What Will I Be Learning?	Who Are the Teachers?
Young Adult	Room 103	Loving Your Neighbor The Book of James	Sergio Wooden Pachess Wooden
Adult 1	Fellowship Hall (left)	Study of Romans	Pete Johnson
Adult 2	Chapel-2	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life (Senior Adults)	Gary Bennett
Adult 3	Room 305	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life	Gary Graham
Adult 4	Room 306	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life (Senior Adults)	Matt Canter Paula Menteer
Adult 5	Chapel	Chronological Study through the Bible	Chris Gallagher Shannon Gallagher
Adult 7	Sanctuary	Topical	Lewis McElfresh
Adult 8	Fellowship Hall (right)	OT Chronological Survey: Kings/ Chronicles/ Prophets	Dan Mehochko Ken Hill
Senior Men	Room 307	Lifeway Bible Studies for Life	Kerry Knowles
Salvation Gospel Class	Room 301	How to Share the Gospel	Matthew Ngalla Patience Ngalla

## More Bible Studies

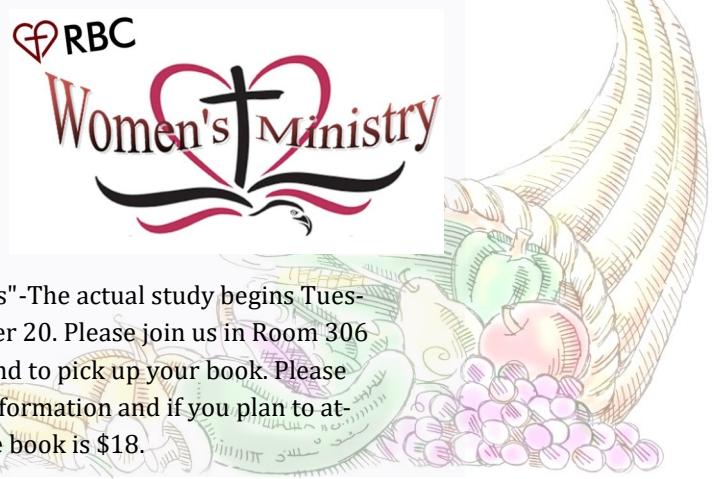
### Cultivating Holy Beauty a Women's Bible Study

Ongoing on Tuesdays at 6:30PM: 3 Giles Court , Stafford, VA

### Women's Bible Study

The Wonder of Advent, by Lifeway

Four week study of the "Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love of Christmas"-The actual study begins Tuesday, November 29 from 10-1130 and will run through December 20. Please join us in Room 306 on Tuesday November 15 at 11:30 for a brief meet and greet and to pick up your book. Please contact Kim Colson at [kimberlycolson7@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlycolson7@gmail.com) for more information and if you plan to attend so we will know how many books to order. The cost of the book is \$18.



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