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The Beacon



Family Movie Night

Everyone in our church family is invited to a movie night November 7 at 5PM.





Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

Join us November 14 at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall. Help us pack our shoeboxes with gifts for the kids.

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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Greetings,

We had a great business meeting on Wednesday night and unanimously voted to pass the presented budget for the new year. Please pray about your giving in the new budget year as there are many needs to be met and your committed and consistent giving makes that possible. We voted to pass the budget so now let's support it by giving to it. Our giving has decreased some in the last few months and I know that prices have gone up on everything but our commitment to our Lord is very important and we need to honor Him and the work He's given us to do in our giving. We are looking at all of the ministries we have in place and are expecting God to reveal many more as the year moves forward. We have a full (extremely busy) staff who are looking forward to serving our Lord in this new church year. We have just elected 10 new deacons to serve with the 9 currently serving and this group of men have a large range of experience and maturity. They're working hard to minister to the needs of our church family and to those outside the church that come to us for assistance. Please pray for them as they continue their work. All of our ministries, though, could not function properly without the hundreds of volunteers we have currently serving.. Our current facility is in use almost constantly during the day and night of each week, which requires scheduling the use of the facility. There is always, though, a need for additional volunteers and if you are not involved in some ministry, I ask that you pray about that and become involved so that all of our ministries can be fully staffed. There are so many opportunities for all to be involved and even to start new ministries when the Lord identifies to us some ministry that He wants us to do. He is never standing still, and neither should we. We all need to be involved because it takes all of us to become the church that God wants us to be (Acts 2:42-47). In the early church no one was sitting on the sidelines watching the work being done and that should be our desire for today. No one should be sitting on the sidelines looking in and receiving but giving nothing in return.

Let me share once again the message that I have presented to you before. In the new church year, that change is going to happen if we're to move forward with the Lord because He never wants us to stand still or be complacent. If we become complacent, Satan will win the battle (not the war but the battle against us). For us to accomplish everything the Lord has in store for us and to receive all of the blessings He's ready to pour out on us, we'll have to make a collective effort to do so, and that includes every church member. And as usual, I always ask when talking about church membership, "Are you a church member? If not, why not?"

In following in obedience to our Lord's direction through His inerrant Word, we need to continue to stand boldly and collectively to face an immoral and what I now call an "insane world". We are facing issues today that are extremely challenging but, remember, we stand on the truth of God's Word, so we have the answers for the immoral decisions that are being placed before us. In just a couple of days, hopefully you will go to the ballot box and cast your vote based upon the instruction manual (the Bible) I share with you every week. Your vote can make a difference. As I have shared with you in the last couple of weeks, there are about 4 million Christians registered to vote in Virginia. In the last election period it was stated that between 30-40% of those believers did not vote. That number of votes could change any election. I encourage you, I urge you, to vote.

I share this comment with you that I shared just recently in another article. God has given Ramoth Baptist Church this community to reach for Him. He did that 160 years ago. He has made it a place of refuge. The question for all of us is this: Are we doing and giving the best we can? I pray that we can continue to live up to the responsibilities our Lord has given us. Remember, once again, the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Thessalonica and it's the same message He gives to the church at Ramoth today, "Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Dr. Richard Harrell

October was such an incredible month at Ramoth as we celebrated Pastor Appreciation! It was truly encouraging to see our church family pour out so much love, gratitude, and appreciation for those who have faithfully served, shepherded, and invested in us. Moments like these remind us how blessed we are to have leaders who give so much of themselves to care for our church family.

A special shout-out goes to our Women's Ministry, especially Denise Johnson and Pachess Wooden, for the time, thought, and love they poured into organizing Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for helping make this celebration so meaningful and for creating opportunities for our church family to express our gratitude to those who faithfully lead and serve us. Your hard work and servant hearts are a blessing to Ramoth!

One of the highlights of the month for me was having the opportunity to lead our church in worship with "Praise the Lord Forever." The bridge of this song especially resonated with me because it reminds us of an important truth: when someone is brokenhearted and struggling to lift their voice in praise, the church family can come alongside them and help carry them through. There are seasons when our faith feels small and the road ahead seems difficult. In those moments, we need the peace and love of God, but we also need one another.

What a beautiful picture of the body of Christ—lifting one another up, surrounding those who are hurting with love, and reminding each other of the hope we have in Jesus. As we enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, may we remember that not everyone around us is celebrating without a burden. Some may be grieving, struggling, or quietly walking through a difficult valley. May Ramoth be a church that sees those people, comes alongside them, and helps lift their eyes toward the Lord. We praise the Lord together, and we help one another when the song is hard to sing.

As we turn the calendar toward November, we enter one of the most meaningful seasons of the year. The holidays bring wonderful opportunities to gather as a church family, reconnect with loved ones, and create memories together. There is something special about coming together as the body of Christ, encouraging one another, and celebrating the goodness of God. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to worship, serve, fellowship, and strengthen the bonds that make our church family so special.

But this season also reminds us that our calling extends beyond the walls of our church. As we gather around Thanksgiving tables, visit with family, welcome friends into our homes, and interact with our neighbors, we have opportunities to shine the light of Christ in everyday moments. A kind word, a listening ear, an invitation to join us at church, or a simple act of generosity can make an eternal difference. May our families and our community see something of Jesus through the way we love, serve, and care for others.

Do you have a passion to praise? If you do, then be unapologetic and lift those around you up so that we can Praise the Lord Forever!

Wishing you and your family a blessed and joy-filled Thanksgiving season!

Deacons of the Week

November 1
Jeff Johnson (540) 836-7535
Chris Turman (540) 272-1914

November 8
Nate Ewoldt (540) 273-5549
Chris Hudson (703) 350-1934

November 15
Shawn Blake (540) 226-2308
Jon White (540) 623-6184

November 22
Tim Eicher (540) 907-1545
Joe Pearson (540) 940-1762

November 29
Jacob Nimeth (540) 408-3887
Matt Sarkissian (909) 855-2881

The Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

Paul writes in Philippians 4:7, “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This peace allows us to rest in God’s presence. It allows us to trust in God’s sovereignty. This is a peace that allows us to totally focus on God and to fully worship Him and not be distracted by the problems of the world. Paul also writes in Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" God the Spirit is the source of strength that gives us a peace no unbeliever can understand.

This peace is not just a removal of conflict in our hearts but a deep, calming peace that is rooted in our trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. We trust Him to be in control of our lives, the world, and the future. We trust Him to keep His promises. In other words, the uneasiness of the world, that is impacted by outside forces, is replaced by the supernatural tranquility of the heart that belongs to Christ. This peace naturally takes us to a place of worship. Perhaps, there is no greater example of this peace than the hymn writer, Horatio Spafford.

Horatio Spafford was an American lawyer and businessman but is best known for his work with Dwight L. Moody and his famous hymn, “It Is Well With My Soul.” As a businessman, Spafford, invested in real estate before the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. After the fire, he was ruined. More importantly, Horatio and Anna lost their son just before the Great Chicago Fire. And yet, with strength that comes from the peace of God, they moved forward.

Two years after the Great Fire of Chicago, the couple were to sail to England with their four daughters to enjoy a vacation and meet up with their friend Dwight L. Moody. But with a last-minute business interruption, Spafford sent his wife and daughters on ahead while he remained behind to handle a zoning issue in Chicago.

While crossing the Atlantic the ship carrying his wife and daughters collided with another ship and sunk. His four daughters were killed. Upon arrival in England, Anna sent him a telegraph saying, “Saved alone…” Spafford sailed to England to meet with Anna. While sailing over the spot where his daughters had drowned, Spafford wrote, “It Is Well With My Soul.”[1]

So often, we pray for peace, but do we really understand what the peace of God really is? Spafford did. He had lost almost everything in this world, save his wife, and still he felt the peace of God that only a child of God can feel. He remembered the words of Isaiah 26:3, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." What did he do? He trusted God and He worshiped. He wrote a hymn that the entire world has sung. He led a world of hurting people in worship. He worshiped because he trusted God.

Pastor Chuck Hite

[1] It Is Well with My Soul - Wikipedia

Prime Timers Luncheon

November 19, 2026

Theme:

Give Thanks

Menu:

Traditional Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Dressing
Please Bring Sides and/or Desserts

Host/Hostess:

Virginia Armstrong, Margaret Canter, and Paul Germain

Decorator:

Sandy Germain

Guest Speaker/ Testimony:

Dr. Pete Johnson

Singing Every Month



Times of Great Change



ERNEST AVERETT

When Rev. Ernest Averett accepted the call to be Ramoth's pastor, he appreciated the response of the people. Their attitude seemed to be "Let's get busy and do something!" The parsonage had been built during the time we had no pastor. People received the Averetts warmly, and the church seemed to be pleased to have the pastor living in the community. Ramoth was no longer one of a large field of churches; we shared Rev. Averett's ministry with only one other church, Berea Baptist Church. Worship services were now held every Sunday, except fifth Sundays. They were held on the first and third Sunday mornings and the second and fourth Sunday evenings of every month.

For a variety of reasons, a number of the members who had been dropped from the roll in 1924 had never reunited with the church. Some of them attended regularly. At times, old wounds must be healed before new growth can take place. On January 6, 1951, the church unanimously approved putting these members' names back on the roll. Some of those members had died. The ones who were still living were contacted by the church about having their names reinstated. Some of them declined. due to their membership in other churches, but the church received some very appreciative letters from them. In March it was reported that twenty names had been added back to the roll.

Our church was ready to expand physically. During the 1950's our facilities grew from a one room building to a modern structure with Sunday School rooms for that growing organization. More details about this expansion will be found in the section on our church building.

Prior to the 1950's, the church had both a church treasury and a Sunday School treasury. Other groups or committees would also raise funds when needed, but there was no budget. Many times during the years, simply raising enough money to pay the pastor's salary had been difficult. At each meeting, the treasurer still read a list of how much each member had contributed. A growing church with more programs and a variety of expenses needed a different system. Deciding how each individual expense would be handled could be cumbersome. In October of 1950, the church decided to try the Unified Budget Plan and offering envelopes for the year of 1951. On December 17, 1950, our first proposed budget was discussed and adopted. In October of 1951, the church voted to continue this program through 1952 and beyond. The total 1952 budget was $4,170. Missions and benevolences totaled $850, including $300 for the cooperative Program.

Ramoth made a move in the 1950's to be more closely involved with other churches in associational matters. Due to the distances involved in participating in Potomac Association functions, we voted in 1951 to join the Hermon Association. Apparently this move successfully involved Ramoth in more associational activities. In June of 1955, the associational W.M.U. meeting was held at Ramoth. Rev. Averett spoke at this meeting, on the subject "What do I see when I survey my neighborhood? I see the lost and the needs of youth today. One of our greatest needs is for a better understanding for the problems of youth and for Christian homes." Our involvement in associational activities continued in 1957 when Ramoth became one of the original churches that joined together to form the Fredericksburg Baptist Association.

In 1958, Ramoth called our first paid choir director, Milton Christy. At a business meeting prior to his call, the church discussed how we could become more of a "singing congregation." Hiring a professional musician to lead us was one step we chose to take. Mr. Christy served very capably in that capacity for many years. In 1961, a bequest to the church from Mrs. Warren Rose was used to purchase an electric organ. We had used only the piano for music for some years. Miss Rebecca Groves became the first church organist to play this organ. In 1962, the choir got its first choir robes.

The church continued to grow and expand its programs. By 1962, the associational letter reported a total of 400 members. Sunday School enrollment was 362, with an average weekly attendance of 197. Training Union enrollment was 51, with an average attendance of 32. The W.M.U. reported 30 W.M.S. members, 19 Y.W.A.'s, 17 G.A.'s, and 16 Sunbeams. Brotherhood enrollment was 35, and there were 24 boys in R.A.'s. The pastor's salary was $2,100. Total mission expenditures were $1,632, including $1,200 to the Cooperative Program. Total receipts were listed as $11,900.

In 1963, to better serve a growing church, we increased the number of deacons. The number had been increased from seven to nine some years back, and at this time the number was increased to twelve. The first deacon election in nine years was held. Rotation of deacons was also discussed, but was not implemented until 1964.

Both Ramoth and Berea had grown. We had grown in membership, in organizations, and in the size of our building. On July 15, 1963, Re. Averett submitted his resignation after a long pastorate, effective August 15. He said, "I believe the church will go forward under a program with another pastor that will really lead to great things in the years to come... I believe the future of the church to be great and I will follow your work in the years to come with much interest and deep prayer." On July 24, the deacon board unanimously recommended that we "launch out in a full-time program." There were no dissenting votes from the church.

A pulpit committee was elected, and was authorized by the church to offer a full-time pastor up to $4,800 in salry. On September 5, 1963, Rev. Merrell C. Moore was called to be Ramoth's first full-time pastor.

In 1965, the church decided to buy 200 Baptist Hymnals. These hymnals replaced the old Broadman Hymnals.

In 1966, Ramoth celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The celebration was conducted as part of our Homecoming and Fall Revival. Rev. Moore spoke at the morning service. "What Makes A Church Great" was the topic of the afternoon sermon, delivered y Rev. Robert Caverlee, pastor emeritus of Fredericksburg Baptist Church.

As the 1960's drew to a close Ramoth was involved in evangelism and outreach under the leadership of our pastor, Bill Hall. There was an evangelistic crusade held at the George Washington Boyhood Home in 1969, and Ramoth participated actively. One hundred of our chairs were loaned to the Crusade to help provide seating, and Ramoth's members attended and participated. That fall, we held our members attended and participated. That fall, we held our revival in cooperation with our neighboring church, hulls Memorial. Rev. Butler of Hulls preached at our revival the first week and our pastor preached at Hulls the second week. If was conducted and promoted as a two-week revival. In December of that year, we voted to put our radio program, "The Voice of Evangelism", on a radio station in Ashland. It was already being broadcast on a local radio station.

As we moved into the 1970's our total church membership was 465. By July of 1971, the membership was 493. In 1972, Rev. Ray Vinson became our pastor, and led us for the next three years. Church attendance was high during for the next three years. Church attendance was high during this time. The church worked together under Rev. Vinson's leadership in implementing the "Together We Build"

program. The budget for 1976 was $53, 773, including $3,920 to the Cooperative Program.

Rev. Stover became our pastor in 1976. The organizations of our church were active. In February of 1978, the Sunday School reported an average attendance of 172. The youth group led our church in ministry to the Hughes Home for Adults, beginning on the second Sunday of October of 1976. In 1981, the youth were granted permission to continue this ministry, and the help of a deacon was requested. In 1982, our church bought hymnals for use at Hughes. This ministry still continues with a group of dedicated people.

As we moved further into the 1980's we faced many changes and challenges. Rev. Stover left in 1981, and during the rest of that decade we had three more pastors, Rev. James Wall, Rev. Carlin Dempsey, and Rev. Charles Ward.

In 1980, the Janet Averett Circle of the W.M.U. was organized with eight ladies present, who became the charter members; Janie Oliver, Cora Embrey, Betty Embrey, Faye Reid, Jeannie Pritchett, Emma Groves, Evelyn Bryant, and Nancy Bryant. They meet once a month. In 1987 they made the W.M. U. Centennial quilt.

In 1983, after some study, the church decided to open a nursery school. The school operated during the 1982-1984 school year, with Mrs. Pam Null as director. The school was discontinued after one year of operation.

In 1985, the church bought a van for use in our ministry and by our organizations. It has enabled our organizations to travel to meetings and activities more easily. It is also used during Vacation Bible School to transport children who would not be able to attend otherwise.

Another ministry with which the church has been involved in recent years is the Bland Ministry Center in Bland County, Virginia. Members of Ramoth have donated clothes, supplies, and time. Mission teams from Ramoth have gone there and helped for a week during the summers of 1990 and 1991.

During the 1980's, Ramoth took a stand on several issues in our community and state. The church was requested to take a stand against the state lottery. we also encourage members to write letters oposing overnight visitation at co-ed dormitories at Mary Washington College, and supported the efforts of other churches concerning that and supported the efforts of other churches concerning that issue and the liberalization of policies concerning the use of alcoholic beverages on campus.

As we go forward in the 1990's and celebrate our 125th Anniversary, we can look both to our future and to our past. We can remember our heritage and cherish the achievements of the past, but we can also learn from the hardships, the trials, the victories, and the mistakes of the past. We must not be content to live in the past. As our forefathers were committed to making a difference in this community, we must do so also, living for Christ in today’s world. Our new pastor, Rev. Paige Bowman, took as his theme , “One in 91”. Let us strive to work together to make the future even better than the past.

COMING UP:

OUR NOVEMBER 19TH MEETING THEME IS

“GIVE THANKS’

Our Speaker is Pete Johnson. You don’t want to miss.
Our luncheon is our traditional Turkey dinner with all the trimmings.
Please come and bring a side dish.
Lots of singing and fellowship.

I Thessalonians 5:15 NIV
Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 95:2-3
Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great Kind above all god’s.

Psalm 69:30
I will praise God’s name in song and glorify Him with Thanksgiving.

BLESSINGS

Margaret Canter

Greetings and blessings, brothers and sisters. We are quickly approaching the holiday seasons and there are many things to consider. We certainly want to consider all the things that we should be thankful for in our lives. We want to be sure to give praise and glory to God, who makes all things possible. He is working all things for the good of those who believe in Him and who trust Him with their lives. We also should be considering the blessings and love of God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, gave us the greatest gift imaginable. Jesus Christ gave us the gift of eternal life and the promise of being with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

When we consider the above, everything seems to have its place, and all is well. However, we know that with the busyness of the holidays we can sometimes lose sight of these important truths. We can become anxious about how we are going to be able to make the meals happen. How we are going to be able to travel and see everyone that we need to see. Not to mention, we can and will get anxious about how we are going to afford everything. This is when we need to remember that God's word instructs us to be anxious for nothing and to trust in the peace that He provides (Philippians 4:6-7).

Maybe it is not an anxious spirit that you battle at this time of year. The spirit you might be battling is one of value and worth. You wonder about how others value you and consider that the greater the gift, the greater the appreciation should be. Or maybe you place your worth in the things that you can do for others, especially at this time of year. You may think that the more that you do, it will be seen as making you more worthy of their love, attention, and affection. This is when we need to review God's word and see how much He loves us and what He was willing to sacrifice to show that love (John 3:16-17).

Maybe the previous two considerations are nowhere on your radar. You might be battling the spirit of fear for what the future holds. We are living in a time when more things are changing. Things are becoming more and more expensive. You want to be a good steward of God's blessings, but you are fearful that things are only going to get worse, and you do not know how to plan or prepare for any of it. This fear is not impacting where you are going, what feasts you will have, or the things that will find themselves under a tree. These fears are affecting how you and your family live day-to-day. This is when we have to recall God's word about His provision and our portion (Romans 8:28).

Now, you are probably thinking that none of this applies to you. It may not, but I am certain that you know someone that it does apply to, and it's important to know what to do, regardless. Seek God's reassuring word. Pursue the ways of God. Proclaim the wisdom and direction that God has provided. It will make all the difference in how you see things, how you experience the holidays, and how you show and share the love of God.

If you need to talk about any of the considerations mentioned or need guidance to address others that you have encountered, we are here. 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

In The Wildflowers

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

Food Pantry

Want to volunteer in the church food pantry and make a difference in our community? There are multiple days/times to help:
Monday: Shopping/Box Prep
Tuesday: Pantry 8:30AM-10:00AM
Fridays: Donation Pickup/Sorting
Saturday/Sunday: Donation Pickup

Women Overcoming Depression

Perhaps you have felt down, lethargic, or out of sorts for a few weeks, or maybe this heaviness has smothered you for months...even years. THINGS ARE NOT HOPELESS...YOU ARE NOT HELPLESS...YOU ARE NOT WORTHLESS. If you feel you are experiencing defeat in any area of your life, you are welcome to join this group of overcomers as we meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. For more information, or to sign up for this group, please contact Pattie Foster at pattiecakes84@comcast.net
Our next meetings will be:
November 10th and 24th at 1:00PM in Rm 306.

A Place of Hope, Help, and Healing

Hello Ramoth Family,

First of all, I want to say thank you so much to all of you for showing your love and support to our Pastors throughout the month of October! Their leadership, example and service to our Lord and Savior is such a blessing to our church family and community, so thank you for helping them feel valued and appreciated!

Second, I want to reflect on what has been preached over the month of October. I think it is so important that we meditate and truly reflect on the messages taught so that we can really grasp the greatest gift we can give, not only to our Pastors and Leadership, but to our church family and ultimately for the glory and honor of our Mighty God.

As we look back at what has been preached over the last several weeks, there were 5 gifts listed that we can all give at any time. First, the gift of undeserved grace. We all, first and foremost receive grace from God, His undeserved favor, so let us be mindful to extend grace to each other. We all fall short of the glory of God, none of us are perfect, and sometimes we may have a bad day or bad attitude or just get something wrong, but as God commands, "let us clothe ourselves with humility, compassion and gentleness towards each other letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we are called to peace." (Col 3:12-15).

Second, the gift of bible-centered accountability. This accountability does not necessarily mean correction, what it means in this context is that we should be reaching out and lifting up our Pastors and Leadership with prayer, verses and encouragement. As they pour out and give their time, energy and efforts to those around them, let's be mindful to pour back into them, reminding our Pastors and Leadership that they are valued, treasured, loved and children of God.

Third, the gift of united submission. We must continually strive to work together in unity, all for the glory of God, until we reach unity in the faith. Ephesians 4 encourages us to "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." It is so important for us to fellowship together, learn from each other and continue to grow in the faith, loving and forgiving each other well, not allowing the enemy to cause division and discord, but speaking the truth in love and growing in maturity towards Christ, who is the head of our church body.

The fourth gift is the gift of your own ministry. God blesses and gifts each of us with spiritual gifts and these are not for our own glory, but for the common good, the church body. Paul talks about this in detail in 1 Corinthians 12-14. We all are part of the body of Christ, each one of us important to the function of the church, for the glory of God. It is so important that we strive to do our part because not one of us can carry the body alone, such as Paul explains in 1 Cor 15-20, "there are many parts, but one body." While further encouraging us in verse 27 " Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." If you don't know or are unsure of what your spiritual gifts are that is ok. As you get plugged in, serve, and strive to be an engaging and active member of the body of Christ, God is faithful and will equip you as He determines (1 Cor 12:11). The important point is that we surrender our will to God daily, seeking to serve and honor Him, as active and engaged members in the body of Christ all for His glory.

Lastly, the gift of replacements-in-waiting. Now is the time to encourage, lift each other up and say yes to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be engaged, involved and invested in the future of our church. It is our responsibility to train-up the next leaders and maybe God has even been pricking your heart to be trained to lead, so what are you waiting for? Let us answer as Isaiah did in chapter

6:8, “Here I am, send me!”.

Brothers and sister in Christ, I hope that we truly can meditate and reflect on the greatest gifts that we can give. Even though our job titles may not be Pastor, Refuge Ministry Director or Children’s Director, we all play a role and have an important part in the function of the body of Christ. I know it can be challenging to sacrifice our time, desires, will and step out of our comfort zones, but isn’t that what this is all about? Jesus sacrificed His life for us, so that we may be saved, that we may continually be sanctified, bearing His good fruit for the building up and edification of others, and ultimately healed and whole, spending eternity with Him in heaven. Our lives should be lived in sacrifice to Him each and every day of this borrowed breath that we have, for His glory, honor and praise.

That is going to look different for each of us, and it will change during the different stages of our lives, but let us remain an engaged, working part of the body of Christ for His glory and the building up of the church body as He commands. There is a place for you, the body has many parts and many needs, all you have to do is be willing and available! Ask any of our Pastors, Woody or Jenny where you can serve, where you can get plugged in. All you have to do is follow Isaiah’s footsteps and excitement in saying, “Here I am Lord, send me!” and you will be truly blessed by what God will do through your sacrifice and service to Him.

May God bless you and keep you my brothers and sisters, May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you and may He give you peace,

Denise Johnson

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Nov 1st (next one Dec 6th): 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!

Upcoming workshops:

Wednesday, Nov 4th	10:00am-12:00pm	Paper & Fellowship
Friday, Nov 6th	10:00am-12:00pm	Painting & Fellowship
Wednesday, Nov 11th	10:00am-12:00pm	Coffee, Tea & Jesus
Saturday, Nov 14th	10:00am-12:00pm	Fiber & Fellowship / Paper & Fellowship (Christmas Card Party)

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 from 10am-1pm, and cooking, serving and cleanup on Wednesday, November 4th from 1pm-6pm. Any help is appreciated!! Especially clean-up after dinner on Wednesday. Sign-up in the foyer today!

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:

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

Thank you so much to those who facilitated, drove and participated in the Sight and Sound trip! It sounds like it was a beautiful time of fun, fellowship and adventure!
Thank you to everyone who participated in Pastor Appreciation month! We are so grateful for your outpouring of love and support to our Pastors and their families.
Thank you also to everyone who came out to pack lunch bags for Micah Ministries. It was such a great time and success that we are looking to make this a recurring service event. Be on the lookout for future dates and come join us in the fun as we get to participate in blessing those in need.

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 & 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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INTEGRITAS
MEN'S MINISTRIES • I CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

Shopping safety during the holidays.

Unfortunately, there are those who will prey on the unaware during times we hope to celebrate faith & family. Consider these safety tips as you shop or celebrate with others.

Mentally prepare ahead of time. Focus & a plan are your best protection. Plan routes & what you will be doing or buying at each stop. Note who & where security is located.

Primary to everything during shopping & social outings is to stay aware of your surroundings & those around you.

Shop during daylight hours in well-lit areas. Go when stores are less crowded.

If shopping includes children, keep them close. Teach them to look for trusted help if separated.

A picture taken before shopping can help with ID. Make sure they know the safety rules – stay close.

Use a single credit or debit card to minimize risk. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Do not let your wallet be an easy target for theft. Keep it close to your body to make more difficult for thieves to take. Purses with zip closures & over-the-shoulder straps used cross shoulder are best. Thieves can't reach in or yank it off your arm/shoulder. If you are not carrying a bag, put your wallet in your front pocket. Back pockets are easy targets for pickpockets.

Safety Tips for Shopping

· **Stay Aware:** *Head up & keep your phone in your pocket* to avoid distractions. If you must use it, find a safe place to stop. Don't walk around with your head down.

· **Use One Card:** Carry minimal credit cards to minimize risk. One card is best.

· **RFID card:** An RFID card will prevent electronic capture of your credit card and others.

· **Avoid Cash:** If possible, leave your cash at home.

· **Secure the Vehicle:** Park as close as possible to the store. Park under a light. Ensure valuables are out of sight. Lock the car. Note your location. After shopping, have your keys out. Check around the car. Quickly get into the car & lock it.

<u>Men's Ministry:</u> 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.

November 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 - 2- Nov. 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.

OPERATION ORDERS

Ramoth Baptist Church Evangelism Action

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***S**ituation:* We live in a Lost World – you all know **F**riends, **R**elations, **A**ssociates, **N**eighbors, and others you meet in your day-to-day life that are headed for Eternal separation from God (the easy, gentle term for Lake of Fire or Hell). For those of you who are Christians, they'll be separated from you, too. God has given us an assignment.

***M**ission:* Win the Lost. Seek to save Souls. Prepare people for the Kingdom of God.
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
Go ye therefore into the whole world preaching and teaching. Matt 28:19-20

***E**xecution:* Invite people to church. Talk to those you meet every day. Bring people to church. Teach your family. Speak Jesus. Be w witness wherever you go each day.

***A**dministration:*
Beans: Meals can be a vital part of feeding not only physical sustenance but spiritual sustenance as you share a table with family, friends, and those around you.
Bullets: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword. Get the Word out. Let it do its own work through the Holy Spirit.
Bandaids: The broken hearted and physically hurting need your love, care and prayer,
Bad Guys: Pray for conversion. Share the gospel. God said, Fear Not, I am with you.

***C* ommand & Control:**
Scripture – Read, study, meditate and memorize the Word. There may come a day when you don't have physical or electronic access to it. Hide it in your heart.
Preaching – Not everyone stands has a pulpit. Your actions show your heart as well.
Ministering – The most precious gift recognized is when you give of yourself to others. Your time and attention will speak far more than words ever can.
Prayer – As a Child of God, you have direct access to the throne of God. Your prayers are heard by a mighty God who loves you and wants to hear from you.
Fellowship – You have been adopted into the family of God. Get to know your family.
Unity – Come together to worship and work together for the Kingdom of God.



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UPCOMING

November 7
Family Movie Night

November 19
Prime Timers Luncheon

December 6
Christmas Choir Presentation

December 9
AWANA Christmas Night

December 13
Christmas Caroling

December 19
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon & Gift Exchange

December 24
Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 25 - Jan. 4
Offices Closed

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.

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."

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.



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What is Coming Up & Recent Happenings

Mission

Local Mission Opportunity

Camp Red Arrow has asked us to be camp counselors for the week of June 28-July 2, 2027. Please reach out to Jenny or Andrea if you are interested in knowing more.

What is it?

Clue #1: What rises without climbing and falls without stumbling?

Clue #2: What do a sheep, a duck, and a rooster have in common?

Clue #3: What depends on something you cannot see to determine where it goes?

Coming Up:

Family Movie Night ~ November 7

OCC Packing Party ~ November 14

Prime Timers Luncheon ~ November 19

Choir Christmas Presentation ~ December 6

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon ~ December 19

Thank You

Thank You



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Have you ever heard a word used and started to ponder the meaning or use behind it?

Words hold many meanings for us in America. We can use the same word to describe more than one thing. For example, the word bat can be an animal, a tool used in sports, or an action. Words are how we communicate, describe the world around us, and discover who God is in scripture.

However, recently I overheard someone use a word that sparked a curiosity. Though I knew what they were referring to, I wondered how the meaning of this word relates to scripture.

The word used was *entitlement* or *entitled* (not to be confused with the entitlement of an agreed upon paycheck after working). The Merriam-Webster definition that most relates to this usage is 'belief that one is deserving of or entitled to certain privileges.'

I started thinking about words that may describe someone's reasoning for feeling entitled. The most common reasons were pride, greed, selfishness, self-righteousness, empowerment, privilege, arrogance, fame, etc.

How do we combat or counter a character stance of entitlement? One word comes to mind: Humility. The type of humility that understands we are only entitled to one thing in this life: Death. We are sinful and fallible humans. That is why Christ came to pay our sin debt to build the bridge for us to be in relationship with the Father through the Son.

Though the word entitled or entitlement is not necessarily used in the Bible, there are some scriptures that speak to the subject. Here are a few: Philippians 2:3; Proverbs 18:12; Matthew 23:12; Romans 3:23.

What words have sparked a curiosity for you recently?

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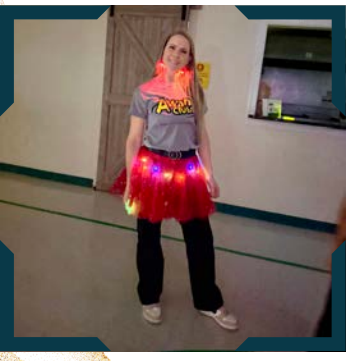
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Thanksgiving.....for the Gift of Justification by Faith in Christ

November is a month where we make it a point to give thanks for the blessings that we experience - family, friends, church, food, football, fellowship over the holiday season. And there are few truths that fill the Christian heart with greater gratitude than the doctrine of justification by faith in Jesus Christ. Our student ministry has been spending unhurried time considering these truths as we work our way through the book of Galatians on Sunday mornings.

The gospel declares that sinners who deserve God's judgment can be counted righteous before Him - not because of their works, but through faith in Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us (Galatians 2:16, 20). This is no small blessing. It is the gracious gift of God, secured by the finished work of His Son.

Paul makes the foundation of our justification unmistakably clear: "A person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16). Our standing before God does not depend on our moral achievements, religious observances, or personal righteousness. If righteousness could be obtained through the law, "then Christ died for no purpose" (Galatians 2:21). What we could never accomplish, Christ accomplished for us through His obedient life and atoning death.

How, then, should we respond? With humble, heartfelt gratitude. In a word, thanksgiving. Paul reminds us that Christ "redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). At the cross, Jesus bore the wrath that our sins deserved, so that those who trust in Him might receive the blessing that he deserved. Our salvation rests not on the strength of our faith, or the worthiness of our works, but on the sufficiency of our great Savior.

This grace also transforms how we live. Paul declares, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). Our new life flows from our vital union with Christ. Having been justified by faith, we now walk by the Spirit, bear His fruit, and seek to love our neighbors (Galatians 5:16, 22-23).

Moreover, justification frees us from the exhausting burden of trying to earn God's acceptance. We are sons and daughters of God, through faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26), heirs according to God's promise (Galatians 3:29), and recipients of the Holy Spirit by faith (Galatians 3:2-5).

As a result, we boast in the cross, and the cross alone (Galatians 6:14). Our assurance is in Christ's righteousness, and our hope is in Christ's resurrection. We deserved condemnation, yet God has graciously given us salvation through faith in Christ. This is the greatest reason for thanksgiving that we could ever experience!

Pastor Ben LoPresti

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Menu

November 4th

EGG CASSEROLE, SAUSAGE GRAVY AND BISCUITS, HAM SLIDERS, FRUIT, DONUTS/PASTRIES

Women's Ministry



November 11th



ROAST CHICKEN, VEGETAGBLES, PINTO BEANS, COLLARDS, CORNBREAD AND DESSERT

Jaynie Hudson's Team



You can sign up for the 18th's Dinner a week early!



November 18th

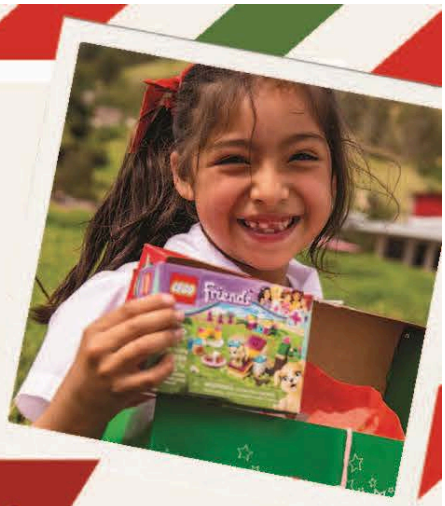
TRADITIONAL THANSGIVING DINNER (TURKEY, HAM, ALL THE SIDES) AND PIES

Andrea Romero's Team

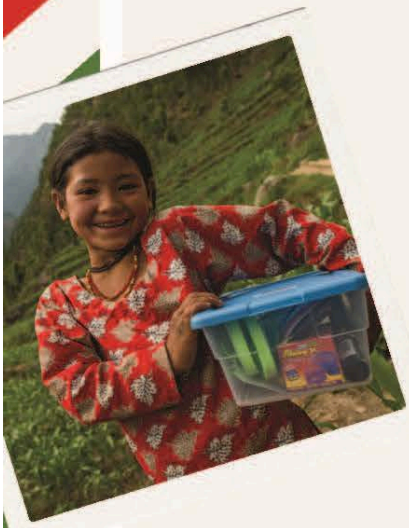


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OPERATION Christmas Child

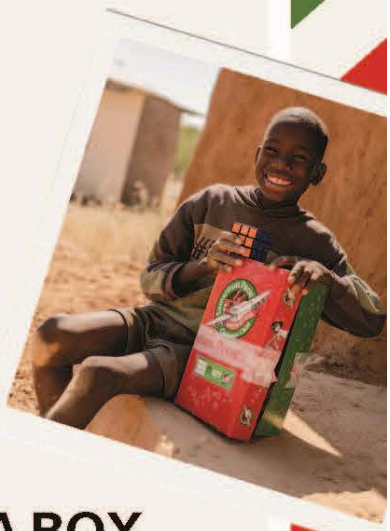
Be A Blessing Around The World



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

$10

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!

Shoebox Pick-Up



Box Return: Nov. 15

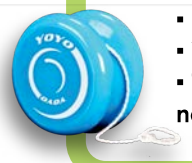
Shoebox Gift Suggestions

"WOW" ITEM
- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Musical Instrument



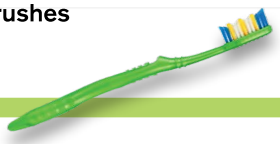
TOYS
- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)





PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes





SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators





ACCESSORIES
- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE
soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, aerosol cans

Packing Party
November 14th
10 am - 12:30 pm

Scan To Donate

Box Return:
Nov. 15

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NOVEMBER 21 - 28





What is JLAM?

Jireh Latin American Ministry Inc. (JLAM) is a faith-based, family-supported 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing comprehensive humanitarian aid, medical care, and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to underserved communities worldwide.

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- **Donate:** Your tax-deductible contribution goes directly to life-saving medical supplies and ministry resources.
- **Participate:** Join our team on an upcoming "Church Mission Trip" and serve on the front lines of our clinics.
- **Advocate:** Recommend JLAM to your local church, family, and friends.



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- In-country Vehicle Transportation and Fuel

100% of donations go to the mission field



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November Birthdays

November 1
Sylvia Sullivan

November 2
Matthew Ngalla
David Shelton
Darrin Whaley

November 6
Nora Sheleva
Beau Williams

November 7
Judy Stanback

November 8
Jenny Forrester
David Jett

November 9
Samuel Giles
Trinity Herencia
Pete Johnson

November 10
Joe Gallegos
Phil Embrey

November 12
Seth Taah

November 13
Jaynie Hudson
Kerry Knowles

November 15
Timothy Lies
Sumarra Wooden

November 16
Sharon Kolandjian

November 17
Vera Dickerson

November 18
Suzanne France

November 21
Seraphine Mehochko
Darryl White

November 23
Kristie Hooke

November 24
Gabriela Morales

November 27
Randy Colson
Alexander Kolandjian

November 29
Pattie Foster
Elena Johnson
Brianna Scott

Hughes Home Riverhouse

November 2
Cheryl Krupka

November 3
Robert Johnson

November 5
Brenda Lawson

November 8
Mike Wilson

November 8
Virginia Garrett

November 20
Tom Purtell

November 24
Jerry Hunt

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-October 26

Offerings

GENERAL FUND

DESIGNATED FUND

EXPENSES

Cemetery Fund

UPKEEP

DONATIONS

Average Attendance

SUNDAY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENTS

OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS

In Christian Sympathy

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	II Thessalonians	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

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