# **Ramoth Baptist Church Fall Festival**

## November 1, 2025 | 11 AM - 3 PM

478 Ramoth Church Rd, Stafford, VA 22554

#### Mixed Media Art & Craft Show Rules

- 1. **Submission Limit**: Each artist may submit up to **three pieces** of art.
- Size Restrictions: Artwork cannot be larger than 16x20 inches. (Does not apply to fiber arts)
- Weight Restrictions: If artwork weighs more than 2 lbs, please notify us before drop off. Contacts provided below.
- 4. Artwork Description:

0	Each submission must include a typed and printed description attached
	to the work at drop-off. The description must contain:
	☐ <b>Title of the work</b> (optional)
	■ Media used (materials and techniques)
	☐ Age of the artist. (do not include your name)
	☐ <b>Theme</b> (from the provided list below) (Optional for fiber arts)
	☐ Bible verses or Biblical stories that inspired you.
	☐ Any additional information. (optional)

Example artwork description provided on the last page of these rules for your reference.

- 5. Artwork Age: All artwork must have been created within the last year.
- 6. **Drop-Off Location and Times**:
  - Artwork will be dropped off at the church office during regular business hours starting 8 AM October 27th through October 30th till 12 PM.

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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- For Saturday and Sunday drop-offs, please contact media@rbcstafford.org to arrange a time.
- If you need other alternative drop-off times, reach out to media@rbcstafford.org for special arrangements.
- Any art that is not submitted by October 30th can not be accepted or included in the show.

### 7. Canvas and Mounting:

- If the artwork is <u>not</u> on a sturdy canvas:
- It <u>must</u> be mounted to a piece of construction paper that is larger than the artwork, creating a border of about 1 inch around the piece (does not need to be exact).

OR

- It <u>must</u> be inside a sturdy hangable frame. If your artwork weighs more than 2 lbs with the frame, please notify us.
- 8. **Age Categories**: Participants will be judged based on their **age category**.
  - All ages and experience levels are welcome!
  - Select your age category when filling out the art submission form provided on our website or in the foyer.

# Themes and Inspiration

## 1. Seasons of Change: You are God's Work in Progress

• Theme Focus: Explore the different "seasons" in our lives like times of growth, struggle, and transformation and how these changes are part of God's plan. This theme reflects the idea that "You are God's work in progress" and encourages you to express how God guides you through these different stages.

- **Scripture Inspiration:** First find verses that help inspire and guide your work. You will then include these verses in your submitted artwork description.
- Optional Focus: You are welcome to incorporate fall imagery to reflect the season of the art show, but it is not a requirement.

#### 2. The Heart of Thankfulness

- Theme Focus: This theme centers around the concept of thankfulness, emphasizing gratitude for God's blessings in our lives. You can focus on moments of thankfulness, reflection on what you are most grateful for, and the beauty of recognizing God's gifts.
- **Scripture Inspiration:** First find verses that help inspire and guide your work. You will then include these verses in your submitted artwork description.
- Optional Focus: Your art may naturally lean toward fall and Thanksgiving imagery, but you are welcome to express thankfulness in any form.

#### 3. Inspired by Scripture: Bible Stories in Art

- Theme Focus: You are invited to read a story from the Bible and create artwork
  inspired by that event. This theme allows for personal interpretations of biblical
  moments, whether through literal depictions or more abstract reflections. It is an
  opportunity to dive deep into scripture and visualize God's work.
- **Scripture Inspiration:** First find verses that help inspire and guide your work. You will then include these verses in your submitted artwork description.
- Optional Focus: Look at examples in history of famous artworks that depict
  Biblical stories to inspire your own work. This will help you connect your work to
  the long history of Christian art and Christian artists around the world. You are
  welcome to credit the artworks and artists who inspired you.

## **Judging Criteria**

All age categories will be judged based on the following criteria:

- Interpretation of Theme How well the artwork represents the contest's chosen theme.
- 2. **Creativity and Originality** The uniqueness in the approach to the theme.
- 3. **Composition and Design** Balance, use of space, and overall layout.
- 4. Use of Color/Medium Skillful use of color, shading, and materials.
- 5. Attention to Detail Precision and care in execution.
- 6. Overall Aesthetic Appeal How pleasing the artwork is as a whole.

Each judge will score the artwork on a scale of **1 through 10** for each criteria. The scores will be added together to create the **final score** for each piece. This will result in a highest possible score of 60 (meaning the artist received 10 points in each category).

## **How to Sign Up**

Use this link or QR code to sign up for our mixed media art show:

https://form.123formbuilder.com/6742800/art-show



Or find paper copy sign ups in the foyer.

# **Art Drop Off**

Art drop off begins October 24th and ends October 30th at 5 PM.

Please sign up and drop off your artwork by October 30th at 12 PM in the church office located at 478 Ramoth Church Rd, Stafford, VA 22554.

#### Phone number for the church office: (540) 659-4588 ext. 2

Artwork will only be accepted during our normal business hours unless you have made special arrangements.

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#### **Questions, Comments and Concerns**

Please email Jessie at **media@rbcstafford.org** if you have any questions about Ramoth's mixed media art show!

# **Example of Printed Description**

You can submit a <u>typed and printed</u> half or full sheet at drop off. Your description should look like the white side of this example:

Title of the Artwork: (optional)

Media Used: (materials and techniques)

Age of the Artist:

Theme:

Bible verses or Biblical stories that inspired you:

Description of how and/or why you were inspired by this scripture or story. Add any additional information here:

(optional)

God Shuts the Mouths of the Lions

Acrylic / Colored Pencil / Water Color etc.

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Inspired by Scripture:
Bible Stories in Art

Daniel 6 and / or Daniel in the Den of Lions

**Optional Description**