



Ramoth Baptist Church  
478 Ramoth Church Road  
Stafford, VA 22554

## Worship Schedule

### Wednesday

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

## Events

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### Graduation Sunday 6/4/2023

8:45am + 11:00 am

This Sunday we are celebrating our graduates. If you want your graduate to be recognized please turn in all necessary materials by May 29th or we will not be prepared.

### VBS Decoration Week Begins 6/5/2023

Come help us decorate for VBS. Prepare the church for the children to have a stellar time. Adults and youth are welcome. No skills needed.

### VBS Week Begins 6/12/2023 9:00am

VBS is getting ready to blast off, but we need more Volunteers. Come join us for week of fun while supporting children's spiritual growth.

We hope to see you there!

## Vacation Bible School



**Stellar VBS: June 12-16**  
**9am-12pm each day**

***Ages: Completed***

***Kindergarten-5th grade***

***Volunteers Register Here***

**[vbspro.events/p/01e19a](https://vbspro.events/p/01e19a)**

Join us on May 31st 6:30pm for a Mandatory Volunteer Training Meeting that includes Child Protection Training.

June 5-9 is VBS Decoration Week. If you are available to help decorate, then please come by the church.

Celebrate the end of VBS on June 16 at 6:00pm during VBS Family Night for all the Church families.

# Deacon Ministry



## June 4

Randy Colson  
(703) 864-9058  
Gary Graham  
(540) 446-8814

## The Mission

The mission of Ramoth Baptist Church is the same mission Jesus gave His followers: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## June 11

Chris Turman  
(540) 272-1914  
Sean Springer  
(540) 697-9309

## June 18

Dan Mehochko  
(540) 272-8137  
Greg Kolandjian  
(617) 799-1391

## The Vision

The Vision of Ramoth Baptist Church is to create a community of authentic believers and to witness a city transformed by the life changing reality of the Gospel, as people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

## June 25

Max Waugh  
(540) 295-3306  
Pete Johnson  
(562) 234-0107



# Exalted Worship Ministry



## A Place to Worship

As a little boy, I can remember walking into the sanctuary at our church with my family. I had just left Sunday School where I had learned stories about Jesus and the heroes of the faith. I listened, I talked, I asked questions, I had fun. Sunday school was relaxed, and I could laugh as I learned about our faith. But things were different in the sanctuary.

The sanctuary had tall gold windows where the sun shone brightly into the majestic room. The choir sang from a loft that climbed almost halfway to the cathedral ceiling. In the sanctuary, I spoke with a whisper if I spoke at all. I sat quietly and I would have never dreamed of asking a question. There was a reverence in the place. This is where God was and the man who spoke was His emissary. I gave him the same respect I gave God. The sanctuary was where God was. But was this place any more holy than any other place, and if so, what made it more holy?

Do you remember the Samaritan woman at the well? Jesus had just offered her living water when she turned the conversation to worship (John 4:20).

Everyone wants to talk about worship. For many, it is a problem area in their lives. For others, it is the best part of every day.

The woman at the well talked about the correct place to worship. The Samaritans worshipped on Mount Gerizim, but the Jews worshipped in Jerusalem. Notice that the conversation was about *where* one should worship, not about whether one *should* worship.

Jesus redirected the conversation to what was most important. The hour had come when we no longer worship in a place, but in Spirit. (John 4:23). Just as I viewed that sanctuary as a holy place, we view our churches as holy places. That is a good thing. We should take care of our buildings and enter them in a respectful manner, but we are not bound to a building to worship. We can worship in the car, in the field, in the woods, in jail, in our bedroom, or in the middle of a crowded classroom. Worship is not tied to a particular place, for God is spirit and He is not tied to a place either. We are to continuously worship, and we cannot always be in a church to do so. We can worship anywhere for God is everywhere.

Many of our church buildings will become something else once the church builds a new building, moves to a new location, or sadly, closes its doors as the church dies.

My first apartment was in an old Methodist church building that had been converted to apartments. My bedroom was the room where they used to store the old music and choir robes. One of my favorite places to eat is in an old Baptist church downtown. My office is in our chapel, which used to be our sanctuary. There is an old Seventh Day Adventist Church in my hometown that is now a



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restaurant, and I believe it has more people there eating than it ever had worshipping. The point is that worship is not about the building.

In John 4:23, Jesus tells us that now we are to worship in spirit. God is spirit and we must worship Him in spirit.

What does that mean?

It means, we must have a relationship with Jesus before we can worship God. We are all born in the flesh, but we must be born in the spirit to be able to worship God. You see, God sees us through the lens of Jesus' death and resurrection and our acceptance of Him as Lord and Savior. We see God through the lens of Jesus' love for us and the depth of a sacrifice that we cannot completely understand.

So, worship is not so much what we do, or where we do, but how we do it. We must worship God through a love for Christ and we cannot allow anything to interfere with our worship. Sin will prevent us from worshipping every time. If we have not been saved, then sin is the problem. If we have unforgiven sin, sin is the problem.

Worship is not about the place but about our relationship with the One we are worshipping. We must be saved through Jesus if we are to worship God. Sundays are for worshipers. If someone is with the worshipers and they are not saved, they are not worshipping. They are observers and those worshipping are witnessing with their faith.

Can't worship? It may not be the songs, the message, the prayers, the fellowship and friendship of the congregation, or the giving of tithes and offerings that bother you. At best, it may be unconfessed sin. At worst, it may be unforgiven sin.

Think about it. Pray about the unconfessed sin. If your sin has yet to be forgiven, pray for Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. You may be surprised at the transformation of worship once you are right in your relationship with Jesus.

See you in worship.

*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 June will be on the 12th and 26th at 10:00am**

## 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)

Greetings, fellow believers, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We hope that you are well and that you have been blessed by our Heavenly Father with life, health, and strength. This month we will be concluding our series of articles highlighting what it is that God has called the Refuge Ministry Center to assist people with as they go through life. We are foundationally rooted in God's word to assist those in need with finding hope, help, and healing.

This article will focus on HEALING. It is a concept that all of us should be aware of and should have some experience with throughout our lives. However, it may not always seem to be what we think it should be. By definition, Healing is the process of making or becoming sound or healthy again. This definition lends itself to being applied to all facets of our being; our mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual selves. And because it is so, we know that the best way to achieve the Healing that we need is through God's perfect and powerful word.

In Scripture we find accounts of Healing in each of the aforementioned areas. By looking at each example, we will see just how God can move in our situations, now and always. The first we find in **Acts 16:16-18**, where Paul encounters a young lady that is demon possessed. Through the very mentioning of Jesus' name that demons leave the young lady, and she begins a new life that has been transformed. That life comes through the word and work of Jesus Christ; something that is vitally important to the Healing that we seek in our lives.

The second account can be found in **Luke 8:43-48**, where we encounter a woman who has been struggling for several years with a bleeding issue. In the presence of Jesus Christ, the woman's issue was

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addressed. She was made whole again and was able to have the life that God had intended for her to have; one that could testify to the Healing that comes from God. It is the result of us seeking God and trusting in His everlasting power.

The next documentation of Healing occurs in **Isaiah 30:18-19**, here the people of Israel are in despair, but the promise of God is upon them. The Lord, their God is faithful to deliver them. He hears their cries of anguish, pain, and help. He, the sovereign Lord, acts according to His perfect will and plan to not only help His people, but to Heal them from their wayward behavior. This is what can be found and trusted, repeatedly in Scripture; if we desire healing, the Lord is the answer.

The final example of Healing for us to consider is one that we all should be familiar with. It is the words of **John 3:16-17**. Here we find that Jesus is the declarative answer that Heals our lost and dying souls. The moment in which we believe in Him and acknowledge Him as Lord and Savior; our very spirits are changed from wickedness. We are given the opportunity to be a part of God's eternal kingdom and we receive the gift of life and restoration.

This is just a small sampling of what God has to offer to us that are in need of healing. And let us be clear on this matter; we either currently need healing, will need healing, or have had healing in our lives. And if we were to be totally transparent about the source of that Healing, we would proclaim that it only came to us by way of God. So, that begs the question, how are we assisting others that we know and can see are in need of hope, help, and Healing?

We are glad to answer that, by saying that is the very reason that God has placed the Refuge Ministry Center here at Ramoth Baptist Church. To assist those who need to find hope. To direct those who are desperate for help. To administer to those who are hurting, the healing that comes from God. This is why we are here and will be here, for as long as God commands. So, if you or someone you know needs hope, help, and Healing, just contact us at the Refuge Ministry Counseling Center. We are open Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, call us at (540) 602-7986 or email [counseling@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbcstafford.org). Thank you and may God bless you for reading this article.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Sergio 'Woody' Wooden*

*A Place of Hope, Help, and Healing* **REFUGE Ministry Center**

# Integritas Men's Ministry



## 7 AM Saturday Study

### Fellowship Hall – Rod Montgomery

Integritas Weekly Men's Bible Study & Prayer is focused on many aspects of the Bible undergirding our Christian foundations and heritage for family, church & country.

*Come enjoy some breakfast with us, too.*

**Read His Love Story to you—the Bible.**

**May 2023**—Join us as we continue in Genesis chapters 1-11 highlighting the essential foundations of the Christian faith & doctrine.

**June 2023**— Genesis chap 1-11— Continued



## Iron Sharpens Iron

**Monday, June 5th at 7 PM**

### Kerry Knowles

Join the men of Ramoth in the **Fellowship Hall** as we walk through the Book of Acts. As we study the ministries of Peter and Paul, we'll follow the beginnings and growth of the early church. The reading is **Acts 14**, and a light supper is served.

## Every Man a Warrior

**Sunday 7 PM** - 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.

For more information, contact the church office or

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### Content:

1. The Integritas year ahead
2. Men's Golden Corral Breakfast
3. Leadership, Discipleship, and Witnessing

**The Year Ahead**— In the year ahead we're looking at some new events. Maybe you'd like to help. Let us know where you'd like to help.

•**A Redneck Olympics**. Toss knives, hatchets, spears, rocks for score. Who'll be top in their skills.

•**Tailgate meal**—come cook and share your tailgate favorite with others. Bring a friend.

•**Ramoth Men's 2023 Conf.**—Be not conformed

### Men's Golden Corral Breakfast

Saturday Morning, 20 May, 25 men from Ramoth gather at Golden Corral to belly up to the buffet and try to make their mark. While a significant number of plates were used, at first it appeared that Heath Hunter had taken the prize with the most plates at his table. It later turned out that the waitress had put a stack of 20 on his table for people to select from.

Six door prizes – three multi-tool flashlights and three multi-tool knives - were drawn from the tickets given out to those who attended. Even the birthday boy was blessed enough to have his name drawn. Yes, once again Bob Peoples was surprised to have his birthday celebrated again at Golden Corral with a cake and a large single candle – the cake wasn't big enough to add all the candles for the number of times he's had a birthday. Be sure to wish Bob a Happy Birthday next time you see him.

Men's ministry doesn't just stop with a men's event or a Bible study. Men serve throughout the church in many places and in many ways. Come alongside us. Get to know the other men of the church and have some fun in fellowship at Ramoth while we reach out to witness for Christ.

If you'd like to get involved and join the fun and fellowship, you can get more information by contacting the church office, or Rod Montgomery, (540) 623-7651 or e-mail at [SitNChip@gmail.com](mailto:SitNChip@gmail.com).



# Integritas Men's Ministry



## Leadership, Discipleship, and Witnessing

As I get older, there are nights I find myself staring at the ceiling. So, this is often time I take to pray. Recently, as I prayed, it occurred to me that I could rewrite the outline below for conversation, discussion, or witnessing. I'll show you how later. Here I'm going to use it to help you lean into a logical means for discipleship (disciplin' for Randy C) and as a means for witnessing.

For witnessing and discipleship, this outline helps you prepare, recall, and present information while keeping you on track. For extended witnessing opportunities, the outline can help focus on how to think through and answer questions. Answers can be short and concise. This gives more time for discussion and may act as a base for you to ask questions in return.

Except for the edition of the first focus point, this outline comes from the 33 Series the Ramoth Men's Ministry studied a few years back. These are from the first book in a series of six.

Servant Leadership (Agape' Love)

Reject Passivity

Accept Responsibility

Act Courageously

Invest Eternally (Or, for the future)

Here's a little deeper look at each of these steps:

**Servant Leadership** (Agape' Love) – As a leader, your responsibility is for the people you lead – staff, church members, family, or what I will call, questers. Wherever possible, you are responsible for their spiritual growth, training, development, health, welfare, and success. How you lead them will come back to you and go forward to others. Their success is your success. You need to lead them into, prepare them for, or invite them into the ministry. Because, as Christians, we are all ministers of the Gospel. Essentially, you are putting them before yourself. Although called unconditional love, sometimes this is hard to do. Your success is reflected by the people who in turn lead others in or into faith. Our success is really seen two steps down from ourselves. Are your people leading others to success? As Followers of Christ, our success is faithfully training our children in the admonition of the Lord, as well as discipling others who will then lead others to Christ and leading others to Christ ourselves.

**Reject Passivity** – Here you are going to show you are not a seat sitter. Get out of the woodwork. Be active in the work of the Gospel. You're going to show that you are an active (obedient to God) steward of the Gospel in studying, training, or in ministering the Gospel. Strive to be a lifelong learner. You're on the field playing! The fields are white unto harvest. Step up! Step out! Speak up! Speak Jesus!

**Accept Responsibility** – At work, an interviewer might ask, "What is your greatest weakness?" As a minister of the Gospel, you may get asked a question you don't know. Turn it into a positive. "That's an interesting question. I don't know the answer but let me look into it I'd like to know, too." This creates trust and establishes honesty." None of us comprehends everything about Scripture. This also creates a learning opportunity for you.

**Act Courageously** – The unexpected will happen. There are moments that are hard to prepare for in real time. Marines train and apply in order to anticipate and react. As the saying goes - *Improvise, Adapt and Overcome*. For you, acting courageously might mean standing up for the truth of Scripture or a moral principle you know to be right. It may mean protecting someone who is being bullied. Sometimes you'll be standing alone. That takes courage.

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**Invest Eternally** (Or - for the future) – For us, this becomes two questions. "Where are you going to spend Eternity? And "What would you say if God said, 'Why should I let you into Heaven?'". For our church, family, or ministry it becomes, "How do I assure what is going well will endure?" "Have I assured the people have the necessary training?" "Have I presented the Gospel well?" "Have I represented the Gospel well?" "Is there a plan in place.?" "Is someone in place as a leader?" Remember, whatever is successful will continue to be successful. Ultimately, for us, this also translates to bringing people to Christ and assuring them an eternity in Heaven.

As I thought about this outline that night and how it could be used as a witnessing tool, these are the verses that came to me:

**Servant Leadership** (Agape' Love) – **Matt 20:16** *...the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.* **Matt 20:28** *...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."*

**Reject Passivity** – **Rom 3:23** *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**Accept Responsibility** – **Rom 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Act Courageously** – **John 1:12** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

**Invest Eternally** – **John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.* **1 Cor 2:9** *But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.* **Matt 25:23** *'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter the joy of your master.'*

Finally, another part of investing Eternally is finishing well. **2 Tim 4:7** - *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;* There's no quitting as you approach the end of life. Finishing well leaves a legacy for those left behind. Finish the marathon. It may be a long race.

Sharing the Gospel is showing love. Living the Gospel is love. Tell those you love that you love them. And as Dr Richard has said many times, "You may have to use words." You never know when it will be the last time you speak with them. I love this church – the people of Ramoth, not the building. I thank you for what you've invested in my life. Now, go out and invest in those around you – family, church, and questers.

Rod Montgomery



# Prime Timers Ministry



Hello Prime Timers. Welcome to Beautiful June. We are so looking forward to Summer.

We just sponsored our annual Prime Timers Revival. Our theme was "FAITH, GRACE, LOVE."

Randy Colson blessed us all three days of revival with a wonderful message from God's Word.

We were truly blessed to have him come speak to us at our annual revival event. Also, we had a daily luncheon and singing that truly revived our hearts.

God's words says " we are saved by FAITH, through Jesus Christ. GRACE alone means that God loves, forgives and saves us, not because of who we are, or what we do , but because of the work of Christ. Proverbs 3:3 LOVE. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:3-4

Our upcoming Prime Timers meeting for June 22nd will be the forth Thursday due to our Vacation Bible School week. Please note: Changed to: (June 22nd)

We are looking forward to our June meeting. It is our seafood month. We will be going to High Tides on the Potomac, Colonial Beach. It is a nice day out of food and fellowship. Please sign up.

We have a "sign up" sheet on our Prime Timers bulletin board in the hallway next to room 307. Sign up by Sunday, June 18 so that Linda can make all the reservations for both the restaurant and also to reserve the bus. More information to follow from Linda of meeting time details etc.

We are so looking forward to our special outing. Please be sure to sign up and come join us for a great day of food and fellowship.

The GRACE of our Lord overflowed for me with FAITH AND LOVE that are in Christ Jesus.

~I Timothy 1:14 KJV

*Margaret Canter*



# Women's Ministry



Hello RBC family! Is it really June already? How does time go by so fast? Before we know it, should I dare say.....it's going to be Christmas! As we are now in the middle of the year, one thought has continued to press on my heart, something Dr. Richard preached about several weeks ago. How's my walk? Did you, like myself, start out at the beginning of the year with some new goals or ideas of how this year was going to go? May be read through the whole bible in a year, work on a certain behavior/habit or be more patient, compassionate, kind or (fill in the blank). When we try to do anything in our own strength it is really hard to accomplish the goals we set out for, but when we live out our identity in Christ alone, seeking God each and every day, reading and living out His word, we can accomplish everything He gives us the power to do because it's in His strength and according to His will. I encourage you, as Paul does in Hebrews 12:1-3, to keep pressing on and running the race, no matter what obstacles you have faced so far this year, God's got you. Let us strive to clothe ourselves with Christ (Gal 3:23-27) each day, in each moment, for His glory. Jesus is coming back; this we know for sure, so I ask you this, on what path do you want to be found walking on?

We have a lot of fun activities and events coming up. Please see the list below, visit the Women's Ministry tab on the RBC website or in the app and come fellowship with us; we'd love to see you there and get to know you better!

We started a new ladies bible study (Fervent – Priscilla Shirer) on Wednesday, May 31st (10-week session through the summer) It's ok if you didn't make it to the first one, come join us!

Location: Ramoth Baptist Church Room 301

Time: 6pm - 7:30pm

Register Online - Cost of book \$10

Thursday, June 29th - RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) Informative Talk

Location: Ramoth Baptist Church

Time: 6pm

More details to come.

Saturday, July 22nd - Picnic In The Park

Location: Curtis Park 18 Fairway Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Come bring your lunch and join us for a picnic, games and fellowship at the park!

More details to come.

Saturday, August 5th and 12th, RAD Training at Ebenezer Church

More details to come.

Saturday, October 21st - Going Beyond Live with Priscilla Shirer

Location: Liberty Live Church 1021 Big Bethel Rd Hampton, VA 23666

Time: 8am - 4pm

You must purchase your own ticket to the event through Lifeway.

For travel details to the event and back please contact us.

December - Christmas Cookie Exchange

Location - RBC Fellowship Hall

More details to come.

May God bless you and keep you, may He make His face shine upon you!

RBC Women's Ministry



*Denise and Pachess*  
Ramoth Baptist Church



# Revolution Youth Ministry

Hello Ramoth Baptist Church family!

Summer is here and our youth ministry is going full blast! Please pray for us as we serve at VBS, go to camp, add two interns, and begin another teen small group! I'm excited to see all God has in store for the teens and our church family this busy month!

## LAST MONTH'S HIGHLIGHT

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Technically, I know this was in April, but it was one day off and deserves to be highlighted. We over quadrupled the goal of \$800 at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser— we raised \$2,605!! I am grateful for the teens and volunteers who worked hard at this event! They did an amazing job decorating, waiting on tables, and running the kitchen. The Youth Praise Team also did a great job leading our guest in worship to a set of songs. The original cost of this year's camp was \$409/person. Through the youth budget and our two fundraisers, it is \$91/person! Wow! I am amazed by the support and generosity of the Ramoth Baptist Church family towards these teens. Let us thank God for these gifts! I pray God will greatly work in all who go to camp this summer through His living Word and Spirit!!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT

### Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM Graduation Sunday!

Our Ramoth Baptist Church family will celebrate this special milestone with our graduates and their families. We will recognize the graduates on Sunday, June 4th in our 11:00 o'clock worship service.

### Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup> Two Youth Ministry Interns Start!

I am excited for Tristan Herencia and Noah Blake to join us as our two youth ministry interns this summer!

### Mon. June 12<sup>th</sup>- Fri. June 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM -12:00 PM: VBS Week!

Please mark your calendars and get ready to share Jesus with many kids! As they normally do, the teens will play a big part in serving at Vacation Bible School this year! Help with decorations will also be needed the week before.

### Mon. June 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri. June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Centrifuge Summer Camp!!!

We are going to *FUGE Camps* at *James Madison University* this summer! The camp will be full of worship, Bible study, and games!

### Sun. June 25<sup>th</sup> Teen Movie Night at youth group!

We are going to chill out after our active, busy week at camp with a movie. The movie is TBD but will be announced at least a week before the event. This event is for teens only.



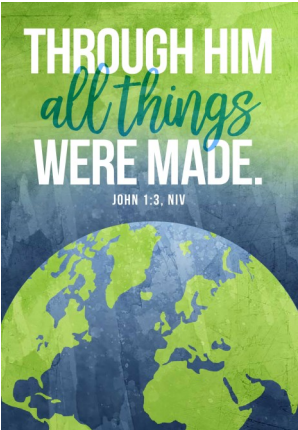
# Revolution Youth Ministry

## WHAT WE'RE TEACHING

Sunday School:

### ANSWERS BIBLE CURRICULUM: *Unit 2 – THE CREATION OF GOD'S WORLD*

What does the Bible say about the creation of the universe and earth? How does this affect the way we view life, humanity, animals, and the earth? How should this compel us to respond to God? How should we read Genesis 1-11, and what should we do with modern, scientific theories about life's origins? In June, we will begin to consider the answers to these important questions as we begin the next unit of Answers Bible Curriculum. This Bible study will help students understand the Bible's creation account as it relates to their lives and world, and how to evaluate and discern ideas surrounding these big questions about the origins of life and humanity.



Youth Group:

### How to Love?

In June and the beginning of July, we will consider the Bible's instructions about how Jesus' followers are to love in difficult situations. How should we relate to friends who live contrary to God? How should we treat and talk with Muslims? How are we to love Christians who wrong us? What does it mean to live in the world but not of the world? These questions are crucial to answer, because we all will face messy encounters sooner or later. We will explore what God's Word says about how Jesus' followers are to love others without compromising God's truth in confusing and difficult situations.



Small Group:

### Life After Death: A Bible Study on Heaven, Hell, and Eternity

Our teen small group will be coming back for the summer! In June we will meet on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to explore in depth what the Bible says about life after death. We will consider what the Bible says about heaven, hell, death, eternity, and how all this should shape our living today. Like last time, we will meet from 7:00-8:30pm in the Youth Room. You may join us early at 6:30pm for card games!



# Rise-Up Children's Ministry



## STELLAR VBS 2023

June 12-16th

### Be in Prayer With Us...

- ♦ *Pray for our VBS:* Let us give thanks to God for the opportunity to pour into the lives of the children coming through our doors in deep and meaningful ways. Above all else, let us pray that God is glorified in our Vacation Bible School.
- ♦ *Pray for our STAFF:* Pray for them as they plan, prepare, and put on our VBS this year. Pray that the Lord would keep them healthy in body and mind before, during and after VBS. Pray for peace when times get stressful and that their hearts would be filled with joy as they faithfully complete this work.
- ♦ *Pray for our CHURCH:* Pray that our church would be a great influence in our community through our VBS. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to the children and their families. May the Lord's goodness and love shine through us.
- ♦ *Pray for our VOLUNTEERS:* Pray that the hearts of our VBS volunteers would be filled with love and patience to be poured out on the children attending VBS. Pray the Lord gives our volunteers strength, health and overwhelming joy to serve. Pray our volunteers have the opportunity to help children experience Jesus and grow closer to Him.
- ♦ *Pray for our KIDS:* We pray that through our VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with the Lord. Pray that God will begin to break down any walls that might prevent these young hearts from receiving His love. Pray that the truth of who God is sinks deep into the children's hearts and that the impact of VBS lasts a lifetime.
- ♦ *Pray for our FAMILIES:* We pray that the changes in kids' hearts this week will be an inspiration to their families and that family connections will grow stronger, deeper, and focused on God. Pray that God gives the children strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with Him.



Megan Williams

# Happy Birthday!



June 3  
Mark Blake  
Jordan Perkins

June 25  
James Daley  
Jessica Denson

June 5  
Sandy Sampson  
Linda Shackelford

June 27  
Margaret Craiger  
Lidia Lungoccia

June 6  
Pachess Wooden

June 28  
Camryn Nimeth  
John Shackelford  
Becky White

June 7  
Camden Knight

June 9  
Brad Setser

June 29  
Jax Hudson

June 12  
Hudson Farrar

June 14  
Jon Iseminger

June 15  
Nate Leggett

June 18  
Julia Perkins

June 19  
Emma Shifflett

June 24  
Marcia Dorgeloh



## Hughes Home

John Oliver  
June 4

Janet Vandenburg  
June 13

Carol McMillen  
June 19

Ned Halvorsen  
June 21

## Mail a Card!

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

## Donations

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



# Church Stewardship

Offerings and Attendance January 1-May 22



**Offerings**

General Fund

Designated Fund

Expenses

**Cemetery Fund**

*Paid out for cemetery upkeep:*

*Cemetery Fund Donations:*

**Shirley Thompson**

**Charles Thompson**

**Linda Graninger**

Average Attendance	
Sunday Events	521
Wednesday Events	136
Other Weekly Events	227

## In Christian Sympathy

To the family of Vera Noel

## Welcome New Members

Noah Abernathy

Taylor Morgan

Bryan Hooke

Kristie Hooke

Henry Hooke

Emily Hooke

Nathan Lungoccia

# Adult Sunday School



## Young Adult: How to Build Your Life on God's Word

~Room 307~ Dan Mehochko, Amy Mehochko, Jon White, Becky White

**Adult 1: The Study of Acts**~Fellowship Hall (left)~ Pete Johnson

**Adult 2: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life (Senior Adults)**

~Chapel-2~ Gary Bennett

**Adult 3: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life**

~Room 305~ Gary Graham

**Adult 4: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life (Senior Adults)**

~Room 306~ Matt Canter Paula Menteer

**Adult 5: Chronological Study through the Bible**

~Chapel~ Rotating Teacher Couples

**Adult 7: Topical Study**

~Sanctuary~ Lewis McElfresh

**Adult 8: OT Chronological Survey: Kings/Chronicles/Prophets**

~Fellowship Hall (right)~ Ken Hill, Chris Turman

**Senior Men: LifeWay Bible Studies for Life**

~Library~ Kerry Knowles

**Ladies Class**

~Room 301~ Karen Larrabee, Terry Harrell, Kim Colson, Kathy Springer



# Announcements and Studies



## Cultivating Holy Beauty a Women's Bible Study

Ongoing on Thursdays and Sundays  
6:30PM

## Women's Bible Study

*The Red Sea Rules* By Robert Morgan

The Cost of the book is \$7.

Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:30 am

Chapel

kimberlycolson7@gmail.com



## American Campfire Revival

Please join us on Fridays at 7:00pm. We are learning what it means to be a Biblical citizen. Being a Biblical citizen requires us to be "salt & light". For more information contact Heath at (912) 596-8294.

## Volunteer!

Multiple Volunteer positions are open. If you are interested in learning about these positions, contact  
admin@rbstafford.org.



## Wednesday Night Dinners!

Organized? We have an exciting opportunity for you!

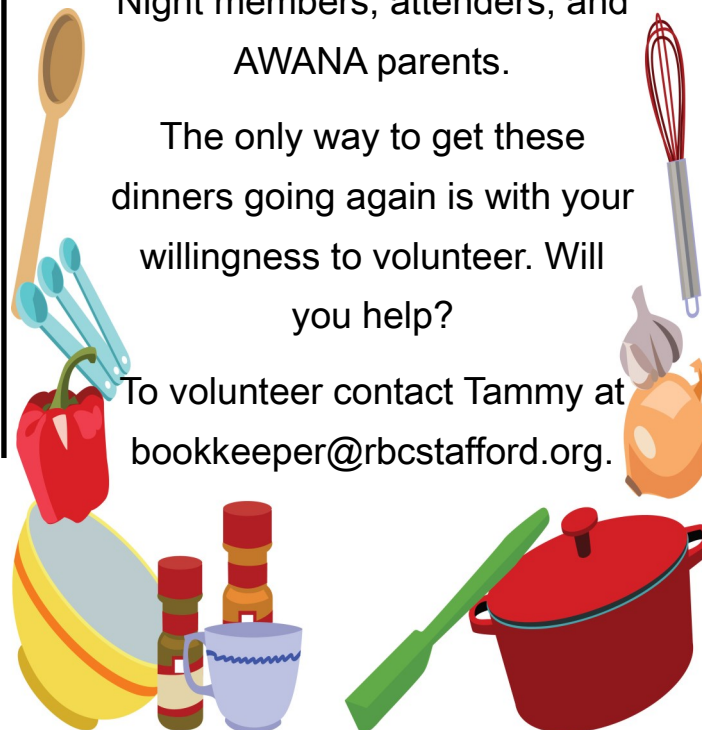
We need Leaders to make these dinners happen!

With your help we can bring fun and fellowship back for our Wednesday

Night members, attenders, and AWANA parents.

The only way to get these dinners going again is with your willingness to volunteer. Will you help?

To volunteer contact Tammy at  
bookkeeper@rbstafford.org.



"The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them."

- Proverbs 20:7 NIV

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