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Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00 PM 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.

Ramoth Baptist Church  
478 Ramoth Church Road  
Stafford, VA 22554  
[rbcstafford.org](http://rbcstafford.org)

Events

Homecoming

October 5, 2025

Join us for a potluck and the Mount Calvary Singers.

Quarterly Business Meeting

October 22, 2025

Members, stay updated on church activities.

Car Show

October 25, 2025 at 10:00AM

Join us for a day of food, fellowship, and cars. Grab a flyer in the foyer.

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Love God,  
Love People,  
Change Our World

YOU'RE INVITED

RAMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH  
HOMECOMING

We are celebrating 159 years of being a Refuge for the Stafford Community with Music, Potluck, and Fellowship. Bring dishes that are enough for your family plus one. Volunteer sign-up in foyer.

Sunday  
Oct. 5, 2025

Start From  
09:00 am

478 Ramoth  
Church Rd

SEE YOU THEN

[www.rbcstafford.org](http://www.rbcstafford.org)

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# CAR SHOW

## Ramoth Baptist Church

Saturday, October 25th

10:00 am –3:00 pm

Open to ALL vehicles (Cruise-ins Welcome)

Trophies to Top 30 cars and more!

\$20 Registration Fee!

(Proceeds go to Feeding America)

Register at [www.rbcstafford.org](http://www.rbcstafford.org)

Questions? Contact Pastor Chuck at [worship@rbcstafford.org](mailto:worship@rbcstafford.org)

478 Ramoth Church Road,  
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# Deacon Ministry

The below men will serve as your deacons for 2026:

**Tim Eicher** – Chairman  
**Matt Sarkissian** – Vice Chairman  
**Bob Peoples** – Secretary  
**Chris Adams**  
**Shawn Blake**  
**Randy Colson**  
**Nate Ewoldt**  
**Matt Giles**  
**Chris Hudson**  
**Heath Hunter**  
**Jeff Johnson**  
**Kerry Knowles**  
**Flavius Lungoccia**  
**Jacob Nimeth**  
**Joe Pearson**  
**Andy Robeson**  
**Sean Springer**  
**Sean Truax**  
**Chris Turman**  
**Darrin Whaley**  
**Jon White**

Please pray for these gentlemen and their families as they lead our church in the next year.

*Pete Johnson*

| Deacons of the Week |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>October 5</u>    |                                     |
|                     | Nate Ewoldt<br>(540) 273-5549       |
|                     | Flavius Lungoccia<br>(540) 840-5689 |
| <u>October 12</u>   |                                     |
|                     | Tim Eicher<br>(540) 907-1545        |
|                     | Dan Mehochko<br>(540) 272-8137      |
| <u>October 19</u>   |                                     |
|                     | Paul Germain<br>(540) 216-1250      |
|                     | Jacob Nimeth<br>(540) 408-3887      |
| <u>October 26</u>   |                                     |
|                     | Gary Graham<br>(540) 446-8814       |
|                     | Joe Pearson<br>(540) 940-1762       |



# Exalted Worship Ministry

## Harvest Time

I had the pleasure of speaking to our PrimeTimers during the month of September. Our theme was “Harvest Time” and I used John 4:35 as my central passage.

John 4:35 (ESV) records Jesus’ words: “**Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.**” This verse is spoken by Jesus during His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. It was a pivotal moment in His ministry that reveals both His heart for the lost and the urgency of the gospel mission.

In the context of John 4, Jesus has just revealed Himself as the Messiah to a Samaritan woman, breaking social and religious barriers. As the woman leaves to tell her town about Jesus, the disciples return and are surprised to find Him speaking with her. Jesus uses this moment to teach His disciples about spiritual priorities. While they are concerned with physical food, Jesus points them to a greater spiritual reality: the readiness of people’s hearts to receive the gospel.

Often, we find ourselves so focused on our own issues, problems, or worldly desires that we neglect to even notice the state of the “lost” around us. The phrase “lift up your eyes” is a call to spiritual awareness. Jesus urges His followers to look beyond the immediate and the physical, to see the spiritual needs around them.

The “fields” represent people—specifically, the Samaritans who are coming out of the town to meet Jesus because of the woman’s testimony (John 4:28-30.) We are surrounded by fields of people searching for the truth. Think of the last couple of weeks and the revival we are seeing after the death of Charlie Kirk. Young people want to know more about faith. They need to hear the gospel. They need to know Truth. They need to trust in Jesus!

The “harvest” is the gathering of souls into God’s kingdom. Jesus challenges the common saying about waiting for the harvest, declaring that the time for spiritual harvest is now. The Holy Spirit is at work. He is moving in the hearts of people, and we are needed to bring the harvest.

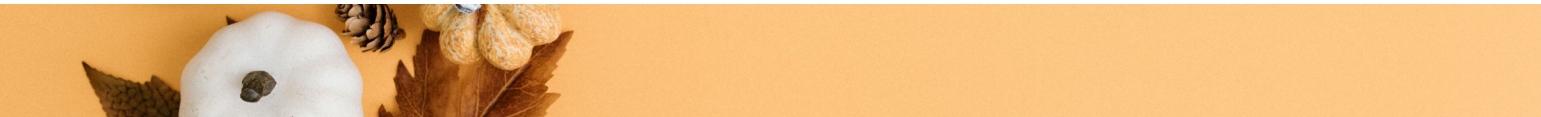
John 4:35 teaches several key truths. First, the urgency of evangelism: the opportunity to share the gospel is always present, and believers must be ready and willing to act (Matthew 9:37-38). The time is not tomorrow. It is now!

Second, the inclusivity of the gospel: Jesus’ interaction with a Samaritan woman shows that God’s salvation is for all people, regardless of background (Galatians 3:28). We do not have the luxury or option to share Jesus only with those we like or look or behave like us. The gospel is for everyone!

Third, the necessity of spiritual vision: Christians are called to see people as God sees them—lost and in need of a Savior. We see beautiful people, smart people, and talented people. Jesus sees the heart and the desire to know Him.

For Christians today, John 4:35 is a powerful reminder that the world is full of people ready to hear about Jesus. The fields are still white for harvest. We are called to lift our eyes, see the need, and faithfully proclaim the good news of Christ, trusting that God will bring the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Remember, we are called to obedience. God does the rest.





I concluded my talk with seven things we need to do to be ready for the harvest.

- We must be available.
- We must be willing.
- We must pray for opportunities.
- We must live our life reflecting Christ.
- We must share Jesus clearly.
- We should trust the Spirit and His work.
- We are to disciple the new believer.

Are you ready?

*Pastor Chuck Hite*



# Refuge Ministry

Brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings. May the grace, love, and mercy be upon you. There are times in our collective lives when we face uncertainty. When we face adversity. When we face doubt and when we face fear. In those times, the answer is always the same...God. There is no trick to how to face any of those things. There is no special formula you have to take or memorize in order to have those things resolved. The answer is simply to see God, in humility and with a contrite heart. That is, it...sort of. That is, it, if you have a genuine relationship with God.

We find this very situation and answer spelled out for us in the words of **2 Chronicles 7:14** which declares, “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” This often referred to verse, comes up when there are great struggles. It comes up as a plea to return to God’s will and ways for man. And while much emphasis is put on the instructions here, there is a tendency to overlook what actions proceeded these instructions and what actions were warned against.

If we look at the passages that come before, we see that in verses 1 through 3, that the Spirit of God, through fire is made present before Solomon and those present. This was in direct response to Solomon’s prayer for the people, found in **2 Chronicles 6**. The prayer was that God would make Himself known to the people of Israel, especially if they had fallen into errant behavior. Solomon called for the correction of God to be made clear to the people. Solomon also pleaded that there be a blessing to follow the correction of the Lord. Solomon went about dedicating himself, the people, and the temple to the honor and glory of God.

This is what leads God to declaring the words of chapter 7, verse 14, “if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”. It is clear. It is concise. We are to humble ourselves. We are to pray and seek God. We are to turn away from the things that displease God. Then and only then, will God hear us, forgive us, and bless us, as He, God, sees fit to do so. And these things will happen in the good timing of the Lord.

The other piece to this is, follows in verses 19 through 22. The people are warned that if they disobey the commandments and guidance of God that there would be dire consequences. This is a warning to us, just as the words of chapter 7 and verse 14 are a promise. If we go back to the sinful behavior and we do so willingly, God will dismiss us. If we chose to serve little gods or pursue the things of this world instead of Him, He will not bless us. And He will not return His hand a favor to us, until we follow the instructions of 2 Chronicles 7:14.

What are you facing today, that you have not turned to God for help? What actions in your own life, have you not taken responsibility for? What things do you need to turn away from? And how desperately do you need to humble yourself, pray to God, and seek Him with everything that you have? Do you need help finding your way again? If so, know that is why God has placed the church and the Refuge Ministry Center in your life so that we can assist you by coming alongside of you and helping you walk back to God. We are here for you, and we are but a phone call or email away. We can be reached by phone at 540-602-7986 and by email at [counseling@rbstafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbstafford.org) or [counseling2@rbstafford.org](mailto:counseling2@rbstafford.org). Take a moment to consider what God’s word is saying to you about your current situation. Please know that we will be praying for you, and that we are here if you should need us.

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 in Room 307. Evening GriefShare is on Mondays at 6:30PM. For more information contact:

Sergio "Woody" Wooden: [counseling@rbcstafford.org](mailto: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.

### DivorceCare

The Refuge Ministry Center is offering DivorceCare on Tuesdays. DivorceCare is a thirteen-week Christ-centered support group for those who have experienced the devastating breakup of a marriage. For more information, please contact Kim Colson at [counseling2@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling2@rbcstafford.org) or Sergio Wooden at [counseling@rbcstafford.org](mailto:counseling@rbcstafford.org). This support group is on **Tuesdays at 6:00PM**.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. For more information, or to sign up for this group, please contact Pattie Foster at [pattiecakes84@comcast.net](mailto:pattiecakes84@comcast.net)  
**October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM in Rm 306.**

# Women's Ministry

## **October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

We will be honoring our Pastors all month long, and have a special service for them on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and snacks between the services to "sweeten" the day! Please check the foyer for thank you cards, lists of their favorite items, and ways that you can show your appreciation during Pastor Appreciation Month!



### Upcoming Events:

#### **Sat, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> IMGN Life Walk 4 Life**

**Location:** Old Mill Park-2201 Caroline Street Fredericksburg, VA

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm

Ways you can be a part of this great cause: Sign up and participate in the Walk4Life, or come out and visit the Ramoth Women's Ministry tent at the walk as we encourage and engage the participants at the event. If you would like to participate, please let us know.

#### **Sunday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: Homecoming & Hat Sunday**

Join us for Homecoming Sunday as we celebrate 159 years of loving God and people! We are also looking for volunteers to help with Homecoming. We need help wrapping silverware prior to Sunday, and help on Sunday receiving food, preparing desserts, and with clean up after the meal. Please sign up to help, bring dishes to feed your family, and join in on the fellowship!

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!

#### **Thu, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Adult & Teen Challenge VA New Beginnings Gala**

**Location:** 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA

**Time:** 5:30pm

Come and celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Beauty for Ashes Women and children's home, hear personal testimonies, student choir, and silent auction. This gala is living proof that freedom from addiction and life-controlling problems is possible! Registration link is on the Women's Ministry webpage.





**Fri, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>: FIT Workshop – Walk & Worship**

**Location:** Please contact Suzanne Battle at 540-903-7096 for address.

**Time:** 4:00pm-6:00pm

Join your sisters in Christ for a walk of prayer, reflection on scriptures along park-like trails and a devotional around the fire pit. May it strengthen your physical & spiritual heart for Jesus, boost your mood and reduce anxiety! (Three times around on the trails is a little over a mile. All are welcome to come sit by the fire pit, reflect & fellowship even if you are unable to walk the trails!) \* **Bring a lawn chair to gather around the fire pit for devotional & prayer time.**

**Sat, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> (Nov 15<sup>th</sup>-Dec 13<sup>th</sup> TBD): FIT Workshop – Fiber & Fellowship & Creating Cards Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Location:** RBC Fellowship Hall

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

The Knitting and Crochet group offers fiber and fellowship as we use our talents for the good of our church and our community. Each season we will tackle a new project for ministry. Join us this fall as we create baby items for IMGNLife and adult hats and wash cloths with soap for Micah Ministries and the Thurman Brisben Center. The Goal is 40 adult hats, 100 washcloths and 15 baby blankets. If you are new to knitting and crochet please join us and you will be taught starting on an easy project. Everyone at all levels is welcome! Any questions, please contact Sarah Fraley [natasha25461@gmail.com](mailto:natasha25461@gmail.com).

Kelley Skowronek ([pkskow4@msn.com](mailto:pkskow4@msn.com)) will be Creating Cards on October 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. You can make at least 6 cards and have fun while fellowshiping with your sisters in Christ. Invite a friend, or neighbor come share in good company. All supplies (paper, adhesive, stamps, ink, and envelopes) will be provided. Signups are online and in the foyer.

**Tuesdays, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>: Prayer Group**

**Location:** RBC Prayer Room (located in the Sanctuary to the Left of the stage)

**Time:** 6:30pm (new time)

Join with other women for a bi-weekly prayer group. Contact Lidia Lungoccia for more info (540-840-5729).

**Saturday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup> Graves Mountain Apple Harvest Festival**

**Location:** Graves Mountain

**Time:** 10am-5pm

Prime Timers and Women’s Ministry are sponsoring a fun filled day at Grave’s Mountain Apple Harvest Festival. The busses will leave the church at 10:00am and return approximately 5:00pm. Admission is \$5.00 and the buffet lunch at the lodge is \$25.00. **The buses are full**, but if you need help with transportation, please reach out for help carpooling. **Sign-up is required to reserve your lunch reservation.** Please sign up in the foyer or on our website to reserve your spot today!! For more information visit <https://gravesmountain.com>.



**Sat, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>: Choices Women’s Center Baby Memorial**

**Location:** Riddick House at Stevenson Ridge 6901 Meeting St, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm

**RSVP** by October 17, 2025, by emailing [Choices@CWCVA.ORG](mailto:Choices@CWCVA.ORG)

Please join Choices Women’s Center for a time of reflection as we gather to remember all babies who have passed on, regardless of circumstances. This sacred time will give families an opportunity to honor their baby(ies) by lighting a candle in their memory, and to say a few words if they so choose.

**Save the Date**

**Sat, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> RBC Fall Festival Registration Table Volunteer Opportunity**

**Location:** RBC

**Time:** 11:00am-3:00pm

We are looking for volunteers to work the registration table in 2 hour shifts for the Fall Festival.

**Save the Date**

**Sat, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>: FIT Workshop – Women’s Health**

**Location:** RBC Fellowship Hall

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

**Needs and Thank You’s!**

**Needs:**

We are always looking for new ideas for F.I.T. Workshops to add to our schedule. If you have a talent you would like to share with our ladies, or lead a workshop of any kind (crafts, fitness, educational, cooking, etc.) please reach out to the Women’s Ministry. Any and all ideas are welcome!

We are looking for ladies who enjoy sewing (by hand or with machine) because there is interest in starting a sewing group for the women of our church. If you would like to share your talent of sewing, or would like to learn, please reach out.

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:

Pachess Wooden  
(207) 632-7334  
[pachessu@yahoo.com](mailto:pachessu@yahoo.com)

Denise Johnson  
(703) 283-5957  
[d09johnson@gmail.com](mailto:d09johnson@gmail.com)

*Pachess & Denise*



# Integritas Men's Ministry

**1. Taking care of your family (Part 4).** So far we've talked about documents, home First Aid, and weather. Here's an abbreviated list to consider for preparations.

- Sign up for Alerts and Warnings
- Make a Plan
- Save for a Rainy Day
- Practice Emergency Drills
- Test Family Communication Plans
- Safeguard Documents
- Plan with Neighbors
- Make Your Home Safer
- Know Evacuation Routes
- Assemble or update Supplies
- Get Involved in Your Community
- Document and Insure Property

**2. Basics: The 10 Commandments - #10 — Thou shall not covet.** Well, here we are. This is the final piece to the horizontal bar of the cross made up by commandments 5 thru 10. As we looked at each commandment, we looked at the Negative and Positive side to each of them. In this commandment we will find the contrast is Coveting verses Contentment.

**3. An easy way to learn and remember the 10 Commandments.** This Instagram came up. Using your fingers to count and make an image memory, you can learn the 10 Commandments in just few minutes and remember them much longer. Watch and learn: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DLz8fbFs-AQ/?>

**4. Car Show! Oct 25th.!** Men, Bring out those street Rods and special autos to show your restoration skills or your sweet ride you care for.

**Men's Ministry**

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).



**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 & Study His Love Story to you—the Bible.**

**Oct 2025**—We will be continuing to study **Isaiah**. There is much to learn about Israel, their future & our own future—The Millenium and The Kingdom



**Iron Sharpens Iron**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

**Kerry Knowles**

Join with men of Iron Sharpens Iron as we study Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet the first and third Mondays of the month.

Join us for fellowship.

**Every Man a Warrior**

**Sunday 5:00PM and 6:30PM** - Led by Heath Hunter, many men are finding this to be an exciting new discipleship study. This Bible study gives men the tools to sharpen their spiritual battle skills. *Dropping a teen off for church activities?* - It's a perfect time to join the study while you wait.

There are new study groups developing. Why not see if you might be able to fit in one of them. For more information, contact the church office or

**Heath Hunter** (912) 596-8294  
[philliphhunter38@gmail.com](mailto:philliphhunter38@gmail.com)

**Tim Eicher** (540) 907-1545  
[teicher93@gmail.com](mailto:teicher93@gmail.com)



## The Ten Commandments – 10th Commandment – **Exodus 20:17**

***You shall not covet.***

***“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male slave, or his female slave, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”***

The positive side – **Be satisfied** or **Be content with what you have.**

Well, here we are at the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Can you recall them all? Do you need to? I'd say based on what we've learned already, **YES**. *Why do we need the 10 Commandments?* Let's save that answer for the end. This commandment should be leading us away from coveting and toward contentment.

Greed. This is what we are really dealing with when we look at coveting. Greed isn't good. It is a raw, festering, soul-eating desire for something you don't have but feel you deserve. In reality, it is questioning the wisdom of what God has provided for you or his ability to provide for you. In Ray Comfort's devotional, "Wisdom for Life", there is a poignant piece on greed. It references a movie featuring a speech by Michael Douglas about ethics in the 1987 movie *Wall Street*. He said, *"The point is, ladies and gentlemen, that greed – for the lack of a better word – is good. Greed is right. Greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all its forms—greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge-has marked the upward surge of mankind."*

Did you catch the evolutionary reference? This is a secular, godless approach to purge our lives of any spiritual or moral purity. It focuses on survival of the fittest. It is evolution at its highest point of disregard for God. Law becomes a changing entity based on what man wants for himself. There is no limit or bounds on what someone can do. There are no boundaries. Law, God's Law, becomes irrelevant. Morality becomes mundane. Greed becomes a goal. Everyone's reality is their own and we sink into moral relativism. The thinking becomes, "What's right for me is determined by me." This thinking pulls us away from God. We no longer depend on Him. It becomes a self-focused purpose that can be insatiable. What's mine is mine. What's yours is mine.

Why would God include coveting in the same list as murder, stealing, and adultery? All sin leads back to covetousness. God knew coveting a neighbor's servant, ox, or wife was a steppingstone to ungratefulness and discontentment – even lying, stealing, murder, and adultery. Focusing on what others have diminishes our ability to appreciate the good things in our lives

Contentment, on the other hand, leads to peace of mind. It brings our focus back to God. It puts our dependance in place. Our Creator knows what we need and when we need it. He is always prepared to be there for us. But we must first turn to Him. He must have preeminence. He has promised watch care for His children. ***Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Heb 13:5***

God wants us to delight in His Word, enjoy his creation, celebrate beauty and love, and rejoice in the harvest. God intended for his people to enjoy their relationship with Him. The law was intended to establish a foundation of the Jewish personal and property rights. It is what our modern legal system is based on today. Christian's today view the 10 Commandments as the foundation of God's moral law. What is the key to following these commandments? God provided the answer when He gave the commandments to the Israelites. ***You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess. Deut 5:33*** The real key comes in a following verse that tells us what our attitude before God ought





to be and how, as a result, we can avoid sin and maintain a right relationship with God. *And the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. <sup>25</sup> Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.’ Deut 6:24-25*

We are *to fear the Lord our God*. Not the fear that is dread, anxiety, terror, or stress. The word for *fear* in the Old Testament means “to stand before God with reverence and respect”. In the New Testament, the most common meaning for *fear* means “living with a reverential awe that becomes the controlling motivation of our lives”. So, it is out of a deep respect and obedience that we seek to follow the 10 Commandments. We can walk in the commandments as a deterrent to sin.

The bottom line to all the Commandments – Fear God and seek the knowledge God has revealed for us. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction. Prov 1:7*

**The Pursuit of Wisdom Brings Security**

**Proverbs 2**

- <sup>1</sup> My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you,
- <sup>2</sup> Make your ear attentive to wisdom; Incline your heart to understanding.
- <sup>3</sup> For if you cry out for insight, *And* raise your voice for understanding;
- <sup>4</sup> If you seek her as silver *And* search for her as for hidden treasures;
- <sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, *And* discover the knowledge of God.

Back to our question: *Why do we need the 10 Commandments?*

These 10 Commandments help us set boundaries for our lives and our society. Consider this study. A team of landscape architects, kind of like Noah Blake’s yard service, studied the effects of providing a fence around a preschool playground. On playgrounds without fences, children tended to gather close to the school building and their teacher and didn’t stray away. But on fenced-in playgrounds, they enjoyed the entire area. The researchers concluded that boundaries can create a greater sense of freedom. This seems counterintuitive to so many of us who think boundaries restrict enjoyment. Yet fences can provide freedom! This same concept applies to the 10 Commandments. Our wise Creator provided fencing for our safety and freedom – if we stay inside the fencing, we can enjoy the life God created for us to enjoy with Him and prosper.

*The conclusion, when everything has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil. Eccl 12:13-14*

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32*

Rod Montgomery



# Prime Timers Ministry

Upcoming Events:

October 16, 2025 12:00PM BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

Menu: Pork Pot Roast/Supplied by Pime Timers

Please bring sides and desserts

Our speaker is Dr. Pete Johnson

Special singing every month

SATURDAY, OCT. 18<sup>TH</sup>—GRAVES MOUNTAIN APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL



Prime Timers and Women’s Ministry are sponsoring a fun filled day at Graves’ Mountain Apple Harvest Festival. The buses will leave the church at 10:00AM and arrive back at church at approximately 5:00PM. Admission is \$5.00. If you choose to eat at the lodge, it is \$25.00, reservations are required for that. There are plenty of choices to eat if you do not want to eat at the lodge.

Please sign up in the foyer or contact Linda Buckles who is our activities coordinator (540) 907-5004

Other Contacts for this trip are Pachess Wooden (207) 632-7334 and Denise Johnson (703) 283-5957

HOMECOMING SUNDAY-OCTOBER 5, 2025

HAT SUNDAY IS ALSO OCTOBER 5TH. LADIES WEAR YOUR BEST HAT AND BRING A FRIEND TO CELEBRATE 159 YEARS AT RAMOTH.

Matthew 9:37,38 KJV

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Blessings,

Margaret Canter





# Rise-up Children's Ministry

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### From the desk of the Director

#### **Favorite season for a reason**

Autumn is my favorite season of the year. The colors are vibrant and inviting. Aromas of flowers, coffee, and foods seem stronger. The breeze feels great on those early Autumn days where it is still warm outside. Mornings become cooler and refreshing. Evenings slowly shorten and cool off quicker.



#### **Genesis 1:11**

*And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.*



#### **Reminder to rest**

However, Autumn is also a time when the harvest reveals the fruits of labor and signals a time of rest and recovery. The changing of color is a sign that the trees are beginning to "sleep" after a fruitful season. When you notice the leaves change color, take time to stand in awe of our Creator who intricately detailed every season.



Here is an article for inspiration:  
<https://exhortationsfortoday.com/transforming-into-christ-likeness/>

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### From the desk of the Director

#### **Before you can harvest**

Reading Genesis 1:11 reveals a necessity for the very beginning of growth, seeds. Without seeds, there is no plant or tree. Sowing seeds of faith is often compared to planting seeds. Each time you tell someone about your reason to have hope and joy, you are planting seeds. When you read a Bible verse to a child or share one with a non-believer, you are planting seeds.



#### **Bringing in the Harvest**

Jesus spoke parables to the people. In the Parable of the Weeds, the weeds that grew from the enemies seeds were gathered and destroyed at harvest. Then the grain was gathered and stored. In the parable of the Mustard Seed, the tiny little seed grew into a mighty tree. Nourish the seeds so that they may become firmly rooted in faith and rise up to overcome the weeds of the enemy.



#### **Roots**

Before planting a crop, farmers need to prepare the field. (Consider the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13.) Before seeds can sprout, they need to fall on fertile soil. Roots grow to anchor the plant. A plant without strong roots can easily be plucked out of the ground during a storm or wither from the sun. Our roots need to grow deep and strong to withstand the storms of life.



*Jenny Forrester*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## The Cave of Wonders

### Memory Verses

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

**Psalms 8:3-4** *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*



### AWANA

**October 1:** Regular Club Night

**October 8:** Creepy Critter/Furry Friend Night

**October 15:** Regular Club Night

**October 22:** NO CLUB (Business Meeting)

**October 29:** We CAN Do It Kick-Off

Autumn joke from online:  
How does Moses make his coffee?



### Upcoming Events

#### October

**October 5:** Homecoming

**October 12:** Memory Verse  
Treasure Chest

**October 25:** Car Show

#### November

**November 1:** Fall Festival

#### December

**December 17:** Children's Ministry  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Autumn joke from online:  
Why do leaves fall off the trees every Autumn?



# RISE-UP HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

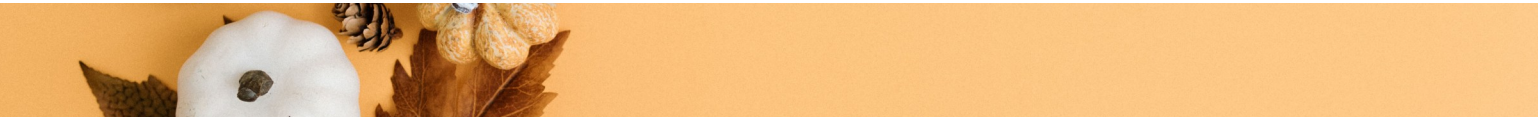
Last month Rise Up Homeschool Ministry (RUHM) kicked off the 2025-2026 school year. What an amazing start! Our first month was filled with four weeks of classes, an American history field trip, nature hike, mom's night out, and more! Our American history field trip afforded students a unique opportunity to see a re-enactment of Patrick Henry's famous "Give me liberty, or give me death..." speech, tour the historic St. John's Church where the speech was delivered, and visit the Virginia Museum of History & Culture for special exhibits.

While RUHM has been at Ramoth for a few years, you may not know how RUHM serves our community. RUHM started four years ago with thirty-five families. This year we have grown to one-hundred families, with two-hundred and sixty-eight students! We are so blessed that Ramoth graciously provides this ministry to support the growing homeschool community in Stafford County and beyond. That's right, RUHM brings in families from outside of the county. But how exactly does RUHM serve our community? Each week parents and students come together for prayer, fellowship, learning, and making meaningful connections with other followers of Christ. Each day opens with a prayer, scripture, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a worship song, starting our day with a focus on love of God and country. This term's classes introduce students to Spanish, ancient and American history, multiplication, art, Bible studies, writing, botany, marine biology, and chemistry, and more. Students learn how to be a part of a community, work together, take turns, and collaborate with peers. Perhaps one of the greatest benefits RUHM provides students is the



Christ-centered environment, where students can be confident that all teachers and peers will embrace their love of Jesus and support their spiritual growth. Parents reap benefits, too. One period each day parents are given a break to fellowship with other parents. This is where bonds are formed, prayer requests exchanged, and uplifting support is provided. All of this is possible because of the generosity of you, Ramoth Baptist Church!





# Wednesday Night Dinners

## Wednesday Night Dinner Are Back!

For us to prepare enough food for you and/or your family make sure to register for the dinner the Monday right before it by 5:00 PM on the church website or by calling the office.

Dinners are \$5 per person or \$25 per family of 5 or more.

If you have questions or need help registering, contact Tammy Snyder at [bookkeeper@rbcstafford.org](mailto:bookkeeper@rbcstafford.org) or by calling the church office.

### Menu:

#### October 1

**Andrea Romero’s Team**– BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, Cobbler, and Cupcakes

#### October 8

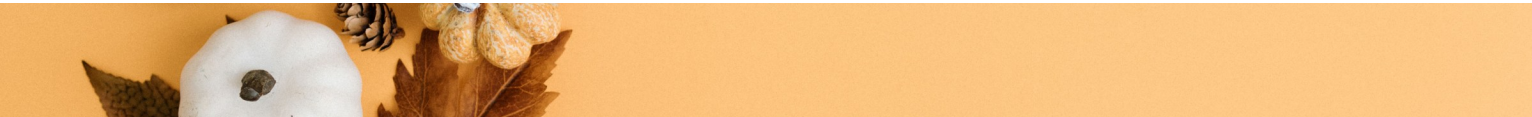
**Julia Nimeth’s Team**– Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, and Oreo Dessert

#### October 15

**RUHM**– Chili with Topping Bar, Macaroni, Corn Bread, and Assorted Desserts

#### October 29

**Sharon Kolandjian’s Team**– Roast Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Dessert



# Happy Birthday!

**October 1**  
Pam Nimeth

**October 3**  
Prince Okpalaeze

**October 4**  
Wyatt Adams  
Melanie Wilkerson

**October 5**  
Amy Ortega

**October 7**  
Audrey Ewoldt

**October 8**  
Scott Hughes

**October 9**  
Carroll Blake  
Beth Ruiz  
Adam Embrey

**October 10**  
Allayna Boswell

**October 11**  
Laura Martinez

**October 12**  
Timothy Lies  
Sumarra Wooden

**October 13**  
Dylan Hughes

**October 16**  
Kelsey English Haynie

**October 18**  
Racquel Balsavich  
Avery Blake  
Ellie Hunter  
Pam Land

**October 19**  
Carol Hite  
Alexander Lies  
Phillip Lies

**October 20**  
Matt Canter  
Janice Peoples  
Lauren Shelton  
Debbie Tyson

**October 21**  
Terry Harrell  
Julianna Whaley

**October 22**  
Chris Fielding  
Lilia Martin

**October 23**  
Gary Graham  
Anne Jett

**October 24**  
Sandy Germain  
Paula Kerr  
Bob Peoples  
Jackie Wheeler

**October 25**  
Trey Schneider

**October 26**  
Isabell Forrester

**October 27**  
Tom Nutton

**October 28**  
Linda Gayle

**October 30**  
Tala Ojibway

## Hughes Home Riverhouse

### Birthdays

**Emily Croner**  
October 5

**Ann Antle**  
October 7

**Travers Berry**  
October 12

**Enos Richardson**  
October 31

### 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



# Church Stewardship

Offerings and Attendance January 1– September 22

Offerings

General Fund

Designated Fund

Expenses

Average Attendance

Sunday Events

Wednesday Events

Other Weekly Events

Cemetery Fund

*Paid out for cemetery upkeep:*

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## In Christian Sympathy

To the Gilbert family after the loss of  
Jim Gilbert

| New Worship Service & Sunday School Schedule |              |                           |  |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1st Service 9:00-10:00AM (Adult SS Classes)  |              |                           |  |
| Location                                     | Class        | Teachers                  | Curriculum                                 |
| 301  | Adult 7      | P. Bowman & R. Colson     | Explore the Bible/Gospel Project           |
| 305  | Adult 3      | G. Graham                 | Lifeway Bible Studies for Life             |
| 306  | Senior Men   | K. Knowles                | Lifeway Bible Studies for Life             |
| Chapel                                       | Ladies Class | T. Harrell & K. Colson    | Gospel of Mark                             |
| Fellowship Hall                              | Adult 5      | C. Adams & H. Hunter      | Journey thru Scripture: Book of Revelation |
| 2nd Service 10:30-11:30AM (Adult SS Classes) |              |                           |  |
| Location                                     | Class        | Teachers                  | Curriculum                                 |
| 301  | Adult 2      | G. Bennett                | Lifeway Bible Studies for Life             |
| 305  | Adult 1      | P. Johnson & M. Wheeler   | Book of Revelation                         |
| 306  | Adult 4      | P. Menteer & M. Canter    | Lifeway Bible Studies for Life             |
| 307  | Adult 8      | C. Turman & S. Springer   | OT Survey: Ezra & Nehemiah                 |
| Chapel                                       | Young Adults | M. Sarkissian & N. Ewoldt | Life Change Bible Studies: Job             |

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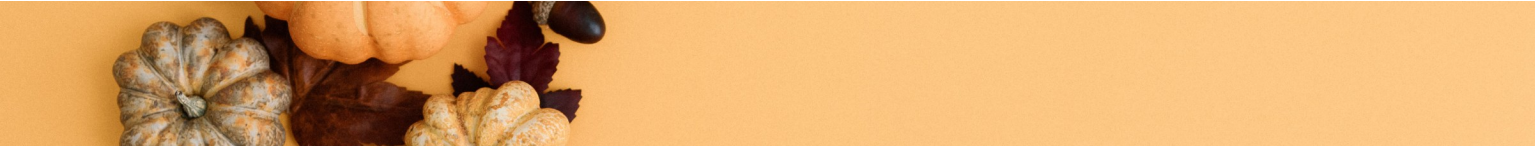
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