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# FROM THE

Dear Ramsey Saints,

A few months ago I read a book, Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers by Dane Ortlund. That book impacted my life in many wonderful ways with its message about the heart of Jesus Christ toward each one of us. But for me a major takeaway from the book was not related specifically to the topic of the writing. Mr. Ortlund drew heavily upon the writings of Puritan believers in the 18<sup>th</sup> century who delved into the meaning of God's words of being lowly and gentle of heart. Those Puritan disciples had a genre of writing about scripture that involved taking one or two verses and writing an entire book about those few verses. Delving into one seemingly small aspect of God and drawing meaning from it to the point that it took on a life of its own. That practice fascinated me. Since then I have several times made myself slow way down in my reading and focus extensively about one verse in the text I am reading that day. To take the time to live with one or two verses for a few days or a couple of weeks. It has been powerful.

Often in the summer – which praise be to God is now almost here – we slow down our pace some and take time to breath deeper, rest and relax. Be that on a true vacation to a faraway destination or a short mini vacation of an afternoon in our backyard hammock with a glass of lemonade. This summer, let's commit ourselves to slow down some with the Word of God – the promises of scripture and let those words, one or two of those promises, soak into our lives. "Which promise of God?" you might ask. ANY one of the estimated 3,000 promises that God has put into Holy Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Three examples are "I will never leave you or forsake you" from Hebrews. "God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory" from Philippians. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding and God will direct your paths" from Proverbs. They are just 3 of the 3,000 or so promises God makes to us.

I am certain that as we read the Bible, a promise will pop up for us. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to draw us to one or two promises in scripture and then during this summer of 2022, let's slow down, meditate, focus on and soak up the meaning of just that one or two promises God has made to us. Then let's see how something as small as a few words of promise from God can make a world of difference to our lives. Get into your hammock, grab your lemonade and the Good Book and find a scripture promise of God to claim as written just for you. Then live with that promise until it becomes literally a part of you and a part of your summer journey of faith. Can't wait to see which promise God sends each of us!

With transforming hope,

*Claudia*



Dear Ramsey Church,

Thank you for the cards, emails, text messages, delicious meals and most of all, the prayers for me and for Scott as I had my knee replacement surgery and have begun recuperation. You all not only spoil us, you exemplify what the Body of Christ in action is like. Your love and support has fueled me in body, soul and spirit to heal quicker than expected and to be mobile sooner than anticipated.

I know God has blessed me because you were so faithful to cover us in prayer.

Thank you all. We love more than words can say,

Pastor Claudia & Scott



The family of Emily Bucknam wish to thank Pastor Claudia for leading such a beautiful service in honoring Emily's wishes.

Thank you to all Ramsey for the heart-warming cards, calls, and prayers,

In Christian love,  
Debra Tarantino and Melinda Campbell

To our dear Ramsey Church family,

As we study the "Draw the Circle" of Prayer, I have to express how much your prayers have meant to Russ and I and our family during our grandson, Brandon's illness. I am so thankful to report he is on the road to recovery only due to the Grace of God, the Power of Prayer, and the awesome staff at Chippenham Hospital.

Should you ever visit the chapel in Chippenham you may notice the imprint of my knees on the kneeling bench. It is so very humbling to get on your knees to pray and surrender to God all of your burdens, knowing that with His help miracles happen and lives are restored.

Donna and Russ Cottrell

# PASTORS

From a pastoral corner,

"We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." 1 John 4:16

Let me tell you a little bit about the vast history of the Methodist church. Why? Simply because this June, after two years of virtual annual conferences, once again, as part of our history, we will be meeting in person, and I think there are parts of our history as Methodists, but most of all as the body of Christ, which is important for us to remember. The following paragraph is taken from the page of the communications agency of the Methodist Church and is about the General Rules of our Methodist tradition.

Almost all of the leaders of the early Methodist societies were laymen. John Wesley established a system to develop and empower them by organizing them into small groups to share their experiences and encourage mutual support in developing a Christian life. The intention was to help people become disciples who live the love they profess for God and their neighbor. Each week, small groups, or "classes," of 12-15 members of a Methodist society met weekly with their leader to share how they lived their faith while answering the question, "How is your soul doing?"

General Rules of life of the Methodist tradition:

The class leaders, appointed by Wesley, were laymen and women who could be trusted with the spiritual formation and care of others. They served as role models, mentors, and discipleship trainers for Methodists in their pursuit of holiness of life. They were, together with the clergyman, "the disciples who made disciples."

The general rules, from our Methodist tradition, helped and equipped every new disciple to live the teachings of Jesus as summarized in Matthew 22: 37-40.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the most important and the first of the commandments. But there is a second, similar to this one; "Love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments are based all the law and the prophets.

Each disciple should learn to make a habit of these general rules. The habit of (1) doing no harm and avoiding evil of all kinds; (2) do good to all people; and (3) attend to all of God's ordinances, such as participating in worship, receiving communion, reading the Bible, praying, and fasting. By meeting each week they were "watching over one another in love." And this my brothers and sisters is what Matthew calls in other words, discipleship.

You as lay leaders and I as a clergyman called by God, and appointed by the bishop of the Virginia Annual Conference, in Christ we have been called to continue with the mission of discipleship in the world. How to do it? Always keeping in mind and heart, Matthew 22:37-40.

As always, your companion on the way.

Pastora Norma

*I run to the Father,  
I fall into grace.  
I'm done with the  
hiding,  
No reason to wait.  
My heart needs a  
surgeon,  
My soul needs a  
friend,  
So I'll run to the  
Father  
Again and again  
And again and again.*

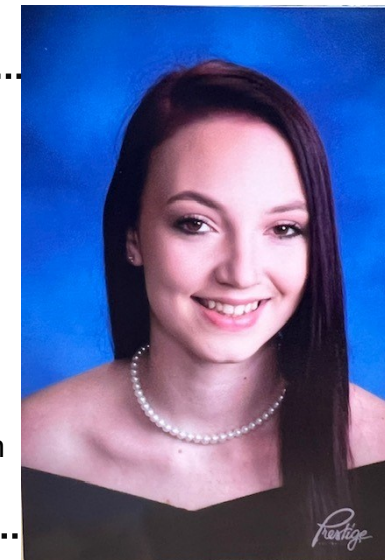


**Joseph B. Miller III (Tripp)**

- Graduated from Louisiana State University with B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Spanish
- Son of Joe and Joanna Miller, grandson of Curtis and Joyce Walsh
- Plans to follow his dream of living on the water and becoming the captain of a yacht.

**Bailey E. Moseley**

- Graduated from Greenville County High School
- Daughter of Erica Moseley and granddaughter of Berk and Ann Wiley
- Plans to obtain her certificate and license in cosmetology



*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ when I lie  
down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ  
in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the  
mouth of everyone who speaks to me, Christ in every  
eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.*



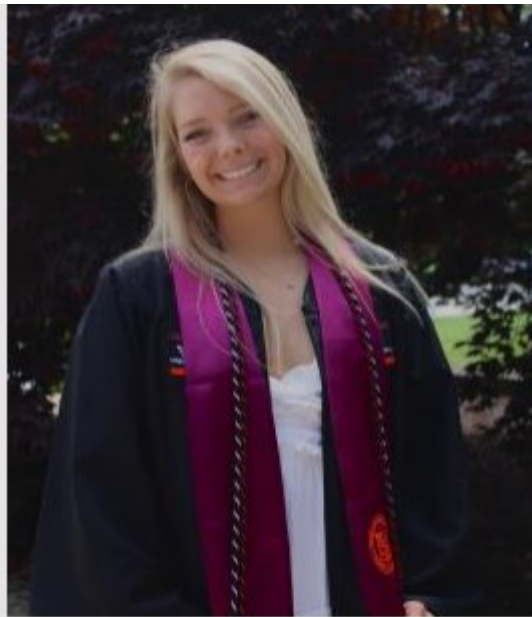


"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

*Jeremiah 29:11*

### **Regan Elisabeth Baltz**

- Graduated from Powhatan High School
  - Granddaughter of Linda and Kenny Baltz
- Plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall as a pre-med student



### **Makenna Nicole Hallinan**

- Graduated from Virginia Tech with B.S. in Animal and Poultry Science
- Daughter of Todd and Nikki Hallinan and granddaughter of Dan and Ann Hallinan
  - Plans to continue work in a veterinarian office and hopes to become the manager of a farm



# LENTEN OFFERING REPORT

We recently concluded our 2022 Lenten Offering drive. We had hoped to raise about \$5000 to be used to upgrade some of our recording equipment that we use to broadcast our Sunday services. This year our offering totaled \$6860, which is an amazing amount. Thank you for your support.

The Finance Committee



## REFRESHING RAMSEY



I am preparing my house for us to move but we are not moving! What does that mean? If we clean up, fix up and spruce up the house, we can enjoy the improvements. So far, the Ramsey Refresh has involved the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor education wing kitchen, Nativity storeroom, the old nursery which is now the Bethlehem storage area, and the office storeroom. Plans are being made to organize the Worship room (phase 1 is the decorative items for the doors and altar) and Room 100 (reorganize and paint). There are two items we currently would like to have—storage shelves x 2! (Needed for the Bethlehem items and for items in the computer room.) If you or your group would like to take a specific area in the church, please contact Joan McGowan at (804-513-8540) or [Joanmcgowan56@gmail.com](mailto:Joanmcgowan56@gmail.com).

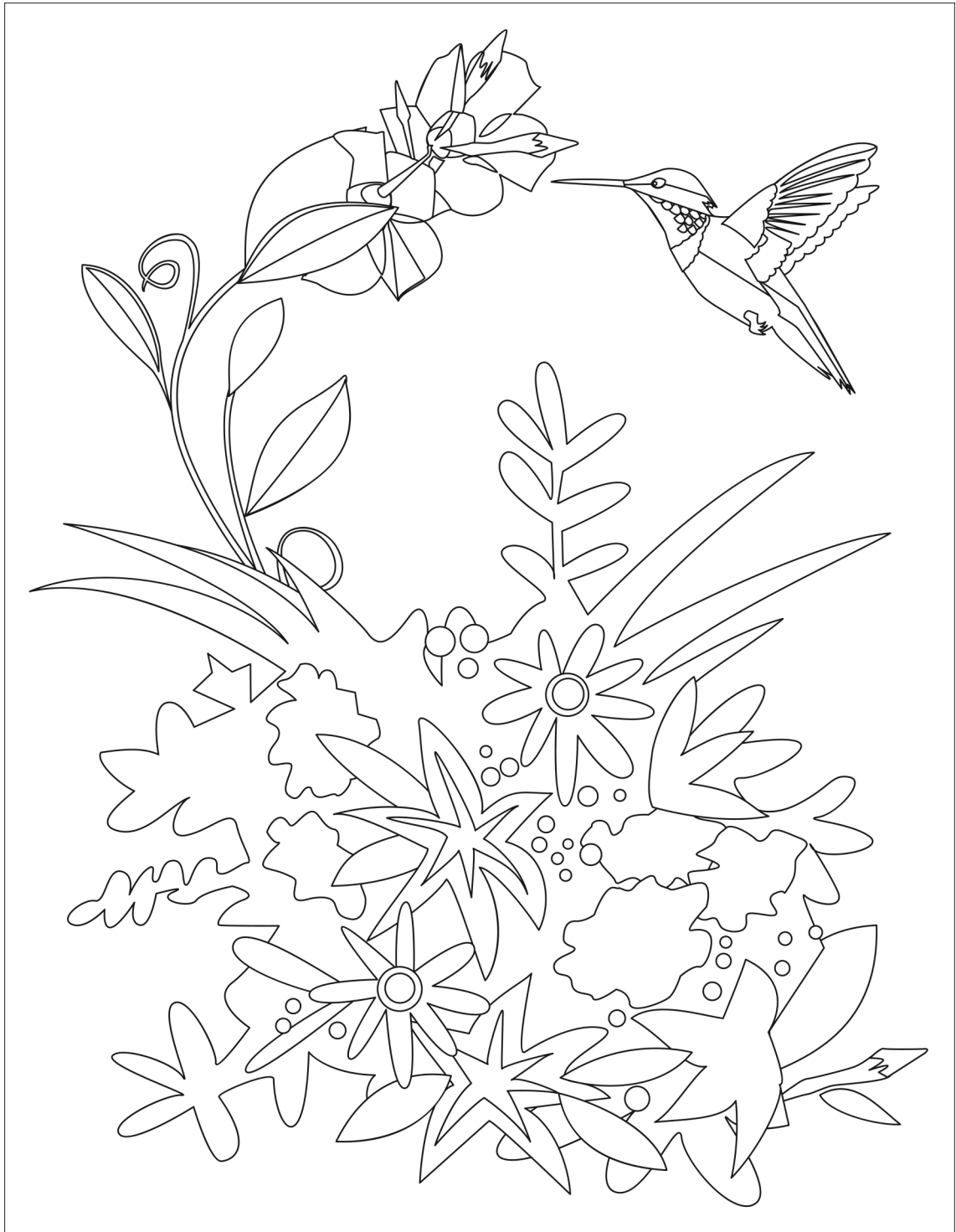
## MARK THE DATE FOR VBS

Mark your calendars and save the dates of Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 (6:00pm-8:30pm) for our in-person, invite your neighbors and friends to come, Vacation Bible School.



## NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY

Any ladies who would like to participate in a Chronological Bible Study are invited to join us on Mondays from 10:00-11:30 at Ramsey Memorial Church (Room 105). We will be doing an in-depth study starting in Acts. Please call Deborah at (804) 624-8390 for more details and questions. Please pray about joining us, we'd love to meet you!

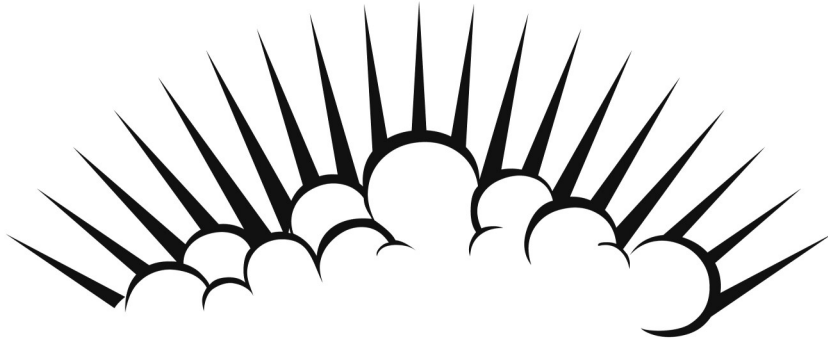




# Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



“H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_t t\_ m\_,  
‘Y\_ \_ \_r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_  
G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_ \_r.”

Ps\_lm 89:26, N\_V



## June Anniversaries

Tom & Joyce Spain	6/2
Dan & Ann Hallinan	6/17
Scott & Claudia Stallings	6/19
Butch & Sharon Cheatham	6/21
David & Pam Rives	6/21
Rebecca & Joe Calhoun	6/24
Natalie & Angel Vega	6/24

## June Birthdays

Nell Simmons	6/4
Rachel Thomas Momenpour	6/4
Kimberly Book	6/6
Haley DeKraftt	6/9
Danny Britt	6/11
Brenda Cordle	6/11
Phyllis Woodfin	6/14
Linda Baltz	6/16
Aviel Benítez	6/20
Julissa Maribel Muñoz	6/21
Virginia Abbott	6/24
Jeremy Scott Newman	6/24
Sarah Lane Gonzalez	6/27

Answer: “He will call out to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.’” Psalm 89:26, NIV



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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 2022

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
			7:00pm Administrative Council (ZOOM)	11:00am Thursday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 5:30pm Estudio Bíblico (Room 105)		
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10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary ) 10:30am Escuela Bíblica 11:00am Ignite (CLC) 12:30pm Servicio de Adoración (Sanctuary )			2:00pm Nina Woodfin Circle (Rm 105) 7:00pm Trustees (ZOOM)	11:00am Thursday Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 5:30pm Estudio Bíblico (Room 105)		
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