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FROM THE

Dear Ramsey Saints,

In the Book of 2nd Timothy chapter 1, the Apostle Paul writes to the young man Timothy about the faith that Paul knows that Timothy has placed in God. He says this: "I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you." (2 Timothy 1:5-6)

As I write this article for the newsletter, I have just completed preparations for a funeral that I am to lead tomorrow. It is for a woman, Mrs. Betty Gee, who greatly influenced my life as a child in my hometown of South Hill, VA. As life and God would have things turn out, Mrs. Gee, is also my Sister-in-Law's mother (and my brother's Mother-in-Law for the past 39 years). Yes, my brother married a "hometown girl" who was like a sister to me even before they went on their first date. The death of Mrs. Gee at 87 years old is both a reason for great celebration for her now being with Jesus and a time to grieve the loss of another saint that I have loved for decades. It is also a reminder to me of how important it is to share our faith with all people – but especially with children, youth and young adults. Betty Gee loved Jesus and wanted everyone she knew to know Jesus too. When I was 10 years old, she was my Vacation Bible School teacher for a week that summer. She taught us all the hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus" and encouraged us to understand what it meant to love Jesus with all of our hearts and worship Him with all of our being. It was not until I was thinking about her life to prepare for my funeral homily that I realized that for 52 years – I have never sung that hymn that I didn't think of Mrs. Gee. I never forgot her teaching me that song.

July 25-27 Ramsey Church will host our annual Vacation Bible School. There is more information about VBS in other places in this newsletter. But as we do so, I am reminded that we do not know the true influence we may have on the children, youth and young adults that will be with us as students and as helpers. We do not know what they will teach us as we teach them, do crafts with them, sing together with them, enjoy recreation together and eat dinner with each other. What we do know is that seeds will be planted, lessons will be taught, Jesus will be shared, hearts will be touched, and lives will be changed.

So please consider joining in this outreach ministry that we will be doing together. Volunteer to come and be a helper. Pray for those who are leading and those who are registering to come. Invite your neighbors, friends and coworkers to bring their children and be a part of the fun and fellowship we will all share. Pray circles around those dates on the calendar and believe that God will come and be with us each night. Who knows? 52 years from now some older/middle age man or woman might be writing a newsletter article as the pastor of a church telling their congregation something they learned in July 2022 at Ramsey Church's VBS!

With transforming hope,

Claudia



Thank you Brothers and Sisters in Christ for being so gracious with your giving for the "Conference Kits". God helped us step up to the challenge and we were able to give 15 Cleaning Buckets and 54 Health/Hygiene Kits. How awesome this was.

Some gave items for the kits and others gave money for us to purchase what was needed. The total money given was \$1,035.00. Thank you all for a job well done for Mission.

United Women in Faith



RAMSEY UNITED PICNIC

On Sunday, July 31st following our
RAMSEY UNITED service at 10:00am,
come to the CLC for some great fellow-
ship and food!

MENU:

HAMBURGERS/CHEESEBURGERSHOT DOGS

BAKED BEANS

COLE SLAW

DESSERT

AND COLD BEVERAGES

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Following our picnic on July 31, we look forward to hearing from some of our
Community Partners (J.L. Francis Elementary, Manchester YMCA, and others)
about what they see as the most urgent needs facing the families in the commu-
nity around Ramsey Church. We look forward to learning about new opportunities
to love and serve our neighbors.

COFFEE TIME

We have missed our time of fellowship after church!

Beginning the first Sunday of August we will start our
Coffee Time again. Please help us by volunteering to
make goodies or preparing the coffee after our 10:00
a.m. worship service.



If you are willing to help, please call Ann Hallinan at
804-271-4758.

55+ LUNCHEON IS COMING BACK

Mark your calendars for September 9th in the Fellowship Hall!!

(Watch for more details soon.)

PASTORS

From a Pastoral Corner

Now therefore, get up and go over this Jordan...I will not leave you nor forsake you. Joshua 1:2-5

For the last six weeks we have been preaching on prayer. Together with Pastor Claudia, we have been preaching for six consecutive weeks on the subject of prayer. The sermons and topics were based on the sermon series, The Circle Maker by Mark Batterson. What a wonderful journey.

It is and will always be my prayer before God that you, who for six Sundays listened to these sermons, remember at least that couple of lines that you heard/read and that impacted your lives during this 40-day journey. It is my confidence that the book, Draw the Circle, will always remain at your fingertips in order to refresh, renew and strengthen the meaning of the sentence. Pray without ceasing. I would like to share with you some of the lines that touched my life while reading the book. I quote the following lines, from the book Draw the Circle, because they remind me how important it is to pray for those people who intercede for us on a daily basis. Those lines on page 174 go like this, "If we're going to intercede for others, we'd better make sure there are also others who are interceding for us." When we fall to our knees, we're picking a fight with the enemy. And the enemy fights back", "intercession is spiritual warfare" and "Spiritual battles are fought...by bending knees in prayer and raising hands in worship".

Why did I choose these lines? Because I want to remind you, the names of those who from Monday to Friday from 6:30 am to 7:00 am are interceding for you, for the ministry of Ramsey, its pastors and leaders. I ask you, in your prayers, and I do so as a special request, to remember Oswaldo and Miriam. Both have been part of the prayer conference since its inception, and more than 7 years later they remain faithful to this prayer ministry. Together we join to pray for the petitions that you and I place before God and his people every Sunday. They intercede to God for you, for your families and for your requests. I ask that, during your prayer time, you remember them as you also remember the prayer group that meets in the church every Thursday at 9:00 am, they intercede—and this the enemy of our souls dislikes. Let us pray without ceasing and remember that "Spiritual battles are fought...by bending our knees in prayer and raising our hands in worship". Let us lift each other up in constant prayer because God does hear our prayers.

Always in my prayers,

Your companion on the road,

Pastor Norma



REFRESHING RAMSEY

The refresh of our church home continues. Current projects are to paint Room 100 in late June. The large Rubbermaid storage cabinet and large metal desk in this room will be offered for sale to church members before posting to social media sites. More information to follow.

Twelve grocery bags of old documents have been securely shredded. The room to the left of the pulpit is being organized and decluttered. Plans are being made to work in the Missions Room (formerly the CARITAS storeroom) and the Worship storeroom. Two large sturdy shelves and a bookcase have been donated to the reorganization efforts.

If there is a specific place in the church where you would like to help declutter and refresh, please contact me.

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GET READY FOR VBS

Mark your calendars and save the dates of Monday, July 25 through Wednesday, July 27 (6:00pm-8:30pm) for our in-person, invite your neighbors and friends to come, Vacation Bible School.

If you are willing to help with VBS, please contact the church office at

admin@ramseymemorial.org or 804-276-4628.

Register children age 3-11 at www.ramseymemorial.org/vbs.



PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like join the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at 804-276-4628 or admin@ramseymemorial.org.

*You're rich in love and
You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and
Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I
will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons
for my heart to find.*



July Anniversaries

Warren & Katie Smith	7/2
Craig & Beth Lane	7/19
Stephanie & Kevin Moran	7/26
Curtis & Megan Lane	7/30
Curtis & Joyce Walsh	7/31


July Birthdays

Norman Kropp	7/1
Barbara Harrison	7/2
Torin David Kropp	7/2
Sandy Aderholt	7/7
Chris Cullop	7/7
Stuart Layne	7/7
Maria Sanchez	7/8
Pat Beville	7/10
Stacey Beville	7/12
Pam Rives	7/13
Tyler Flynn	7/16
David Rives	7/17
Jamie Gahun	7/19
Jennifer Hultz	7/20
Lucy Monk	7/21
Ellissa Bonilla	7/22
Kerri Bissett	7/22
Emilia Robinson	7/22
William Flynn	7/23
Curtis Lane	7/25
Russell Cottrell	7/30

July 2022




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31 10:00am RAMSEY UNITED/RAMSEY UNIDA (Sanctuary) 11:00am Church Picnic (CLC)	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6



Summer's gifts


Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.


Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a  around words describing God's actions. Draw an  around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...

Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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Answer: The LORD Almighty



August Anniversaries

Joan & Kevin McGowan	8/2
Amanda & Caleb Moreau	8/3
Kenneth & Linda Baltz	8/4
Kathy & Dwain Holmes	8/6
Richard and Barbara Vance	8/16
Leroy & Debbie Garrett	8/26

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Christian Fox	8/3
Tom Spain	8/4
Thomas Wagstaff	8/5
Melanie Hewes	8/6
Debbie Smyth	8/7
Donald Cameron	8/10
Paul Austin	8/12
Jeff Howe	8/13
Scotty Doyle	8/14
Howard Fox	8/15
Samuel Aguilar	8/16
Leroy Garrett	8/19
Rita Pittman	8/19
Rachel Southard Mathes	8/19
Yvonne Arvin	8/20
Kelsey Atkinson	8/21
Dan Hallinan	8/21
Jason Garrett	8/22
David Pittman	8/22
Sherry Warman	8/22
Brian Ortiz	8/23
Matt Hoover	8/24
Jean Marie Swann	8/25
Peggy Burch	8/26
Samantha Sweat	8/28
Scott Fox	8/30
Amanda Moreau	8/30
Bert Smith	8/31

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