

THE MESSENGER

October 2023



LETTERS FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Ramsey Saints,

Thank you for your prayers for the Ramsey Leadership Board as they and I spent the weekend of September 15-17 on our first annual planning retreat. We have developed a draft of our Ramsey Vision Statement and of three goals for Ramsey Church's ministry together in 2024. Will we stop all other endeavors besides those three goals in the new year? No, we will not. Will we focus intently on those three areas of our life at Ramsey with great intentionality and a lot of prayerful work? Yes, we will! You will be given the draft of those statements in preparation for our Town Hall and Luncheon on Sunday, October 8 at 11:30am. Please ask questions, please give your input, please contribute to the refining of the vision and goals that our Leadership Board has discerned. This is not my vision and goals, or the Leadership Board's vision and goals, these are the vision and the goals of Ramsey Church – yes, that's YOU!

God has blessed Ramsey since it began as Mann's Chapel in 1908 and God is not about to stop blessing and providing for and guiding and leading Ramsey in 2023. During the month of October we always celebrate God's provision toward us as we plan for and commit to the Stewardship Campaign for the upcoming year. Our financial pledges to the Capital Fund and to the General Fund for 2024 are one of the ways that God will use to help us fulfill the goals that will be set. Our willingness to give back to God from all that God has given to us is part of fulfilling God's plans that we be a blessing to others. Ramsey Church, let's seize the opportunity to discern how God can best use Ramsey and how we can resource those plans and goals. We want to GO – as Jesus told us to in Matthew 28:19, "Go, and make disciples of all nations". We want to fund our "going" so that others can know our precious Jesus. Let's GO Ramsey!

With transforming hope,
Claudia

From a pastoral corner

Philippians 3:7, I used to think those things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. It seems to me that it was here in the United States that I first heard the phrase, "one person's trash is another person's treasure." I remember that after one of my sons came to live with me for a short time, he soon persuaded me to clean closets and also the attic. Cleaning was not easy at all! For my son, many of the things I kept were unnecessary. There came a time when his frustration made me decide to close my eyes and give him permission to throw away everything that he considered unnecessary and that should be taken out of my house. The purpose of this cleaning was to make space and eliminate accumulation.

The opposition to getting rid of tangible memories of our home seems to be a spiritual parallel when we refuse to cleanse our hearts and daily lives of all those attitudes and accumulations that prevent us from making room for something new.

Paul, the writer of the book of Philippians, held on to the "righteousness" that he had gained because of his obedience to God's law. His lineage, knowledge and tradition were very precious possessions for him until that moment of encounter he had with Jesus on the way to Damascus (Acts 9). After his encounter with his Savior and Lord, Paul renounced his treasured possessions, and later wrote, "I once believed that these things were valuable, but now I consider them to be of no value because of what Christ has done." When the Holy Spirit urges us to leave certain things that prevent us from following Christ, how good it is to close our eyes with confidence and let the power, knowledge and wisdom of the Holy Spirit assist us in getting rid of everything that robs us of making space. for the new that is to come, for everything that has true value.

Let us close our spiritual eyes in trust and let the holy spirit make the space we need to receive what is soon to come.

His companion on the road,
Pastor, Norma

Free Neighborhood SUPPERS



Saturday, October 28 4-6PM

Saturday, November 25 @ 5PM

Saturday, December 30 @ 5PM

Ramsey Church - 5900 Hull Street - Door #5 - ramseymemorial.org



SAVE THE DATE

2023 Live Nativity
December 22-24

2023 Bethlehem
December 22 & 23



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference
will be held at 7:00
pm on Monday,
October 16 at
Woodlake UMC.

FALL  FEST
Free! Trunk or Treat
Saturday, Oct. 28 / 4-6 PM
+ Free Neighborhood Supper!



BETHLEHEM

The Bethlehem Marketplace will be open for business Dec 22 and 23 from 6:30-8:30 pm. We are looking for vendors for the Marketplace stalls and for the Birthday room and Inn with arrival time of 6 pm. Please consider helping in this part of our Advent ministry. Those who are vendors will be seated with their merchandise. In addition to these active positions, we need items to "sell", such as small ornaments, Match Box cars, new children's books (English and Spanish), small items, socks, gloves, scarves, knitted or crocheted dish cloths. Please bring them to church during November and we will collect them near the Coffee time table.

Thank you for your support of this outreach ministry.
Debbie Garrett, Beth Lane and Joan McGowan



55+ LUNCHEON

We would like to
invite you to the 55+
luncheon on Friday,
October 13 at noon
in the Fellowship
Hall. Please give
your RSVP to the
church office (804-
276-4628) by
October 11.
Bring a friend!

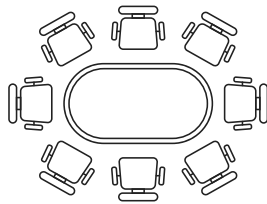


RAMSEY TOWN HALL LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 8 at 11:30AM in the CLC.

Please join your leadership board for an opportunity to hear about our planning for 2024 and ask questions. Questions for the board can also be submitted ahead of time by email to admin@ramseymemorial.org.

We look forward to a time of fellowship and sharing. We will share a covered dish lunch. Drinks and paper products will be provided. Please bring an entree, side dish, salad or dessert to share with everyone.



LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

All are invited to attend board meetings in person, or virtually online using ZOOM software.

The ZOOM link for each meeting is the same from month to month. If you have received the link in the past, you may use it for the upcoming meeting. Please call the church office for the link.

Leadership Board will meet on the following dates/times:

Tuesday, October 17, 6-7:30 PM
Tuesday, November 21, 6-7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 19, 6-7:30 PM

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place in the CLC lobby.

If anyone wishes to receive a copy of the meeting notes, please contact the church office at 804-276-4628.

Please pray for your leaders that God will provide a vision, wisdom and patience as we work through this transition year.

*We
thank
you!*

Dear Ramsey Church,

Thank you for your prayers for the Leadership Board during our first annual leadership board retreat last month. We could feel your prayers when late Saturday afternoon we had 42 statements on post-it notes that needed to become 3 well-articulated goals for 2024. By God's grace and because of your prayers, it happened. Thank you also to Tom Wagstaff for leading worship that Sunday while Pastor Claudia was with us.

With gratitude,
Will Flynn, Leadership Board Chair

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

events

10/8

Town Hall & Luncheon

10/13

55+ Luncheon

10/16

Charge Conference at
Woodlake UMC

10/17

Leadership Board

10/21

Journey work day

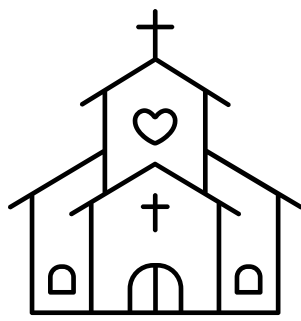
10/28

Fall fest &
Neighborhood Supper



**GIVING QR
CODE**

Scan the QR code
above to be
directed to our
online giving
resource!



MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

DRAFT VISION

God is faithfully changing lives by using Ramsey to connect people through joyful worship, fellowship, teaching and service.

DRAFT OF THE GOALS FOR 2024

Communications:

Ramsey shall improve communications across multiple channels to enhance awareness (in both English and Spanish) about programs and ministries at Ramsey to both our congregation and our community by April 1, 2024.

J.L. Francis Partnership:

Ramsey shall increase engagement with, and support of, J.L. Francis students, families, and faculty. Do this by adding one new program to meet a faculty identified need and 10 new member engagements by December 31, 2024.

Get Their Names:

Ramsey shall engage with adults gathering 25 names with the purpose of building relationships and having 10 new people participating at least 3 times in worship, small groups, or service activities by December 31, 2024.



RAMSEY MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKS OUTSIDE MUSIC

Have you heard an area Christian Music group that you would like to have play during the service?

Do you know of a person(s) or choir that would be interested in sharing their talents on a Sunday morning?

If so, please email ramseymusic5900@gmail.com and let us know who you would like to hear. If you know their contact information, please include it. The Music Ministry of Ramsey appreciates your help!



RAMSEY MUSIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Have you sung or played music at any point in your life?

Do you have a small group that would like to be the Special Music for the service?

Would you be willing to share your gifts with the congregation from time to time?

If you play drums, guitar or piano, would you like to play in an occasional church band?

Please share that willingness with our Director of Music at ramseymusic5900@gmail.com.



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSALS

If you would like to participate in the Special Music for Christmas, this message is for you. There are two times during each week that we will be having rehearsal. You can come to one or both, it's up to you. We will meet on Thursdays at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary beginning October 5, and on Sundays at 11:00AM in the Choir Room on the same level as the Sanctuary beginning on October 8. The performance will be Sunday, December 17, 2023, at the 10:00AM service. If you have any questions or would like to let me know you will be participating, please email ramseymusic5900@gmail.com.



RAMSEY KIDS & IGNITE YOUTH

As fall approaches, the Ramsey children and youth ministry will have exciting upcoming events! FALL FEST is right around the corner! October 28th from 4-6 pm. There will be trunk or treat, a Hay Ride, treats, prizes, and MUCH more!

Also, October 14th, we will be having a lock-in! ALL-NIGHT FUN that will include games, Worship, and the word of God! If you would like to volunteer with the lock-in, please reach out to Natalie Aguilar at ramseykidarva@gmail.com. Snacks, dinner, breakfast, and volunteers to stay all night are needed! The lock-in will begin at 8PM through 8AM the following day.

There have been and will be so many more events to come, so be sure to stay tuned! Our latest event was the retreat at Westview this past weekend with a total of six youth and five children! We had the privilege of welcoming two new children during our retreat. Fun memories and unending worship!

Lastly, we continue to encourage everyone to have all kids and youth attend Sunday school every Sunday at 11:00AM. To volunteer as a Sunday School Assistant, please reach out to ramseykidsrva@gmail.com to schedule you as a volunteer as the new months approach!

We look forward to sharing more about our upcoming events! WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS BECAUSE WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

But until, then... we pray that you are blessed!



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH UPDATE

McGuire Park Circle will be working with Morrisette Funeral Home to provide Christmas Stockings for Soldiers.

The Stockings will be available at the foot of the stairs in the CLC, along with a list of suggested items that the soldiers can use or would like, and can be easily transported. Once filled, the stockings can be returned to the church or delivered to Morrisette Funeral Home.

Those returned to the church will be boxed and delivered to Morrisette, who will deliver them to the USO office at Ft. Gregg-Adams (formerly Ft. Lee). The USO will ship the boxes to active duty soldiers around the world.

To insure the stockings are received before Christmas, they must be turned in by Sunday, November 26.



RAMSEY MEMBERS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS

Virginia Abbott
Matt Amason
Paul Austin
Norma Britt
Peggy Burch
Mabel Campbell
Melinda Campbell
Mitzie Conner
Ralph Conner
Dot Davis
Sherry Fox
Cicero Gainer
Doris Hancock
Elnora Holmes
Caroline Kastelberg
Amy Salley
Janet Sheek
Nell Simmons
Darlene Thomas
Helen Wallace

FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS

Alice Alford
Jackie Gray
Nancy Hulon
Debbie Mullins
Vance Richardson
Sheri Ruggles
Tim Ruggles
Ellie Thomas
Iris Ward

OTHER NEEDS

Justin Chamberlain
Brother of Tiffany Stone, prayers for life choices

HAPPY FALL

Y'all



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Adriel Benitez	October 1
Sue Kropp	October 1
Scott Stallings	October 1
Sue Wheat	October 2
Leroy Harris	October 4
Hugh Wallace	October 4
Jerry Cummings	October 5
Rick Vance	October 5
Kelly Newman	October 7
Helen Wallace	October 8
Yadira Funes	October 10
Bill Price	October 11
Sharon Sayles	October 14
Oasis Vega	October 16
Debbie Bissett	October 17
Helen Gainer	October 17
Paige Austin	October 20
Cicero Gainer	October 22
Kenneth Beville	October 23
Butch Cheatham	October 23
Kenny Baltz	October 31

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sam & Nicole Aguilar	October 16
Mike & Debbie Southard	October 16
Norm & Sue Kropp	October 18
Harry & Sue Newman	October 19
Kimberly Pinchbeck & Bert Smith	October 25
Darrin & Laura Robinson	October 28



October 2023

October 2023							November 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 1 10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:30am Escuela Bíblica 11:00am Ignite (CLC) 12:30pm Servicio de Adoración (Sanctuary; Outside)	2 Group Counseling (Rm 203) 9:00am Pickleball (CLC) 10:00am Neighborhood Bible Study (Rm 105) 6:00pm James River Home School (clc)	3 Group Counseling (Rm 203) 2:00pm McGuire Park Circle 4:00pm Cardinal Newman 5:00pm BUCS Bible Study 5:30pm Estudio Bíblico (Room 105) 6:00pm Dribbling for Jesus (CLC)	4 Group Counseling (Rm 203) 9:00am Pickleball (CLC) 6:00pm Dribbling for Jesus (CLC) 7:00pm YABS (Together rm)	5 7:00am Care-a-Van 11:00am Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 4:00pm Cardinal Newman Academy Volleyball (CLC) 6:00pm James River Home	6 Group Counseling (Rm 203) 9:00am Pickleball (CLC) 6:00pm James River Home School (clc)	7 8:00am TOVA Recertification (Fellowship Hall)
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