

FBC Ramsey Welcome Home!

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Newsletter, July 2020

July Birthdays

- 7 Clint Benhoff
- 12 Kennady Cook
- 14 Jackie Christy
- 21 Marjorie Fish
- 23 Christian Hadley
- 23 Jeremy Seaton
- 24 Cheryl Staff
- 24 Rose Wilson
- 28 Isaiah Miller

** We apologize to those whose birthdays we missed in the previous months, but we hope you were able to celebrate even while things were shut down**

Things are starting to get somewhat back to normal, and we are glad to have so many of you back at church!

This week we resume our in person, individual Sunday School classes, which is a great place to get connected and find encouragement. Look on the following pages for a full list of classes and details, and come find your place with us this Sunday!

Because we are moving back to individual classes, we will no longer be streaming the Sunday School lessons online. This will give freedom for the teachers to apply the lessons more directly and the class members to share more personally in their small group.

We WILL continue streaming the worship service LIVE on Facebook and post the recording on YouTube!

And you can continue to listen to messages from Pastor Jeff each Sunday at 10am on WTRH 93.3FM.

We can't wait to get back to learning and growing together as we seek to Know Christ & Make Him Known!



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From Pastor Jeff

“Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave and strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13

One of the worst parts of my day, every day, is waking up. I don't know what it is, but every morning when I begin to stumble out of bed there is about 15-20 minutes of adjustment which I just hate. My head is foggy, my eyes are blurry, and inevitably I bump into something or someone. I am anything but alert. So lately I have tried to combat this by just taking a minute before I get out of bed to “shake out the cobwebs” before I get up and start the day. And it helps. I still hate mornings but it helps.

We have to be careful during these days to be alert from this extended time of our “new normal” not to get lax or lazy in terms of our relationship with God. It has been frighteningly easy to kind of let some things slip, and then we find ourselves doing those things we don't really want to do. We let our Bible study go by, we lose contact with our brothers and sisters in the faith, and we begin to prefer to just watch church instead of being the church.

We have to be intentional in doing the things which enable us to **KNOW Christ and make HIM known**. We must continue to cover everything in prayer as we seek Him in all we do. We must focus on people in order to lift them up during these difficult days. We must keep the gospel centered in our lives in order to share His love, grace, and mercy with those around us. And, if we just do it simply, then it will be sustainable throughout our lives.

I am looking forward to seeing you again and working together with you. As we are trickling back into church: come when you are comfortable, do what you need to do and be safe. But don't forget to stay alert, stand firm in the faith, and be brave and strong.

Following Him,

Jeff

**Sunday Night
Fellowship**

July 5 @ 6pm

*We're having
TACOS!*



**Watch for this new sermon
series starting in July!**



Get Connected in Sunday School

- **Hope Class** (adults-mixed) led by Jim & Debbie Lay- We all love our Lord Jesus very much and depend on Him daily. Our desire is for our friends and family to be saved and to know Him. The people in our class have different interests, skills and talents that we desire to be used by God.
- **Medley Class** (adults-mixed) led by Gerald & Lurna Casey- We're a mixture of all ages and livelihoods- that's why we call our class the Medley Class! But we all come together to share our hearts, our hurts, our fears and our joys with each other and study and discuss God's Word and have a good time doing it.
- **Circle Class** (adults-mixed) led by Travis & Sharle Elliott- We're a close-knit but accepting group who carries each other's burdens, rejoices in each other's successes, and supports one another as we walk through life together. We like to dig deep into the Word of God and discuss what God is teaching us in our daily walk.
- **Joy Class** (adults-women) led by Diane Price & Linda Harris- We are a group of women who love and care for one another, praying for one another throughout the week and working together to meet the needs of those around us. We discuss God's Word and are intentional about applying it to our everyday lives.
- **Happiness Class** (senior adult women) led by Diann Smith & Bev Daniels- We are a class full of seasoned women of faith who enjoy sharing from our experience as we seek to know our Lord even better every day.
- **Men's Classes** (adult & senior adult men) led by Mike Hayes- We are a class that studies Scripture seriously, desiring to know Christ and prepare ourselves to make Him known to our family and friends. But even though we take God's Word seriously, we do not take ourselves too seriously and enjoy laughing together often.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mike & Becky Casey

- Becky has been part of our church family since she was saved as a young teen & Mike joined before they were married in 1980.
- Some favorite memories of their time here:
 - Mike loves the fish fry & church picnics
 - Becky remembers their first Christmas party as a couple
- The ministries they enjoy most here are teaching Sunday School (Mike) & Mission Kids (Becky)- their energy is contagious!
Becky is our new church secretary! Send her a welcome message at office@fbcramsey.org

*Congratulations
Jacob & Samantha
Hill!*

Ty Jacob Hill

was born on June 22
8lbs 4oz & 22 inches

**We are having a diaper shower for
this new little family member!
You can bring in wipes or diapers size
1 or 2 during the month of July**

From Pastor Andrew

This past month the youth enjoyed a week of camp at Rehoboth Baptist Campground. This provided a great time for me and other adult leaders to personally build relationships with the teens in our church.

As we powered through the week, we made many memories playing games, fishing, doing archery, swimming, and even singing goofy songs. But it was the times in small groups that we had the opportunity to unpack what it looks like to follow Christ. These times provided the girls and guys to separately share what was on their hearts and hear what was on the hearts of the adults who care so much for them. Before each small group session I led the whole group through John 10 where Jesus gave the illustration of the good shepherd. The goal in these messages was to emphasize that Jesus is worthy of following. The good shepherd narrative gave many reasons to follow Jesus. Understanding that following Jesus is worth the first step to faithfully living our lives as believers. One thing that stands out from these studies is that by following Christ we are not called to boring lives where we miss out on things of the world, but rather, as we see in John 10:10, Jesus gives us an abundant life.

Considering all the things I personally enjoy in life from hiking mountains, surfing the beautiful waves of Florida, spending time with my wife, I can honestly say what I enjoy the most is sharing God's word and Jesus' love, and seeing the hearts of young people forever changed. The moments I can see teens really grow in their faith brings me far greater joy than any of my hobbies or family. People joke about me being crazy for leaving the sunshine and beaches of Florida to live in Illinois, but to me it would have been ridiculous not to take the opportunity to do what I enjoy most in life. If it was not for my faith leading me to follow Jesus, I would have missed out on what brings me the most joy. I would have missed out on an abundant life.

I encourage you today to read through John 10 and reflect on all the reasons there are to follow Christ and how following Him has brought you joy. I encourage you to share your reflections with at least one believer and one nonbeliever this month. It will be a blessing of encouragement to the believer and a powerful testimony of life with Christ to the nonbeliever.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for their prayers and help during camp. Those of you that helped with meals or stayed in the cabins with us made this week possible and and was a special blessing to all of us!



Summer Lunch Program is in full swing!

We've served an average of 45 kids in Ramsey during the month of June!

This month we need lots of individually wrapped snacks, PB&J and volunteers to make sandwiches every Thursday @ 10am. Contact Sue Albert for details!



Sea Life



Come find Life by the Sea!

VBS is coming August 3-7!

We are excited that we are able to have VBS this summer—even though we've had to make a few adjustments... This year VBS will be open ONLY to children who have completed kindergarten thru 6th grades.

We will be keeping class sizes small, providing plenty of space and doing lots of extra cleaning to keep our children and workers safe. You can find all the details about the adjustments we are making on our website

www.fbcramsey.org

Online registration for kids AND volunteers will be available online soon!

A Few More Camp Pictures...



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July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am Bible Study 6pm			1 Bible Study & Ignite 7pm	2 Summer Lunch Program	3 Office Closed	4 Independence Day
5 Deacons Mtg. 5pm SNF 6pm	6	7	8 Business Mtg. 7pm	9 Summer Lunch Program	10	11
12	13	14	15 Bible Study & Ignite 7pm	16 Summer Lunch Program	17	18
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