



  
**FBC RAMSEY**  
TO KNOW CHRIST &  
MAKE HIM KNOWN

## August 2023 Newsletter



**YOUTH MISSION  
TRIP  
TO COAL VALLEY,  
IL**  
We are thankful for  
our youth and leaders  
and their willingness  
to serve!



# FROM PASTOR JEFF

*“Again Jesus placed his hands on the man’s eyes. The man looked intently and his sight was restored and he saw everything clearly.” - Mark 8:25*

I have a real bad habit of not noticing some things. Not long ago, we were sitting at the table and I commented on how nice the flowers were on the table. I looked over and Stephanie simply had a sly grin, but didn’t say anything. I then asked if they were new and where they came from. That’s when she looked at me and through muffled laughter, told me they had been there, right in front of me, for weeks!!!

What!?! I couldn’t believe it! No way they have been there this whole time. How could I have missed them? Then I began looking on the table wondering what else I had missed.

It is amazing how often this happens in our everyday lives and in our spiritual lives as well. I am constantly rereading Scriptures to discover things which were hidden in plain sight. I have discovered so much in the past couple years in stories that I would have sworn I knew inside and out. This realization has compelled me to search even more to find out what else I missed.

But this can happen with people too. So often we get used to seeing someone and it is easy to miss signs of an unspoken need. Whether it is prayer, encouragement or some other kind of help. How often we pass people by because 1. we don’t notice or 2. we are too wrapped up in our own problems.

In all of this, the key here is this: we must slow down and see what God has put in front of us, and allow Jesus to touch us so that we can see everything clearly. He will show us who needs a touch or a word. He will direct us to the hurting and confused. He will give us words or silence to the distraught and broken. We simply need to humble ourselves before Him and let Him work in us.

Following Him,

Pastor Jeff



## SUNDAY NIGHT

### FELLOWSHIP

#### Hawaiian Night

August 6 @ 6pm

Bring foods you would have at a luau!

Dress in your favorite Hawaiian outfit. Church will provide the drinks.



## SWEET MONDAY

August 21 6pm

Marissa Carroll will be speaking about her recent mission trip to Kenya. All ladies are invited. Refreshments will be served.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting specific items each month of the year as we work towards completing boxes in October. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

### August Items:

Crayons or Markers

Pens

Pencils & Sharpeners

Small Notebook or Notepads

Deacons' Meeting

Aug. 6th 5pm

Business Meeting

Aug. 9th 7pm

Mission Kids Kickoff

Aug. 30th 5-7pm

*R3 Women's Conference*

*September 16*

*Mark your Calendars*

*More details to come!*



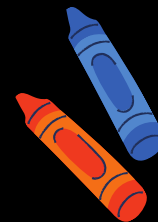
## BACK TO SCHOOL

First day of school is August 18!

We will have a prayer service at the school on Sunday, August 13th at 6pm.

Join us as we pray for the students and staff.

We will be providing a pizza lunch for Ramsey School Staff on August 16th to show our appreciation for all they do.



# FROM PASTOR MATT

*2 Corinthians 12:9, "And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."* The summer of 2023 is coming to an end, and I have felt personally weak, mentally stressed, and just plain tired, but God in His grace has carried me and His ministry. Praise God that He and His grace are enough!

Before we get to all the news from July and for August, I would be amiss if I did not relate the events from our Youth Group mission trip that took place in the latter part of June. Our main work was with New Hope Baptist Church in Coal Valley, IL. We served them by reconstructing a retaining wall, painting the ceiling of the outdoor pavilion, cleaning the church sign, and helping host a Hot Wheels Race Day event for the community. We were also able to serve two other Church families in the area by doing some cleaning, maintenance, yard work, and painting. We had a lot of fun during all our hard work and the Youth did an amazing job!

July has been a full month of camp at the Rehoboth Baptist Campground. All the camps went well, and God received the glory. Students enjoyed games, activities, good food, Bible study, and worship. Forever friendships were created through a week of time spent with one another. I am grateful and thankful for all the adult volunteers who served each week!

August means it is time for school to start but before all that fun the Youth Group will have a Youth Extravaganza. The Extravaganza will be on August 12 at 10am with an admission fee of a box of crayons or pencils. It will be the greatest show on earth! Also, right before school starts, we will have an opportunity to serve our school district teachers and staff lunch on Wednesday August 16 at 11am. It will be a great time to encourage and have conversations before the official first day of school.

Since school is starting again that means it is time for Mission Kids! Mission Kids is a program designed for preschool to 6th grade students to help them know Christ and then make Him known through service. Wednesday August 30, 2023, at 5:00pm will be our kickoff here at FBC Ramsey with food and fun!

As I close, please be in prayer for the school administration, teachers, school staff, school support staff, coaches, and school volunteers as they continue to prepare and plan. Pray for the students as they prepare to learn, plan for the future, and execute in the present. We will be hosting a prayer service for our school district at 6pm on Sunday August 13, 2023, in front of Ramsey High School.

Pastor Matt



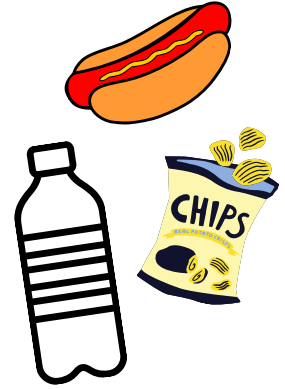
## MISSION KIDS KICKOFF PARTY

Wednesday, August 30, 5-7pm

at FBC Ramsey

For kids in Pre-K thru 6th Grade

Join us for a great time of food, fun,  
friends and games!



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

We took a day trip with 14  
Senior Adults to Giant City  
Lodge, South of Carbondale.

Also stopped at Flamm and  
Rendleman Orchards for "Good  
Things". A good time was had  
by all!



### *August Birthdays & Anniversaries*

1 Karson Cook	17 Sue Roberts
1 Mike & Becky Casey	23 Jerad & Kendra Lorton
1 Sharon Eddy	23 Kris Adermann
3 Sean Lockart	24 April & Sean Lockart
5 Keith & Terry Casey	24 Linda Harris
8 Walter Philbrick	24 Shane Hadley
9 Tammy Schackmann	25 Shirley Brewer
10 DeVon McDonald	29 Addis Thoele
11 Walter & Mary Philbrick	29 Daphne Oller
12 Audrey McDonald	29 Shelby Eddy
15 Ed & Kathy Caylor	30 Charlie Rathbone
15 Michael Roberts	30 Judy Wattles
16 Kathy Caylor	31 Jacob & Samantha Hill
17 Les Albert	31 Jaxon Koski

## AUGUST FOOD PANTRY

1 or 2 lbs. Dry  
Beans/Rice  
Instant Potatoes  
Gravy Mix  
Cornbread Mix  
Soda Crackers  
Mustard /Ketchup  
Canned soups

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AUGUST 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	<b>31</b> Younger Girls Camp Men's Bible Study 7:15 am Mondays	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Youth/Bible Study 6pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
6 Deacons' Mtg. 5pm SNF 6pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Youth 6pm Business Mtg. 7pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Youth Extravaganza 10am
13 Prayer at school 6pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Provide Lunch @ school 11am Youth/Bible Study 6pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School	<b>19</b>
20 Bible Study 6pm	<b>21</b> Sweet Monday 6pm Speaker: Marissa Carroll	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Youth/Bible Study 6pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Women's Lake	<b>26</b> Retreat Sallateeska
27 Bible Study 6pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> MK Kickoff 5-7pm (Youth) At FBC Bible Study 6pm	<b>31</b>		