

Lines from Larry

I keep thinking next month I'll have more free time. Wrong! As people would say about my dad's preaching, "Put on your seat belt and hang on!" May is another busy month for everyone. I want to encourage everyone to attend the concert May 5 at Liberty Christian Church at 6 PM. Then comes Mother's Day, Graduation, and Memorial Day. Every Sunday will be a jammed packed day. Many will desire a day of rest on every Monday of this month.

Many will have seen our ad in the Ramsey News Journal. We want people to see RCC as a place where people can come and feel safe and welcome. I will continue to preach the truth from God's Word, but we need people from all walks of life to come and hear the message. If people come and are condemned because of their past or present circumstances in life, they might never return to hear that God loves them and Jesus died for their sins. We want to create a safe place for people to come and be encouraged from God's Word to submit to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

A preacher told a kid years ago to get a haircut before he returned to church. The kid never returned. In the past people would be asked to Believe what the church believed Become like to church was and to Belong to the church. Today, people want to Belong to the church before they are ready to Become or even Believe like the church does. We are living in a different culture than we were thirty or fifty years ago. Over half of millennials do not believe the Bible is relevant to their lives. Almost eighty percent of Gen Z kids do not believe the Bible is true or relevant to their lives. The last thing we need to do is make someone refuse to come to church because of something that was said to them.

Almost everything has changed since I was a kid such as music, social functions, education, religious views, and even the political influences are different. People are more easily offended today than they were when I was growing up. More kids are on anti-depressants today than ever before. More grandparents and even great-grandparents are raising kids because parents are irresponsible. Yet, when these people come to church, they don't need to have their failures reinforced, but rather they need to know they are loved and can receive the support (not necessarily financial) from the body of Christ.

So how do we make the most in a broken world? Ask yourself this question each week during the church service, "Who is missing?" We often know who is attending our church, but who is missing? What can we do to encourage those who are missing to come and worship God? What can we say to someone this week to help them feel safe when they come to church? When Jesus talked to the woman at the well, he didn't condemn her for all her past sins and failures. No, Jesus told her to go and sin no more. She left, returned home, and told people what Jesus said to her. The result was everyone in town went to hear Jesus and became believers.

During the month of May, see how many people you can invite who are missing from our church.



Lines from Colin

With spring quickly approaching, there are a few things to keep in mind. The first of these is that the next few months are going to go by more quickly than we can imagine. Spring and summer is so full of *things* that it seems like it just whizzes right by. Second, in all our busyness, we can't forget that rest is necessary. Third, in everything going on, graduations, camps, vacation, planting, cleaning, etc... we can't forget to allow Christ a part in our lives. It seems that if we have a full schedule, we'll just have to carve out a portion for personal God-time. Now, I'm not just talking about Church on Sunday, I mean PERSONAL time with God, outside the church building. If we fail to do this, our relationship with God, and with others suffers.

So as we start to ramp up for the craziness of spring and summer, remember that the most important meeting on your schedule is the one that you have with God.



Sermons for May

May 5: Elisha: Waiting for God,, 2 Kings 2:1-18

May 12: Huldah: Prophetess of God, 2 Kings 22:14-20, 2 Chronicles 34:14-33

May 19: Jeremiah: Fired up for God, Jeremiah 20:9

May 26: Micaiah: Truth-teller for God, 1 Kings 22:1-40

Those serving in May

	5	12	19	26
Front Door Greeters	Blaine	Barb F	Ben	Betty D.
Greeters	Angie & Dennis	Blaine & Tina	Sue & Jimmy	Shirley P. & Diane B.
Musician	None	Cheryl	Marcia	Cheryl
Screen	Heaven	Nate	Ruby	Nate
Sound	Andy	Mark	Nate	Rodney
Vocals	Jancye, Hannah & Tina	Jancye, Hannah & Tina	Larry, Joni & Jancye	Hannah, Tina & Joni
Scripture Reading	Jancye	Angie	Barb K	Youth
Opening Prayer	Jancye	Angie	Barb K	Youth
Communion Med/Prayer	Blaine	Jancye	Mike P.	Roger K.
Offering Prayer	Larry	Scott	Mark	Colin
Nursery	Cynthia	Heaven	Hillary	Jancye
Children's Church	Brenda & Judy	Joni & Peggy	Colin & Leah	None
Sunday School Teacher	Heaven	None	Jancye	None
Communion Prep	Barb F.	Barb F.	Barb F.	Barb F.
Communion to Shut-ins	Larry	None	Rodney	None

Announcements

May 1: 3 G's at 11 AM.

May 4: Men's Breakfast at 8 AM.

May 5: Birthday Sunday and we will be collecting for St. Joseph's Food Pantry.

An evening of Southern Gospel Music at Liberty Christian Church in Brownstown at 6 PM. See bulletin board for more info.

May 9: Board Meeting at 7 PM.

May 12: Mother's Day.

May 16: Red Cross Blood Drive from 2-7 PM here at the church.

8th Grade graduation.

May 19: Penny Sunday.

High school Graduation at the school at 3 PM.

May 23: Youth zoo trip

May 31—June 1: Vacation Bible School.

Birthday's

5/3 Arlie Hunt

5/15 Jacob Harris

5/6 Larry Daniel

Scott Hunt

5/9 Jake Hortenstine

5/21 Cody Meachum

5/11 Hannah Hunt

5/25 Jimmy Gallion Jr.

Eileen Tamborini

5/26 Jaydah Casey



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Deuteronomy 19-20; Luke 22:1-27 3 G's at 11 AM	2 Deuteronomy 21-22; Luke 22:28-53	3 Deuteronomy 23-24; Luke 22:54-71	4 Deuteronomy 25-26; Luke 23:1-26 Men's Breakfast @ 8
5 Jeremiah 9-12; Luke 23:27-45 Birthday Sunday Collecting for St. Joseph's Youth @ 6 PM. Southern Gospel Music at Liberty Christian @ 6 PM.	6 Psalm 52-54; Luke 23:46-56	7 Deuteronomy 27-28; Luke 24:1-12; Proverbs 19 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 PM.	8 Deuteronomy 29-30; Luke 24:13-35	9 Deuteronomy 31-32; Luke 24:36-53 Board Meeting at 7 PM.	10 Deuteronomy 33-34; John 1:1-14	11 Joshua 1-2; John 1:15-34
12 Jeremiah 13-16; John 1:35-51 Mother's Day	13 Psalm 55-57; John 2	14 Joshua 3-4; John 3:1-21; Proverbs 20 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	15 Joshua 5-6; John 3:3-22-36	16 Joshua 7-8; John 4:1-13 Red Cross Blood drive 2-7 PM 8th Grade Graduation	17 Joshua 9-10; John 4:14-39	18 Joshua 11-12; John 4:40-54
19 Jeremiah 17-20; John 5:1-27 Penny Sunday Graduation at 3 PM	20 Psalm 58-60; John 5:28-47	21 Joshua 13-14; John 6:1-21 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM 8th Grade Graduation	22 Joshua 15-16; John 6:22-59	23 Joshua 17-18; John 6:60-71 Youth Zoo Trip	24 Joshua 19-20; John 7:1-13	25 Joshua 21-22; John 7:14-36
26 Jeremiah 21-24; John 7:37-53 Youth @ 6	27 Psalm 61-63; John 8:1-11	28 Joshua 23-24; John 8:12-35 Proverbs 22 Ladies Bible Study at 8:30 AM	29 Judges 1-2; John 8:36-59	30 Judges 3-4; John 9:1-20	31 Judges 5-6; John 9:21-41	

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Offering

3/31 \$3166.00
4/7 \$5221.00
St. Joseph's \$270.00
Birthday Sunday \$10.76
4/15 \$2063.06
4/21 \$3151.52
Special Easter offering \$2415.00
Pizza Fundraiser 656.29
4/28 \$1269.00
Penny Sunday \$76.01

Attendance

3/31 94
4/7 83
4/15 82
4/21 144
4/28 68

Ramsey Christian Church

Fellowship Time: 8:30 AM

Worship Service: 9:00 AM

Sunday School & Adult Electives: 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Sunday night youth at 6 PM. Jr. & Sr. High

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study: 8:30 AM

Missions

- Bond Christian Service Camp
- Inner City Mission of Springfield, IL
- Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
- Lincoln Christian University
- Northwest Haiti Christian Mission
- Pinehaven Children's Ranch-Montana
- St. Louis Christian College
- Tim Doggett-Africa
- Assembly of God World Missions