

The Arbor's Brush

to inform, to inspire, to celebrate

Vision Statement

REACH, GROW, SEND

"We worship by reaching for God and to others, by growing and nurturing others in Christ, and by sending disciples to meet human needs."

Got News?

If you have news you would like included in our monthly newsletter, please email office@ramahpcusa.org. The deadline for February's *Arbor's Brush* is January 28.

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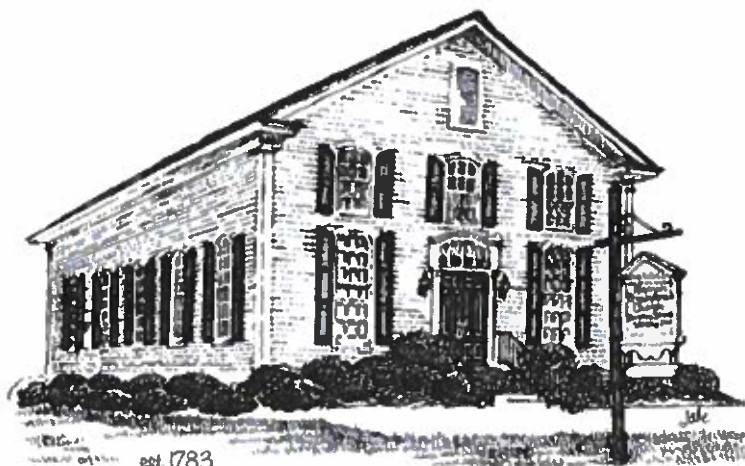
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A Message from the Pastor

Isalah 40:30-31 (NRSV)

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Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

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but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Happy new year! I pray that you all have had a wonderful Christmas season and are looking forward to a splendid new year!

What a great time to be part of the Ramah community of faith! As we begin the new year it's a good time to briefly reflect on the many successful events we've had in the past year!

Our mission fundraisers continue to be a great resource for community fun, food, fellowship and of course gathering resources for various mission ministries. We



Remember in Prayer

Please continue to pray for our first responders, military and those on our prayer list:

George Mayes

Natalie (Coach Zeller's granddaughter)

Tilton Family & Eden Alexandria
Tilton

Alex Beam

John McCarthy

Beth Spitler (Donna White's mother)

Mary Nash (Kim Bradford's friend)

Freida Buckner (friend of the Wilsons)

Barbara Wise (Karen Helms' mother)

Jackie Keel (Janine Bryant's sister)

Walter Craven

Jeanette Shoemaker

Martha Ann Readling

Sarah Craven Washam

Dave McCord

John Black

had lots of Ramah volunteers working diligently to prepare, serve and clean up after both the fish fry and port-a-pit barbecue. Fantastic!

We've had celebrations this past year too! From a drop-in at the manse to Christmas luncheon. Special Friday luncheons like the birthday party are always great fun! We have celebrated together as a family of faith does.

Midday prayer group on Wednesdays are one of the ways we practice our spiritual disciplines and we enjoy having lunch together afterwards (I'm beginning to notice a lot of food with our gatherings). We were also blessed to lead VBS for Caterpillar Ministries and what a great time we had!

Our scouting program and preschool are going strong. We will soon have more Eagle Scouts! As you heard one of our own Eagle Scouts present on mission Sunday, the experience these young people gain through scouting is making a difference in the world! The preschool has had wonderful presentations allowing the kids to express their creativity while learning! We look forward to Preschool Sunday in March.

Wow! These have just been the highlights! As we wait for the Lord, 2019 promises to hold great things for our Lord and for our Ramah community.

So friends, keep vigilant in prayer, exercise your spirituality, be Christ's body at work in the world and Ramah will continue to experience great things from our Lord!

May God bless you and keep you throughout the year!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian

Preschool News

What a wonderful time we have had this month! The year has ended with great love, joy, and fun at the preschool.

December has brought us lots of special moments of talking about the birth of Jesus and fun working on songs for our Christmas program. One exciting thing that has happened in

Happy Birthday!

2 - Pat Motley

6 - Bryce Gibson

7 - Jay Sumner

8 - Cheryl Mayhew

9 - Deane Washam

10 - Billy Bradford, Jr.

14- Katie Sumner, Sarah Craven Washam

15 - Ross Bradford, Don Wilson

19 - J.W. Washam

21 - Katie Spears

22 - Nelson Hollar

23 - Dianne Dulovitz, Brian Kuykendall

30 - Pepper Stanford

December is the snowfall that caught us off guard before the holidays arrived.

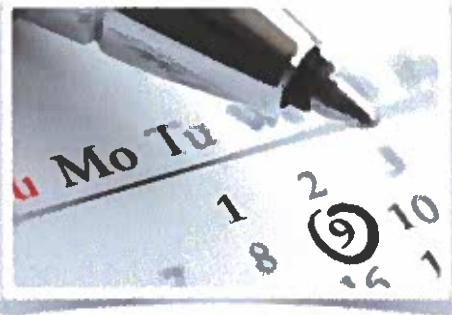
We did have a special visit from Mrs. Claus, who came to read to all the children. Everyone always enjoys having her at preschool so she can tell Santa how good the children are.

Our Christmas program went very well as the children were dressed as shepherds, wisemen, angels, Mary, and Joseph. All the children sang a few songs including "Happy Birthday Jesus" and some traditional Christmas songs. The teachers and I were so proud of how the children performed since we were behind schedule due to days missed because of snow. After a great performance, everyone gathered in the fellowship hall for milk and cookies with Santa. This was surely the highlight for most of the children! The staff even enjoy the visit from Santa to make sure we are all on the nice list.

Now as the year is coming to an end, the preschool is on break until January 3. Will will return for a busy season as registration for our new school year will start at the end of January.

What a blessing our preschool is to everyone involved!

Registration for the fall preschool program is January 28, 2019 for currently enrolled children/siblings, siblings of former students and church members. Also, this time, January 28, all available spaces will be open to the public to submit a registration form. Registration forms for the public will be drawn on February 8th and



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesdays in Jan @ Noon

**Midweek Prayer Service and
Lunch Bunch**

Thursday, 1/3 @ 8am

Men's Breakfast @ Panera

enrollment will be offered shortly after.



Junk Yard Salad by "Doodle" Atwell

Ingredients:

One 20 oz can cherry pie filling

One 20 oz can crushed pineapple, drained

One 14 oz sweetened condensed milk

2 c miniature marshmallows

1 c chopped pecans (optional)

One 8 oz container frozen whipped topping

Directions:

Mix in order listed. Pour in dish.

Refrigerate until set or overnight.

Stir only...no mixer.

JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Pastor Brian Cell # 704-727-2813		1	2	3 8am Men's Breakfast @ Panera 9am Preschool	4	5
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