

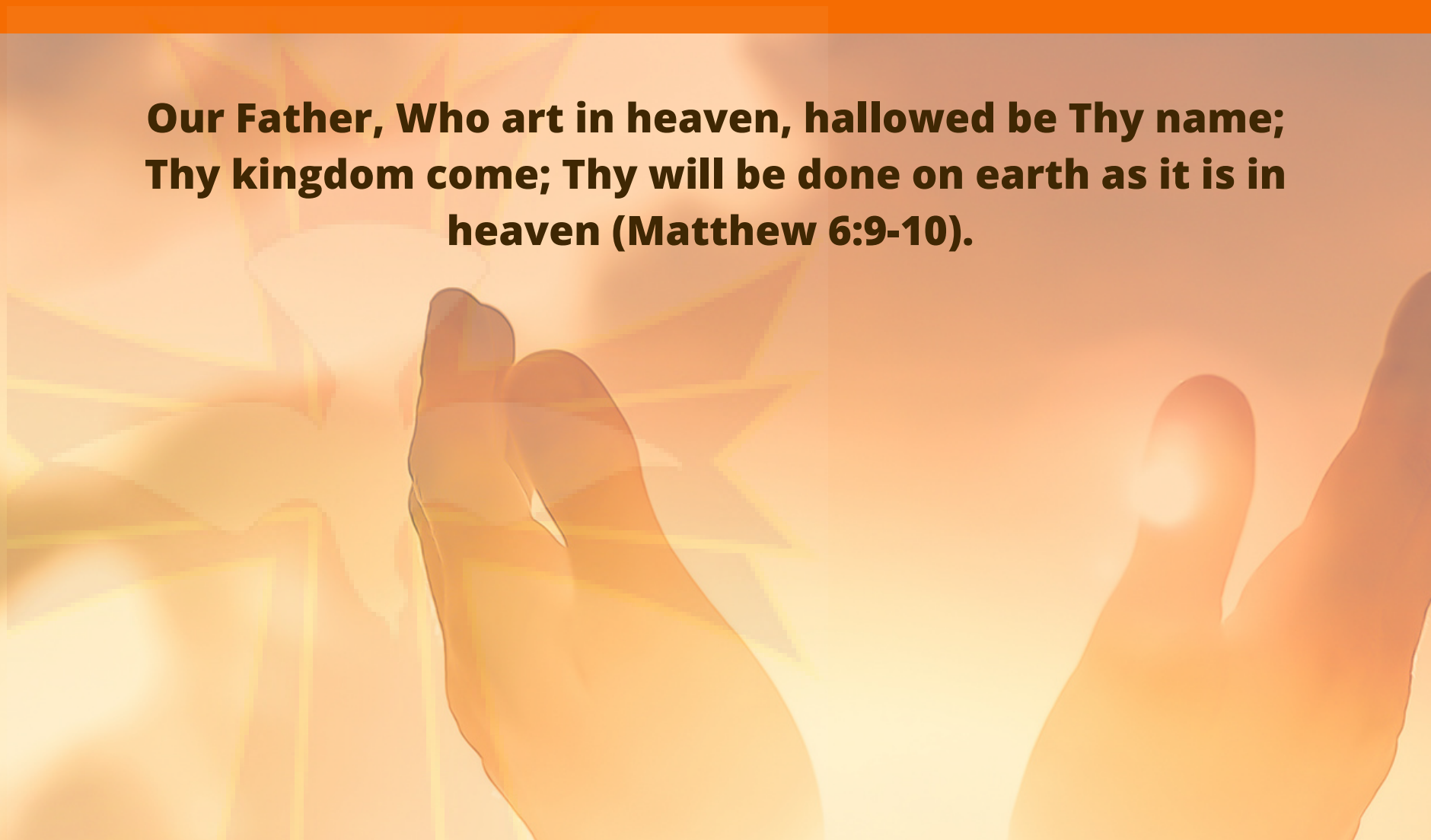
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RAFTING CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

GROWING AS A CHURCH WITH A REDEMPTIVE PURPOSE

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**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven (Matthew 6:9-10).**

The background of the lower half of the page features a warm, golden-orange glow. In the center, two hands are raised in a gesture of prayer, with fingers slightly spread. The background is filled with soft, abstract shapes and light rays, suggesting a bright sun or a divine presence. The overall mood is one of hope and spiritual uplift.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, today we are filled with hope. You said hope makes us not ashamed, because Your love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

You have given us Jesus the most amazing gift to man and the blessed hope of all who believe. For that we give you all the praise and glory. Today we ask that your grace, mercy and peace which comes from you continue to be with us who live in truth and love. May we have the power today to understand, how wide, how long, how high and how deep your love really is, as the Holy Spirit continues to lead our way. In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen



PENTECOST

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) from Easter Sunday. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31).

*Additional information is posted at
<https://www.raftingcreekbaptistchurch.org/religious-observances>.*



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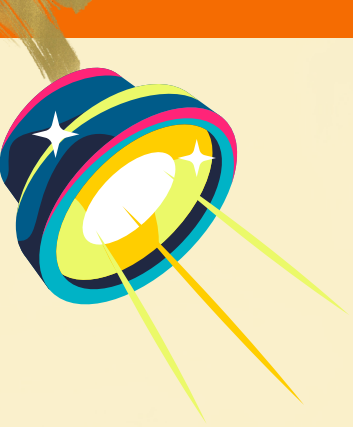
Rafting Creek Baptist Church

**"God bless those who planted the seed,
And those who gave to every need,
And those who labored, with such care,
To build this church, God's House of Prayer.**

**"May all who come find peace and light,
May God's presence and his might,
Gently guard this holy place,
May all find joy, abundant grace.**

**"We thank you, Lord, for what you've done
Here in this place through your dear Son.
Abide with us, your Spirit show,
As rivers may your blessings flow."**

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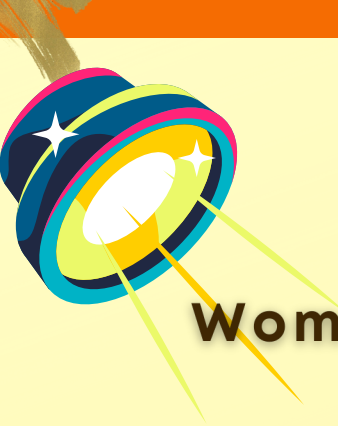
MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Praise and Worship Team

The PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM'S sole purpose is to worship God by showing others that He must be our first priority.

The Praise and worship team was formed to set the atmosphere during morning service. Praise means to sing and confess our thanks for God's blessings. Praise is an outward expression not only to God, but also to tell others how good God is. Worship begins the highest form of honor and respect that we can show towards God.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Colossians 3:16)



SUNDAY DEVOTIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Woman's Day at Rafting Creek Baptist Church

Moving Forward by Faith

TOPIC

Change, Charge, and Challenge

SCRIPTURE

1 Cor. 5:7; Jer 29:11; 33:3

MESSAGE

We must believe that whatever change, charge, and challenge we might encounter must be faced with faith. Hebrews 11:1 says faith and obedience are necessary to receive the promises of Jesus Christ.

SPEAKER

Dr. Gladys Grant, deacon, Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church; CEO and founder, MyCollege Careers Institute, LLC., Author

DATE HELD

Sunday, May 15, 2022

MINISTRY

Senior Missionary Ministry





COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Rembert Rafting Creek Community Center

In the past few months, the seniors at the Rembert Rafting Creek Community Center have been honored to have two special guest speakers on two occasions: Easter and Mother's Day.

On April 14, 2022, the speaker was Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner Jr. The Topic: "What's So Important About Easter."

On May 6, 2022, Mr. Robert L. Dinkins spoke on the topic "A Mother's Day Celebration."

The seniors really enjoyed the messages. The seniors meet every Monday and Friday, 10am to 2pm.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Mentoring and Helping Others Internationally

Ms. Erica M. Jefferson recently received "A Mentor Award 2021-2022." The American Creativity Academy recognized Ms. Jefferson for her dedicated services in helping her colleagues and providing support both inside and outside the classroom. Erica currently teaches 5th-grade students in Kuwait.





COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Public and Private Activism



CARLTON B. WASHINGTON of Rembert, SC, serves the state, his community, and the nation. As the chief executive officer of the South Carolina State Employees Association (SCSEA), he represents the association in all public and private forums, including testifying before the South Carolina General Assembly committees/subcommittees and all chapter, agency, and community forums.

Mr. Washington is a former South Carolina Deferred Compensation Commissioner for the South Carolina Retirement System. He currently serves as Second Vice President of the Sumter Branch NAACP. Other affiliations include the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Community Advisory Board, National Council of Negro Women, Alzheimer's Association, ALS Association, American Legion, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Carlton is the founding partner of SouthTrac LLC., a public affairs firm representing clients at every level of government and community engagement. He is also the founder and chairman of I-CAR, a community action organization that shares a common cultural and historical heritage of citizens in Rembert, South Carolina. The goal of I-CAR is to work for the public benefit of citizens living in rural areas. Washington also serves as chairman of Dennis Farms Development Initiative, a private community service program established to promote the quality of life and health of area seniors.

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

"June is National Men's Health Month! This month is all about encouraging the men in your life (including you, men out there!) to take care of their bodies by eating right, exercising, and working to prevent disease. The official symbol for the month is a blue ribbon and the purpose of Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases including cancer, heart disease, and depression."

Tweak Your Diet



Men's Health Month is a great opportunity to change the way you eat. Cut back on alcohol this month or up your intake of healthy fermented foods like sauerkraut and kefir. You can do anything for a month, and if you do it for a month, you can do it for life!



MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

Set Some Goals



Set some goals—Use this month to take stock of your health now and think about where you want it to be. Do you want to lose weight? Gain muscle? Simply eat more vegetables? Set small and achievable goals and work with your doctor to make them a reality.

Get Educated



Take this opportunity to read about the common health issues that are specific to men and how you can prevent yourself from getting hurt! Check out the CDC for information on health issues that men face.





Happy Birthday

Jennett Towles-Mickens

Deshawn Adger

Reynard Jefferson

Alta Sanders

Tiroval Weems

JuWayne Sanders

Derrick J. Wright

Curtis Sanders

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Meetings and Rehearsals

Meetings and rehearsals are held via Zoom or Conference Call until further notice.

Deacon Ministry

Thursday, Before 1st Sunday, 6pm

Brotherhood

2nd Saturday, 9am

Children/Youth

Saturdays, Before 2nd & 4th Sunday, 12pm

Inspirational Choir

Thursdays, Weekly, 6am

Male Choir

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10am

Minister & Deacon Spouses Ministry

3rd Saturday, 12pm

Pastor's Aide Ministry

2nd Saturday, 11am

Senior Missionary Ministry

2nd Saturday, 12pm

Thursday Night Bible Study

Weekly, 7pm

Young Women's Auxiliary

1st Saturday, 10am

Trustees

2nd Wednesday, 6pm

Winter Months, 4th Sunday, After Church

Sumter United Ministries

Sumter United Ministries is a countywide nonprofit that provides relief to struggling families and helps them get back on their feet. Services include home repair, financial assistance, medical care, emergency shelter, and education assistance.

36 Artillery Drive, Sumter, SC 29151

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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