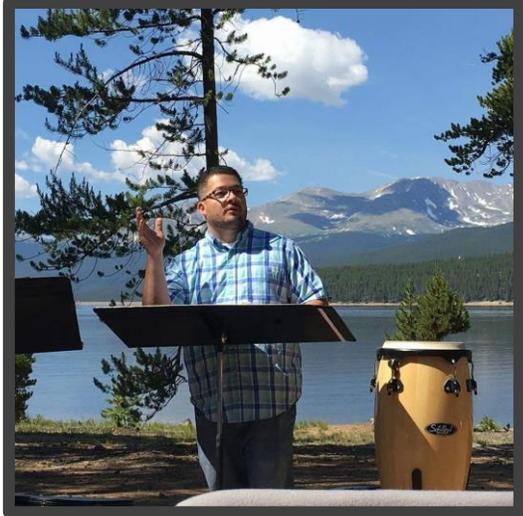


# Ramsey Newsletter September 19, 2017



## Moving Forward

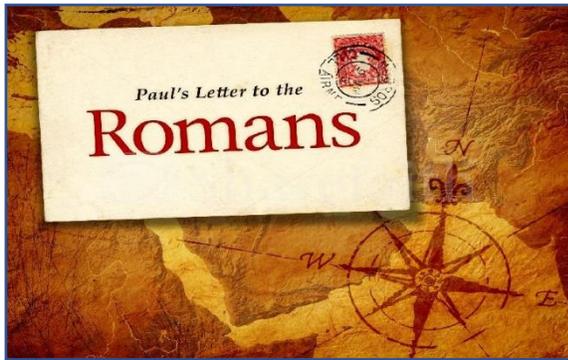
Part of my background in Pastoral Ministry is Church revitalization. My last ministry was in a rural town in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. That ministry only had seven people when they called me there. We were able to grow that ministry and keep the doors from closing at that Church that has been opened since 1961. How did we do it? Was it through fancy preaching and loud music? No. All the credit and glory belongs to God for growing His church. The only thing that really changed was the proclamation of His word. I am what you call an expository preacher. I pick a book in the bible and I preach through the entire book; every verse no matter how long it takes. I find that God is most glorified when his word is boldly proclaimed. It is important for us to know what we believe and why we believe it. The church grew because the Gospel of Jesus Christ was not hindered in anyway.

That is my plan with Ramsey Baptist Church. But it goes beyond Preaching from the Pulpit. I got into Pastoral ministry because I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly of ministry. I have witnessed poor biblical teaching, moral failures from church staff and heresy proudly proclaimed because many did not know any better. I asked myself how can I best proclaim the gospel? At the time, I was into filmmaking so I made these short films. But I wasn't making enough noise. I thought about missions but I felt, I would make noise in that one spot, but I would not make enough noise. Pastoral ministry seemed to be the spot where I can be loudest. And that is all I am trying to do, I am trying to see how loud I can be with the Gospel. It seemed to me that if change was going to come, if the church was going to get back to its roots, it had to be from within. That is why I got into Pastoral ministry. A part of trying to proclaim the Gospel as loud as I can and moving forward is this; the Ramsey Baptist Church Newsletter. Please enjoy.



## [Website Will be Coming Soon](#)

Ramsey Baptist Church voted on September 10<sup>th</sup> to launch a website. While it is a little premature to say what the website will have, the possibilities are endless. We can post events and the sermons preached. Be on the lookout for a web address.



## Theology for Thought

On August 20, 2017, we launched our study in the letter that Paul wrote to Rome. I want to keep everyone updated on what we have gone over. Of course, we cannot cover all that was said so I just want to keep people up to date on a few thoughts from these sermons. August 20<sup>th</sup>, we introduced the letter and went over verse one. On the 27<sup>th</sup> we continued in Paul's introduction. On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we went over why Paul wrote this letter and on September 10<sup>th</sup> we went over Paul not being ashamed of the Gospel. Four weeks in and we have only covered 17 verses out of chapter one. Here is what I want the reader of this newsletter to think about out of these verses. Paul states in verses 9 and 10 out of the first chapter in Romans that he prays that God will get him to Rome. After that Paul said; "For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;" (Romans 1:11, NASB95). Then again in verse 13 he tells the church he has often intended to come but has been prevented so far. Three times Paul lets this church know that he really wants to be there but has been prevented. It seems Paul does not understand why he has been prevented, he just knows he has been prevented. At this point Paul must have been asking why. He must have said, I don't understand, I want to teach these people, why am I being prevented. There are times in our lives when we may not understand what God is doing. We ask why and probably are constantly in prayer like Paul. And like Paul, we cannot see the big picture of what God is doing. Paul did not see what the big picture was, how could he? There was no way. Paul must have thought, 'well, if I can't go and see them, I will just write to them.' There is the reason why Paul has been kept from going to Rome. Had Paul gone we would not have this letter. Had Paul gone, Christians would not have the richness and greatness that is found in this letter to Rome. We may not always see the big picture, but we must trust that God "causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Ro 8:28).

### New Sunday School

Ramsey did not have a Sunday School for the Summer but Starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, Ramsey will go back to its normal hours and will have a new Sunday School class that will go over the essential doctrines of scripture. Topics covered will be things like the Word of God, The trinity and all members of the trinity, sin, salvation and so much more.

