



The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 2 Corinthians 8:11

This December you will see a special envelope in your worship bulletin marked "Mortgage Offering". Throughout this month we are collecting a special offering to pay down our mortgage debt. For anyone who doesn't know the story, our mortgage has been hanging over our heads for over two decades. It began with the purchase of our land in 1991. While we love our church building, unfortunately the mortgage has hounded us since 1991. We had to re-finance two times in the past 20 years and our pay-off date was extended farther and farther out. The last refinancing was in 2007 we were not set to be paid off until November 2027.

God is faithful and this year we were presented with an opportunity to sell 3.5 of our 7 acres of land to help pay down the mortgage. With the sale in May, our mortgage dropped from \$600,000 to \$160,000. In addition, we have continued to pay the old monthly payment (\$5,150) rather than the re-amortized amount (\$1,500) meaning

each month over \$4,600 gets knocked off our mortgage bill! As I write this, our mortgage currently sits at \$130,000. Even better news: there are still proceeds from the sale (\$25,000) that will be applied to our mortgage in January.

Now is the time to finish strong. We are looking at the mortgage being paid off in a matter of months, not years. Every little bit helps and once the mortgage is gone, we get to re-purpose \$5,000 toward ministry.

As a healing church, I recognize that money – especially feeling pressured to give repeatedly - is often a source of pain for church members. Whatever your background and whatever your giving, you are welcome at Redeemer. But if you can give, I want to challenge you to give above and beyond your usual tithe this December and rid Redeemer of its debt for good. **Let's finish the work that was started 24 years ago.**

- Mark Mohrweis
PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org



Getting to Know Our Staff

Cassie Watson, Music Director

I was born in Tyler, TX, on June 6, 1983, and am the oldest of four girls, all of whose names begin with the letter C: Cassie, Christa, Courtney, and Catrina. I started acting in the third grade for my elementary theatre group and got my first lead role in a musical in the fifth grade... which was



horrifying! I hated singing. Acting allowed me to break out of my shell, but singing made me want to crawl back in it. I only sang when I had to at church or in plays. And, honestly, I was never very good at it. When I became a senior in high school I heard a song sung by CiCi Winnans and thought, "I could sing like that."

God had to have planted that thought in my head, because I had never sung like

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that in my life. But, for whatever reason, I knew that God wanted to use me. I started singing in an African American choir that year. I learned a lot from that experience and went to college where I took voice lessons and studied theatre.

I went to college at UNT in Denton. While there, I sang on the praise team at Redeemer. After leaving UNT, I moved back to East Texas where I managed a furniture store for two years. I was never able to find a church family that I loved and that showed me love as much as Redeemer. I had a good job, a nice apartment and had started acting in film and TV. But I missed my church family. Bill and Nancy Donley must have sensed my loneliness from hundreds of miles away, because in 2007 Mr. D started bugging me about moving back to the Dallas area to attend church at Redeemer. After a series of God-driven events, I was able to move back. I am now pursuing an acting career and leading worship at Redeemer Covenant Church. I consider myself blessed to be doing the two things I love the most. Very blessed! Just like when I knew God wanted to use the voice I didn't know I had, I knew that God would give me the tools I

needed to lead a worship team though I had no idea how He would do it. He had planted the desire in my heart to lead music long before I came back to Redeemer. I really believe God was preparing Redeemer for me as much as He was preparing me for Redeemer. Through not having a praise team leader, God was using Redeemer members to create dedicated leaders within the church. When I got here, all I had to do was organize and create a system. The talent and leadership were already in place.

It's amazing how God prepares us to do His will. For me, as embarrassing as it was when I was given solos as a child, God was preparing my voice. As much as I did not enjoy managing a furniture store in East Texas God was preparing me to manage a praise team. And though spending two years without a church family was hard, God used that time to make me understand my desire for leading worship. I thank God for those uncomfortable situations. They led me to exactly where He wanted me to be. And to a church that I will always consider family.

— Cassie Watson

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The Advent Wreath Tradition

The season of Advent takes place during the four Sundays prior to Christmas.

Advent means “arrival of a notable person or event” and we use the season of Advent to prepare ourselves for Christ’s birth. We have many traditions and many activities to help us do that: singing Christmas carols, decorating the church, joyful activities together like the Advent Dinner, a Christmas play, ornament exchange, and so on. Our prayer is that we do not get wrapped up in the activities and lose the spiritual importance of the season. To help us focus our hearts, each worship service we will light a new candle in the Advent Wreath, symbolizing hope, peace, joy, and love. Then on December 25th (or at our Christmas Eve service), we light the Christ Candle symbolizing the birth of Christ, the Light of the World and the Prince of Peace. We will also have a series of Advent prayers on the back of the Sunday bulletins to help us prepare our hearts for the coming of our King!



Why the purple and pink candles? Early in the history of the church, Lent was set aside as a season of fasting and prayer to remember the crucifixion of Jesus. The traditional color of Lenten banners was a deep purple, signifying royalty, repentance, and suffering. Churches lit seven candles, one for each week of the solemn season. To signify the promise of hope and joy of **Christ’s coming resurrection, on the third Sunday of Lent**, the church was encouraged not to fast, but to feast, and the priests wore pink vestments as a reminder of the coming joy. When the season of Advent was instituted, the church viewed it as a mini-Lent, a time for reflection and repentance (thus the purple). So the first four candles of Lent were adopted and the third candle of Advent was pink in honor of the Lenten tradition of coming joy. Each **candle was named in anticipation for all that Christ’s coming would bring: hope, peace, joy, and love.**



Join the excitement!



Hanging the Greens

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

Bring the whole family to "Deck the Halls!"

Join us for a festive time decorating for Christmas!

We will set up Christmas trees, hang the wreaths, set out the candles, and more!

Coffee & goodies will be provided.

Come catch the "Christmas Spirit!"

Even 15 minutes of help is welcome!

Contact Jake Petty at [Craftsman4Christ \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:Craftsman4Christ@yahoo.com).



Advent Dinner

SUNDAY, December 6, at 5:30 P.M.

Join us for an evening of fun entertainment, joyful fellowship, and great food (catered meat and potluck side dishes and desserts). This is a great time to bring anyone who you want to get to know Redeemer better.

Tickets:

Buy tickets in the foyer and sign up to bring a side dish or dessert (the meats will be catered). The cost is:

- \$5 per person
- \$2.50 per child (under 5, no charge)
- \$20 maximum per family

Help Needed:

Setup: We will need lots of help after the worship service on Sunday, to move chairs, set up the tables, and do some decorating.

Food: Help prepare and serve food and drinks.

Clean up: We will need lots of help cleaning up.

Contact Sheryl Smith at [sherylsmith123 \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:sherylsmith123@verizon.net).

Entertainment:

Redeemer members and friends take the stage to entertain and spread holiday cheer after dinner!

Do you want to share your talents and be **part of the evening's** entertainment?

Sign up with Cassie Watson at

cassiewatson_music@yahoo.com.



Children's Musical

Sunday, December 13, at 10:45 A.M.

Redeemer's children will show us what might happen at *The Shepherds' Convention*. Parents, please note:



- Rehearsal: December 6, 10:30 - 12:00
- Rehearsal: December 12, at 10 A.M. in the sanctuary - Feel free to stay and help!
- Sunday, December 13: arrive at 9:30 A.M.
- Birthday Party for Jesus - after our part in the worship service: Please let Heather Erickson know if you can help with treats, supplies, crowd control, etc. [Bumfuddled \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:Bumfuddled@yahoo.com).

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24, 6 P.M. & 11 P.M.

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ at this worship service of readings,

Christmas carols, and candles. In order to accommodate various needs and traditions, we have two time options for the Christmas Eve service:

- 6:00 P.M. **"family friendly" time**
- 11:00 P.M. **"midnight" service** (Celebrate Recovery won't eat dinner together, but *will* meet at 7:00 P.M.)



Redeemer Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed:

- Monday, December 21 (Lori will be on vacation all week.)
- The week of December 28 - January 2 (Both Pastor Mark and Lori have vacations this week.)



Wednesday activities will NOT meet:

- December 24th
- December 31st

Bible study, ESL classes, Redeemer Kids, and the prayer groups will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 6.

Holiday Potluck Brunch

Sunday, December 27, at 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall
Please join us in celebrating Christmas and New Year as we gather together over a potluck brunch. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us, too!



The Sunday school classes will take a break so that everyone can be a part of the festivities.
Contact Kathy Joiner: [kjlnjj \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:kjlnjj@yahoo.com).

Angel Tree Program Now in Progress!

November 29 - December 23

What is Angel Tree?

It is a program of Prison Fellowship to provide a pathway toward redemption, reconciliation, and restoration of children and families affected by crime. Angel Tree

*"I needed clothes
and you clothed me,
I was sick
and you looked after me,
I was in prison
and you came to visit me."
Matthew 25:36*

Christmas works to connect parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts given on the parent's behalf. It is an opportunity to begin a relationship with a local family that has been broken

by crime, leaving a child without a parent at Christmas.

How does it work?

Incarcerated parents who wish to participate in the program personally fill out an application for their child and select the general type of gift they would like their child to receive. Those names and gift suggestions are forwarded to Redeemer and are hung on the Angel Tree that will be in the lobby on Sunday, November 30.

Making a difference in the life of a local family will be as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Church members select a child's name from the Angel Tree in the foyer beginning November 30th.
2. Members will then contact the child's caregiver and confirm their participation in the program and that the gift selected would be a good gift for the child.

3. Members purchase new toys (costing \$20-\$25), wrap, and deliver presents with a loving message from the incarcerated parent between December 21st-23rd.



How can I be involved, besides buying a gift?

We would like to have volunteers to help with:

- Helping create Angel Tree Tags
- Contacting and confirming participation of the families
- Driving to deliver gifts for members who are unable to deliver the gift's themselves
- Pray for the families who will be touched by this ministry.

How can I learn more?

Watch for additional information as we become more familiar with the program. Direct questions to:
Pastor Dieula Previlon at DeiulaPrevilon@gmail.com

Learn more about Prison Fellowship on the web at:
www.prisonfellowship.org.

*Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.
Hebrews 13:3*

Just So You Know...

Thank You!!! - from Our Staff

Dear Redeemer,
We want to thank everyone in the congregation so much for the financial gift we all received as part of Pastor Appreciation month in October. It is a privilege and a joy to serve this congregation. Your encouragement and support means so much to us. Thank you all!!!
Love,
Mark, Dieula, Haley, Cassie, and Lori

Redeemer's Book Club

Sunday, JANUARY 17, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.



All men and women are welcome! We are getting to know each other by reading and discussing one book a month (from a wide variety of genres). Our book for JANUARY is *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. Contact Lori at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

ESL Classes

Wednesdays, December 9 & 16, 7:00 P.M. We are offering a weekly ESL (English as a Second Language) class for beginners. It is for anyone who wants to learn the basics of speaking English. If you would like to help, or know anyone who might benefit from the class, please contact Pastor Dieula Previlon at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 12 P.M.

Immediately following church worship service

- Soup-er Bowl Fellowship Lunch!
- Welcome new members
- Vote on the 2016 budget
- Approve the Nominating Committee
- Hear updates from ministry leaders
- Receive a new church directory
- Vote on constitutional change



Men's Breakfast

We are taking a break through the holidays. We will NOT meet in December. Contact Mike Castelli at fmcastelli@gmail.com.

Harvest Community Garden

In partnership with Keep Carrollton Beautiful, Redeemer has formed a community garden that is open to anyone from the community or church who wants to grow organic produce.



Because we donate half our produce to a local food bank, we are also an affiliate with the North Texas Food Bank. In October, the garden was moved closer to the church, just south of the playground. Many of the plots have been planted for winter produce. Things like broccoli, kale, beets, cilantro, and cauliflower often do well in Texas winters. Want to help out? Contact Stan at grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Harvest-Community-Garden/211811232239434>

“King of the Nations”

Tuesday, December 22

Joslin Dsouza (one of our guest musicians) invites us to his stage production at the Plano Courtyard Theater Center (1509 H Av, Plano, TX 75074). The Show centers around the biblical events of the Nativity story without the distractions of Secular Commercialism. Ticket sales are online at www.plano.gov. For more information, visit www.nativityconcert.com or www.joslinmusic.com.

Children's Ministry Needs

To be fully staffed in Children's Ministry we need: 4-6 adults during Sunday School (9:15-10:30 A.M.); 8 adults during the worship service (10:30 A.M. -12 P.M.); 2 teen helpers during the worship service (10:30 A.M. -12 P.M.); 2-4 people on Wednesday nights (6:45-8:30 P.M.) To join this team sign up on the bulletin board outside the Education Wing! Contact Julie Persson at rjpersson@verizon.net. Contact Julie Muncy at JKMuncy@yahoo.com.

Note to Parents

If you have not filled out a *Redeemer Kids Information Form* this fall, please pick one up in the Education Wing office or in one of the classrooms. You can put them on **the counter or hand them to your child's teacher.** We request one form for each child.

Letter from Pastor Haley

Dear Redeemer,

Four-and-a-half years ago, you took a chance on me by naming me the Youth Pastor at Redeemer. To a girl who sensed a call to youth ministry 15 years ago, who 9 years ago feared she was forfeiting this call by having her (awesome) son unexpectedly and at a young age, and who kept hoping and believing that the LORD was going to use her story as a ministry to others, your decision was literally a dream come true. Thank you for being the voice of God assuring me that God does indeed have good plans for us and can use a willing heart, regardless of how circuitous our paths.

To the youth – past, present, and future - and to their parents, you guys are my treasures, and you have my heart. **I am so proud of you, and I'm so thankful** – that I got to know you, that you honored and blessed me by sharing your lives with me, that I got to see you grow and love the LORD and question and pour yourselves out to others. **You've made a difference in this world already, and you've certainly made a difference in my life.** From mission trips and CHIC to Duct Tape Wars and our Friendsgiving Counter-History and famous "Shelbie videos", **I've made more crazy memories with you guys** than most people will have the blessing of making in a

lifetime. **I hope you've learned from me even just a fragment of all that I have learned from you.** Thank you.

To the youth leaders, words cannot express how much you have meant to me. You give of yourselves without ceasing and are consistent, solid examples of Christ-followers. **You've put up with my wackiness and bore with my absent-mindedness. Y'all are my best friends,** and I am so thankful for you.

And finally, to all who have supported the youth and me over the years and to the Redeemer staff, thank you. My family and I have made lifelong friends at Redeemer. You celebrated our wedding with us, helped us move, sent notes of comfort and encouragement when we needed it the most, prayed for and with us, laughed with us, and at times even cried with us. We will forever be thankful for you.

Do me a favor, Redeemer: every once in a while, tip a Diet Dr. Pepper back, go for a run on some beautiful trails, sing some karaoke, or dance with abandon. Remember that Christianity is a verb, and keep stumbling towards Christ!

Love,
Haley Kroboth (and SB and Christian, too)



Women's Ministry cordially invites you to our

ANNUAL ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Saturday, December 19, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

3922 Vista Woods Drive, Carrollton, Texas

Bring one WRAPPED Ornament and an Appetizer/Dessert to share.

Questions?? Contact Jayme Wright at jaymelwright@yahoo.com or call (972) 505-9983



CREW Youth Group

CREW Youth Group Meets at 5:30-7:15 on Sundays!

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for youth group on Sunday evenings in the CREW room at Redeemer! We play games, explore what it means to be a Christ-follower in our world through Bible and topical studies, and participate in creative and service projects. Our **theme for the year is "Christianity Is a Verb."** Each month, we are focusing on a different verb that describes how Christ demonstrates His love for us and discuss how we can enact that same verb so that we are not just Christians in belief but in how we live out our lives in relation to others.

CREW will not meet on Sunday, December 6, due to the Advent Dinner. All youth are invited to this dinner! The last CREW Sunday Meeting of 2015 will take place on Sunday, December 13. After the CREW Christmas Extravaganza, CREW will resume activities in the New Year.

Fight Club

Sunday, December 13, 7:30-8:30 P.M.

Calling all high school girls!

Join Joy and Haley at Café Brazil for food, friendship, and fun as we discuss the book *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Get your free copy from Haley if you **haven't already!** This month, we will be discussing the **"November" chapter**. Joy and Haley can provide rides to Café Brazil for any students coming from CREW at Redeemer.



Christmas Is Coming – Pick Up Your CREW Christmas Catalog and Start Shopping Now!



Looking for something special for your friends or family this year? How about making a difference in the lives of our youth while you shop? This year, CREW Youth Group will be raising money for their 2016 mission trip and other youth activities by selling unique handcrafted Christmas gifts, which can be found in the CREW Christmas Catalog, available in the church foyer. Turn in order forms by Sunday, December 6. Place **them in the "Youth Pastor" box in the church office**. Orders will be ready to be picked up by Wednesday, December 16.

Coffeehouse and Karaoke Night

Saturday, December 12, 6:30-10 P.M.

Church-wide event! Board games, open mic night, art, coffee and non-coffee drinks, and more! Entry: \$5 per person. Beverages and snacks will be on sale. Karaoke for \$1/song beginning at 9 P.M. **WANTED:** Musicians, poets, comedians, singers, etc., to sign up for 10-minute sets at Open Mic Night! Also, we need artwork to show! **If you're an artist, please bring your masterpieces to decorate our Coffeehouse!** *Sponsored by CREW.

Christmas Extravaganza!

Friday, December 18, 6-10 P.M.

Celebrate our Savior's birth – and the incredible blessing of God bringing us into each other's lives – with the CREW Christmas Extravaganza to beat all others!

Caroling, annual CREW awards, games, dinner, and a special surprise (bring gloves!)

*This event is free and open to all youth and their friends! Please consider bringing a pet bowl or leash to donate to The Samaritan Homeless Shelter in McKinney so that clients can keep their pets with them this holiday season.

Thanks Be to God!

- Senior drummer Jimmy Muncy and his percussion section at Hebron High School won first place at the Lone Star Drumline Show in November, capping off an excellent year for Jimmy and the Hebron drumline!
- Sophomore clarinet player Lindsey Lemay, junior saxophone player Becca Muncy, and senior percussionist Jimmy Muncy and their Hebron High School Marching Band came in 3rd place at Grand Nationals in Indiana in late November, earning several **captions along the way, including "Best Music" and "Best Overall Effect."** They competed against over 100 bands from nearly every state, with representation from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii! Awesome job, Lindsey, Becca, and Jimmy!
- Senior Marissa Lemay, sophomore Donovan Higgins, sophomore Lunna Santos, 8th grader Bailey Cruz, and 7th grader Joey Davis **made CREW proud at the Performer's Edge Dallas Fall Recital**, performing monologues and belting out show tunes brilliantly for a large audience. We have some talented CREW members!
- Hebron senior Joe Martin and Creekview senior Reynel Previlon led their respective football teams to the District Playoffs this year. Congratulations on great seasons!

Check Request Deadline

Monday, December 14

In order to close out our books, get a proper financial report, and help our budget committee, we need to have all check requests and reimbursement requests for 2016 turned in no later than December 14.

- Fill out a Cash Disbursement Request Form (found in the office) and attach your receipt and any documentation you have. (Be sure to keep a copy.)
- Turn it in to the appropriate Council Member or Staff Person (not the Church Treasurer)
- **Requests must designate which budget "bucket" it should fall under.**
- A Council Member must sign off on all disbursement requests and turn them in no later than Monday, December 14.
- Allow several weeks for check reimbursement.

2016 Budget Committee

Please pray for Redeemer's Council and the Budget Committee this month as they look at our finances and work on a budget for 2016.

This year's Budget Committee is these people:

- Deb Christopher
- Chuck Dietrick
- Mark Mohrweis
- Donna Petty
- Sherry Thweatt
- Jayme Wright



Their job is to look at our finances and giving trends, estimate next year's giving and income, listen to all the ministry leaders and consider their budget requests, and propose a budget to the Council.

Then, at the January 31 congregational meeting, the Council will propose the new budget for congregational approval.

December Dates

Please join us in praying for these people on their special days:

Happy Birthday!

12/01	Bethany Milbrandt
12/04	Mark Mohrweis
12/06	Cali Basnett
12/07	Claude Judd
12/11	Adeline Raudabaugh
12/13	Matt Bass
12/13	Amos Burdett
12/16	Elly Joiner
12/17	Janet Brode
12/18	Jose Luis Salazar
12/23	Kim Hull
12/24	Joshua Seeley
12/29	Stephanie Johnson

Happy Anniversary!

12/03	Jeremy & Jennifer Burdett
12/13	Matt & Patti Bass
12/16	Steve & Michaelle Schwarz
12/26	Elvis & Eunice Obinma
12/28	Jake & Kimmy Petty

If we do not have your special day, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

Financial Report

Thank you for giving to the Lord's work at Redeemer.

Monthly Contributions:		NOVEMBER
General		42,087.30
Crisis Relief		630.00
Missions		0.00
Facilities		543.00
Designated		
	Penny Manna	10.00
	Pastor Appreciation	2,000.00
	Mortgage Fund	2,500.00
	Youth Missions	295.34
Total Monthly Contributions		\$48,065.64
Year-to-Date Contributions:		
General		355,893.74
Crisis Relief		5,000.13
Missions		30.00
Facilities		5,549.00
Designated		
	Advent Dinner	0.00
	Hearts & Soles	3,863.00
	Penny Manna	350.00
	Pastor Appreciation	4,825.00
	Mortgage Fund	2,500.00
	Youth Missions	9,821.66
Total YTD Contributions		\$387,832.53
YTD General Budget		\$348,081.23
Wk General Budget Contributions		\$7,251.69
Wk General Actual Contributions		\$7,414.45
Wk General Contributions Difference		\$162.76

Want Wholeness in Jesus Christ? Join Us!

Celebrate Recovery

HERE. THURSDAYS AT 7PM.

Join us as we lean on Jesus to free us from our hurts, habits, and hang ups.

Weekly Schedule

6:00 P.M. - Dinner

7:00 P.M. - Main Meeting

8:00 P.M. - Open Share Groups

9:00 P.M. - Café Koinonia

Learn more at the Celebrate Recovery page on our website redeemerecc.org.

For questions or assistance call 469-751-7596 or email RedeemerCR@gmail.com.

CR Over the Holidays

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24:

6 P.M. - Redeemer Christmas service. No meal served.

7 P.M. - Big group meeting: Worship songs and a video
We will probably start a little after 7:00 and do fewer songs in order to wrap up on time.

8 P.M. - Open share groups*

9 P.M. - Christmas desserts, fellowship in Café Koinonia
New Years Eve - Thursday, December 31:

6 P.M. - Special CR sponsored dinner

7 P.M. - Big group meeting: Worship songs and a video

8 P.M. - Open share groups*

9 P.M. to Midnight - Games & snacks - *Please join us!*

*Open share groups will be held as long as there are people attending. If it is just the leaders, we can make the decision that evening to skip the meetings.

Celebrate Recovery's 8 Principles of Recovery

Celebrate Recovery focuses on eight principles that are based on the Beatitudes and pairs them with 12 Steps to recovery. The eight principles are as follows:

1. Realize I'm not God: I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable. (Step 1)

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor."
Matthew 5:3

2. Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover. (Step 2)

"Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

3. Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. (Step 3)

"Happy are the meek." Matthew 5:5

4. Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. (Steps 4 & 5)

"Happy are the pure in heart." Matthew 5:8

5. Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects. (Steps 6 & 7)

"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what

God requires." Matthew 5:6

6. Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others. (Steps 8 & 9)

"Happy are the merciful." "Happy are the peacemakers."
Matthew 5:7, 9

7. Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will. (Steps 10 & 11)

8. Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words. (Step 12)

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires." Matthew 5:10



Sundays at Redeemer

Nursery Care for Infants and Toddlers

9:30 A.M. - noon - Infants from birth to age 1 are cared for in room 115. Toddlers are in room 114.

There is also a "Cry Room" at the back of the sanctuary for parents with fussy babies.

Sunday School for All Ages

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Preschool – Kdg. meet in room 113

Grades 1-5 meet in room 109

Grades 6-12 meet in room 108

Adults meet in Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Annex

Children's Church

We provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to learn and have fun during the worship service.

The toddlers meet at 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 114.

Preschool—Kindergarten meet from 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 113.

Grades 1-5 join their parents during the first part of the worship service at 10:45 A.M. Then, during the offertory, they are dismissed to room 109 for their own worship.

CREW Youth Group

Middle school and high school students are invited for a fun time of activities, study, and service to others. NOW ON SUNDAYS at 5:30 P.M. Contact Pastor Haley for details at Feuerbacherh@gmail.com.

Wednesdays at Redeemer

Bible Study

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Everyone is invited to join Pastor Mark in the *Conference Room* for a study of the book of Acts.

ESL Classes

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Currently we are offering two English as a Second Language classes: Basic and level 1. Classes meet weekly in Fellowship Hall. It is taught by a group of volunteers. Contact Pastor Dieula Previlon at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.

Prayer Ministry

7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Women meet in the Prayer Room. Men meet in the Sanctuary Annex. For details contact Lori Vriend at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

Redeemer Kids

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Elementary age students get together for snacks, Bible learning, and a variety of activities. Contact Julie for details: [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net).

Contact our Discipleship Chair

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Sunday's 9:30 A.M. Classes

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 108)	Children (CE Rooms 109 & 113)	Prayer Room
December 6	A study for Advent	Blimey Cow video	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Prophets foretell Jesus' coming	Open for prayer
December 13	A study for Advent	Blimey Cow video	Luke 1:68-79 Zechariah prophesies about Jesus	Open for prayer
December 20	A study for Advent	Blimey Cow video	Luke 3: 7-18 John prepares people for Jesus' coming	Open for prayer
December 27	Please join us for our holiday brunch potluck in the Fellowship Hall! (No Sunday School)			Open for prayer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PLAN AHEAD: January 31 - Soup-er Bowl Cook Off and Annual Congregational Meeting		1 E Team 7:15pm	2 Hanging the Greens 6:30pm	3 Council/Staff Meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	4	5
6 Advent Dinner 5:30pm	7	8	9 7-8:30pm: Prayer, Bible Study, ESL, Redeemer Kids	10 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	11	12 Children's Program Practice 10am CREW Catalog Craft Day! 10am-2pm CREW Coffee House 6:30-10pm
13 Children's Christmas Program 10:45am CREW 5:30pm Book Club Christmas Party 5:30pm	14 Deadline for reimbursement requests Missions Team 7:30pm	15	16 7-8:30pm: Prayer, Bible Study, ESL, Redeemer Kids	17 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	18 CREW Christmas Party 6-10pm	19 Ladies' Ornament Exchange 6:30pm
20	21 Office closed	22	23 No church activities	24 Christmas Eve Services 6pm & 11pm Celebrate Recovery • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	25 Merry Christmas! Office closed	26
← Lori's Vacation →						
27 Holiday Brunch 9:30am (No Sunday School)	28 Office closed	29 Office closed	30 Office closed No church activities	31 Office closed Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • 9 pm to midnight: Game Night - Everyone is invited!	1/1/2016 Office closed Happy New Year!	PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church
← Mark's Vacation & Lori's Vacation →						

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Our vision is to be
a multi-ethnic community
that is committed to
walking alongside
anyone seeking healing or
wholeness in Christ.

Worship at Redeemer

Worship Services

Please join us in worshipping our Lord on Sundays at 10:45 A.M.

Sermon Series for Advent :

“Now That’s the Christmas Spirit”

The Christmas Spirit isn’t just being excited for Christmas. It’s about growing in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

December 6 - Philippians 4:4-9 “Now That’s the Christmas Spirit! - Peace.”

December 13 - Philippians 1:12-18a “Now That’s the Christmas Spirit! - Joy.”

December 20 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 “Now That’s the Christmas Spirit! - Love.”

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service (6 P.M. & 11 P.M.)

December 27 - John 1:1-14 “Now That’s the Christmas Spirit! - Christ.”

Master’s Touch Submissions

To submit information or an article, e-mail it to Lori at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

Submissions are due no later than the 20th of the month in order to be considered for publication in the following month’s newsletter.

Submissions will be reviewed by RCC leadership for approval and are subject to editing.

Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM — 4 PM

(Pastor Mark’s day off)

Tuesday: 9 AM — 4 PM

(Staff meetings 1 — 2 PM)

Wednesday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Thursday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM — 4 PM

(Lori’s day off)

Saturday: Closed