## August 2019



# Touck e Master

# **From the Pastor's Desk**

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

In March and April of 1983, an upstart college basketball team shocked the world and captivated fans by winning the NCAA tournament. North Carolina State, led by coach Jimmy Valvano made a surprising run through their bracket, finishing with an upset win over Houston for the national title. During the run, when asked about the team's mentality, Coach Valvano described their mindset as "Survive and Advance." The phrase was apt. It would come to symbolize the team's success and eventually became the title of an ESPN documentary about the team.

I love the unexpected candor of the phrase "survive and advance." Our usual sports clichés hint at excellence: Give it 110%, *Leave it all on the field, or You've got to* want it more. "Survive and advance" seems to set the bar low. Who wants to merely survive when we can pursue renown? When we talk about sports legacy, we debate "Who is the GOAT?" (Greatest Of All Time). We aren't thinking about who merely "survived." But Valvano and the '83 Wolfpack understood intuitively that sometimes just surviving is a way toward victory.

Without becoming too pessimistic, sometimes I think survival is a fitting goal for a Christian. Obviously, I hope all of us thrive in our lives and in our faith. But "survive" is an important reminder that none of us is - or ever will be - perfect. It is a reminder that all of us can keep moving forward, however rocky the road has been so far. It doesn't matter whether we were faultless or flawed. It doesn't matter whether we made mistakes. We have made it this far.

Every step forward is a step toward victory.

As we conclude this summer's message series through the book of Hebrews, I think "survive and advance" is one way to summarize what



Hebrews is saying. Life isn't always easy and sometimes we make life even harder on ourselves. It can be tempting to beat ourselves up for the mistakes we have made. But we haven't given up and God hasn't given up on us. Give yourself grace, don't turn back, and keep pursuing the victory He has for you.

- Mark Mohrweis Mark@RedeemerECC.org

# **Council Corner - Megan Edge**

Hi everyone, I am Megan Edge, and I am the new Evangelism Chair!

I have been attending Redeemer since I was 5 years old, when our new family friends, the Perssons, asked if we would like to try out their

church. I have been a friend of Jesus since relationship with God has been influenced I was about five years old, and when I was seven I was baptized here at Redeemer by



then Associate Pastor Christine Franzon. While I have had ups and downs in seasons with my walk with Christ, I have remained passionate in my commitment to following His word, and doing what He has called me to do. Over time, my

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# Council Corner (continued from page 1)

the ministry of the MidSouth at Frontier Camp. The missionaries that we support have also meant a great deal to me over the years, it is so inspiring the way they live their lives fully for the Lord.

I am a licensed social worker, and I currently work for an organization that walks alongside kids who are in the foster care system. I love my work, and while it is challenging at times, it is so rewarding to be making a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our community. I recently got married, and I am so lucky to have found a partner in Kyle, who is as dedicated to walking this walk and finding ways to live out our faith with me. Evangelism Chair, is that it allows me to work with the church to see the needs our community and to match services that we can provide and outreach we can do as a church. I love many of the ministries we are already doing, such as ESL and the Harvest Garden, and I am so excited to dream big to find projects and ways to plug our church into what the community already has going on. For me, this role allows me to serve in a way that I love walking with people who need it. The mission and vision of our church is to walk alongside, and serving in this role is my opportunity to help lead us to some opportunities to live that out.

- Megan Edge megan.edge26 (at) gmail.com

The thing I love about being able to serve as the



THE MASTER'S TOUCH





PROJECTSSTAR

# Sunday, August 11, at 12:05 р.м. in Fellowship Hall

#### Free lunch!

Speaker:

Leonid Regheta of Project Start

#### Home Missions:

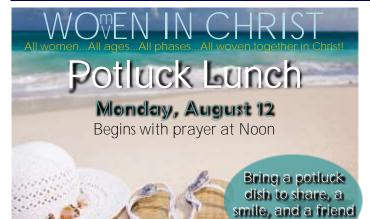
People from all over the world are living in our community. Join us and learn how Project Start is reaching out to them in Jesus' name—and how you can, too!

**Contact our Missions Chair:** Warren Leonhardi wsleonhardi (at) verizon.net.



Leonid Regheta

# **Fellowship Ministries**



## **Men's Breakfast** The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month August 3, at 8:30-10:00 A.M.

Redeemer men, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for breakfast, fellowship, and prayer. Invite a friend or neighbor. Bring your sons or father. Come make some new friends. Let's walk alongside each other as we follow Christ! Contact StevenRileyHall (at) gmail.com.

# Redeemer's Book Club

#### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month August 18, at 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Book Club meets in Fellowship Hall to discuss one book a month from a wide variety of genres. Join us once in a while, or every month! Invite your non-church friends!

Questions? Contact Lori Vriend at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

# NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult



# **Help Make That First Day of School a Success!**

Redeemer is once again partnering with other ministries to help provide for area children so they don't have to feel embarrassed and scared as they return to school! We will be partnering with **Metrocrest** for their Back to School event and with **Project Start** as they work with children of refugees.

See Redeemer's lobby for information and to sign up to help put a smile on a child's face!

# **School Supplies for Local Refugee Families**



This fall we are partnering with Leonid Regheta at Project Start

as they connect refugees in Dallas with the resources they need to find stability. We will provide 30 backpacks filled with school supplies for children of local refugees. Redeemer members had the opportunity to pick up a backpack and buy school supplies to fill it. They need to return it to church by

**Sunday, August 11** (when Leonid Regheta will be at Redeemer to share an update about the ministry at our *Lunch & Learn* after church).

Questions? Contact Warren Leonhardi at wsleonhardi (at) verizon.net.

https://texasbaptists.org/ministries/culturalengagement/start

# **Back to School Fair**

Friday, August 16 , 9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**DeWitt Perry Middle School** Metrocrest Services will distribute backpacks and school supplies to local school children whose parents have registered to receive assistance.



Corporate sponsors, local churches, and individual volunteers make these distributions possible.

#### SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH LOBBY TO HELP:

- 1. Monday, August 5, 6-8:00 P.M. Help get supplies ready for distribution.
- 2. Friday, August 16 Choose a time slot to distribute school supplies at the Back to School Fair.:
  - 7:30 to 11 A.M.
  - 10:45 A.M. to 2:15 P.M.
  - 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

#### 3. Make a financial donation.

Contact Megan Edge at Megan.Edge26 (at) gmail.com.

## What Happened to Hearts & Soles and Sack Summer Hunger?

#### **Hearts & Soles**

For many years Redeemer has supported the Hearts & Soles Program coordinated through Metrocrest Services. Through this program low-income students in the Carrollton area were able to receive a new pair of shoes before returning to school. Unfortunately, Payless Shoe Stores across the US have closed their doors. So this year, Metrocrest Services is partnering with a new organization to provide shoes to students at their back to school fair on **Friday, August 16**<sup>th</sup>. We will also be partnering to help stuff backpacks to give to kids on Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.



See signup sheets in the Lobby for information about times, or e-mail Megan at Megan.Edge26 (at) gmail.com.

#### Sack Summer Hunger

Redeemer has volunteered in various ways the past three years to help with the Sack Summer Hunger Program. Although it has been a wonderful experience, coordinating a group was not always the easiest option. We would love to see Redeemer members continue to volunteer and help with the program, but it would be better for members to sign up directly with Metrocrest Services for a volunteer slot. ANNIE HEADS RAINWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1408

# **Back to School Treats!** for Rainwater Teachers and Staff

We have started coordinating a date with Rainwater to support their teachers and staff by providing breakfast snacks and starting their year off encouraged and prayed for by us!

#### Watch for details.

# Children's Promotion Sunday August 18

School begins Monday, August 19 in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. Many of our students are ready to move from one level of Redeemer's Christian Education to the next! They will be recognized and promoted on Sunday morning, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact MaryRose Ratcliff at maryrose@redeemerecc.org.



**Please pray** for our local schools, students, and teachers to have a wonderful school year! Also, please pray for Redeemer's children and the many volunteers who are working with them to help parents "train them up in the Lord."

**Make a difference** in the life of our children: Volunteer to help with our Children's Ministries! Learn more by contacting our Discipleship Chair, MaryRose Ratcliff at maryrose@redeemerecc.org.

AUGUST 2019

COMING SOON!

# Sundays at Redeemer

# Worship Service at 10:45 а.м.

# Nursery Care at 10:30 to Noon



Infants from birth to age 2 are cared for in room 115 and toddlers in room 114. There is also a "Cry Room" at the back of the sanctuary for parents with fussy babies.

## **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. During the offertory, they are dismissed to room 109 for their own worship time.

# Adult Bible Study at 9:30 A.M.

Want to learn about prayer? Wish you could go deeper in your prayer life? Join us in Fellowship Hall (A) as we study Kay Arthur's *Lord Teach Me to Pray.* For more information, contact Ron and Julie at rjpersson (at) Verizon.net



(Sorry, no childcare provided at this time.)

# Sunday Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

Come pray with us for whatever is on your heart! Want healing? Concerned about something? Join us in praying for the church, each other, and our community. We meet in the Prayer Room to pray as the Spirit leads.



(Sorry, no childcare provided at this time.)

# Wednesday Evenings at Redeemer

# **Bible Study on Hebrews**

7:00-8:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall



Pastor Mark is leading a verse-by-verse study of the book of Hebrews. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings! Contact Pastor Mark at

Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

# **CREW Youth Group**

7:00-8:30 р.м. in Room 108



Joy.Persson (at) gmail.com.

Redeemer CREW (Christians Reaching Everywhere Worldwide) is our youth program for middle school and high school students. Contact Joy Persson at

# **Open Prayer**

7:00-8:30 р.м.

The prayer room is open for anyone who would like to gather to pray. A prayer guide with the congregation's prayer requests is available in the church office.

# Iglesia Emanuel

7:00-8:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Iglesia Emanuel is a Spanish speaking church that rents Redeemer's building on Wednesday evenings for Bible study and on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 for worship.

#### ESL Classes are on Summer

**Break.** Volunteer for the 2019-2020 classes now! Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieual@RedeemerECC.org.



Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel Internacional





# **Bible Studies for Adults**

Deepen your faith, get to know God better, understand more of the Bible, develop friendships that help you grow!

#### Wednesdays at 7:00—8:30 P.M.

Join us for a verse-by-verse study of the book of **Hebrews**, led by Pastor Mark. We are meeting in Fellowship Hall A for the summer. Contact Pastor Mark at Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

#### Sundays at 9:30—10:30 A.M.

Join us in Fellowship Hall A for a study of Kay Arthur's *Lord, Teach Me to Pray*. For details, contact Ron or Julie Persson at rjpersson (at) verizon.net.

**Note to Parents:** We are sorry, there is currently no childcare or class for younger children at either of these Bible Study times. However, there is CREW youth group for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesdays at 7 P.M.

# Harvest Community Garden is Growing!

Harvest Community Garden is overcoming many obstacles as it works on building Phase 2 and making improvements!

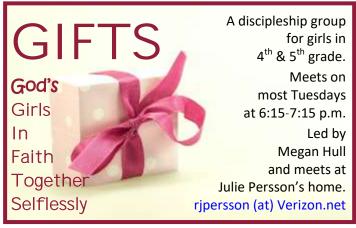
Many work days had to be canceled due to bad weather. We couldn't use the dirt mover because it got stuck in the muck. Instead, we have moved dirt by hand one wheel- barrowful at a time. But we have persevered and hope to have the 12 new plots ready for Fall Planting!

We still have a few more plots to fill and the walkways to finish, and plan to level the shed, put in flagstones and a sitting area.

Stop by on a Saturday morning and learn more! ...We'll even put you to work, if you want!

www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org





# **Our Denomination**

Redeemer is a member of **The Evangelical Covenant Church** (ECC). To learn about our denomination, our college and seminary, what we believe, and the many Covenant ministries, departments, and activities, visit our webpage www.covchurch.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/covchurch.

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# Support ESL as We Start Our 6th Year!

Redeemer is entering our 6<sup>th</sup> year of providing English courses to adults in our community. This year, we continue our partnership with Denton ISD's Adult Education & Literacy program. Their goal is not only to help non-English or limited-English speakers learn English, but also to encourage them towards higher education, vocational training, or obtaining a



#### 2019-2020 ESL School Year

The first day of classes will be Wednesday, September 4, 2019. The last day of classes will be Wednesday, May 20, 2020. Classes will be held twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00-8:30 P.M.

We will follow the Denton ISD ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE school holiday schedule.

job that provides a livable wage. Our classes are a small step on our students' pathway to a better life!



#### Denton ISD will...

- Hire and train teachers and teacher aides
- Register adult students for Beginning and High Beginning classes
- Provide materials for teachers and students
- (Learn more at www.dentonisd.org/adulted)

#### Redeemer will...

- Provide classroom space
- Provide volunteers
- Recruit people to apply for teaching and teacher aide positions
- Spread the word to prospective students

#### **ESL Registration**

All students must <u>register in person with Denton ISD</u>. They should call the Denton ISD AEL Office to schedule an appointment: 940-369-0400.

NOTE: Redeemer CANNOT do registration.

# Denton ISD will be at Redeemer to do registration on these dates:

Monday, August 19, at 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Monday, August 26, at 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

#### Pray:

- For this partnership with Denton ISD
- That God will open our eyes even more to the needs of our community and that we will know how to be of help and support to those in need
- That we stay in close proximity to those in need so we can accomplish our Father's mission
- For our students to persevere, overcome obstacles to their learning, and to feel the love of Christ through our teachers and aides
- For God's wisdom for our teachers and aides to know how best to meet the needs of our students

#### Volunteer:

- Be a helper in the classroom.
- Spread the word!
- Put up signs in local businesses and apartment complexes.

#### **Curious?**

Learn more **Sunday, August 4**, after church in Fellowship Hall !

- Provide snacks for classes—many students come directly from work!
- Help set up classrooms or put away materials after class.
- Commit for a month or a year...just let us know. Contact Lori@RedeemerECC.org.



# **Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) Update**

**Gather 2019,** The Covenant Annual Meeting was held on June 27-29, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska. This year a record number of delegates gathered to decide weighty matters, ordain ministers, and install leaders. Redeemer's delegate was Lori Vriend. Julie Persson was there as a member of the Covenant Executive Board, and Ron Persson was there as a member of the Midsouth Conference Board. Below are a few highlights of the meeting. Lori has a notebook of all the reports, if you want more details. Also, many details are online at covchurch.org/news and gather.covchurch.org.

#### Membership in the Mission

- 12 churches were received into ECC membership.
- 7 churches were voluntarily removed from the membership roster: 6 had closed and 1 withdrew its membership.
- After much debate, 1 church, First Covenant Church of Minneapolis, was involuntarily dismissed from the roster of Covenant churches by a vote in executive session that surpassed the required two-thirds majority needed. Delegates debated the matter in two, 30minute sessions after presentations by both First Covenant Church of Minneapolis and the Covenant Executive Board, which found the church to be out of harmony with the ECC on human sexuality and pastoral credentialing. After the vote, delegates responded with a prayer of lament: gather.covchurch.org/wp-content/ uploads/2019/06/Gather19-Prayer-of-Lament.pdf.
- Delegates also voted to remove the credentials of Steven Armfield and Daniel Collison after extended debate in executive session.

#### State of the Mission

- The report of the president and video archives of all proceedings will be located at gather. covchurch.org.
- See news releases and stories covering the Gather'19 at covchurch.org/news and at covenantcompanion.com.
- Download the 2018-19 Mission and Ministry Report at gather. covchurch.org/2019agenda and see agenda item 28, the "Mission and Ministry Leadership Report."
- 20 new church planters were honored and 5 churches intend to plant new churches in the ECC.
- The Board of Pensions brought an amended pension plan, which the delegates overwhelmingly approved.
- The *Covenant Companion* received a total of 20 awards for its work in 2018 at the Evangelical Press Association and Associated Church Press conferences, including five first place honors.

#### Servant Leadership in the Mission

- 8 missionaries were commissioned for service.
- 41 people were ordained to Word and Sacrament; 5 to Word and Service; 1 was commissioned; and 4 had their transfer of ordination finalized.
- *Many* people were elected and installed to board and other leadership positions.

#### Honoring Faithful Service in the Mission

- Many retiring ministry leaders were recognized.
- A Resolution of Sympathy was adopted praising God for the lives and ministries of Covenanters who died.

#### **Funding the Mission**

- The ECC ended the 2018 fiscal year with an operating budget surplus of approximately \$13,000.
- The Covenant Annual Meeting approved a **2020 Mission** and Ministry budget of \$28.25 million.
- National Covenant Properties is funding loans to Covenant churches, camps, retirement facilities and affiliated organizations totaling \$300 million.
- Covenant Trust Company (CTC) managed about 3,400 accounts representing \$1 billion. In addition, CTC distributed in excess of \$9 million to ECC ministries.
- Bethany Benefit Service held 2019 medical rate increases to 3 percent, much lower than rate increases in the broader healthcare environment.

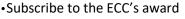
#### Living Faithfully in the Mission

 North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, Paul Carlson Partnership, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, National Covenant Properties, Covenant Trust Company, and Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos provided updates on their institutions, including new programs and initiatives.

#### Stay Updated on the ECC

#### Sign up for:

- •The new CovChurch app: covchurch.org/mobileapp
- •Covenant Newswire: covchurch.org/stayconnected
- •Read feature stories from the *Covenant Companion*: covenantcompanion.com



winning magazine: covenantcompanion.com/subscribe Explore the ECC website: covchurch.org

Follow the ECC on social media: acebook.com/covchurch; twitter.com/cov\_church; and: instagram.com/cov\_church



#### August's Dates Please join us in praying for these people on their special days:

# **Happy Birthday!**

8/06	Krystopher David
8/07	Cynthia Page
8/09	Neil Milbrandt
8/10	Michael Duffin
8/17	Charles Dietrick
8/17	Dieula Previlon
8/17	Coby Sparks
8/18	Joe Thweatt
8/19	Phillip Milbrandt
8/20	Alesha Thweatt
8/22	Eric Kane
8/24	Steven Hall
8/27	Ron Persson

# **Happy Anniversary!**

- 8/09 Ron & Julie Persson
- 8/14 Neil & Luetta Milbrandt
- 8/14 Tom & Julie Muncy
- 8/14 David & Lori Vriend
- 8/17 Mike & Sheryl Smith
- 8/26 Cliff & Jan Erickson
- 8/26 Coby & Shari Sparks

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

# **Find Us on Facebook**

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## Redeemer Women's Fellowship:

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#### **Redeemer CREW:**



# **Redeemer's Website**

#### www.RedeemerECC.org

Listen to sermon podcasts, learn about our ministries, see our calendar, give online, and much more!

## Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report

Monthly As	6 Of: 06/30/19			
General		14,478.		
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	eGiving Total Monthly General	3,958.37		
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	Facilities (Less Rent)	96.06		
	Rent	800.00		
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Designated				
	Youth Missions	0.00		
	Penny Manna	52.06		
	Hearts & Soles	19.94		
	Pastor Appreciation	0.00		
	Benevolence/Crisis Relief	194.95		
	Church Mission Trip	0.00		
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#### Make Contributions Online:

Visit www.RedeemerECC.org and click on the Online Giving tab.

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PURPLE = Fellowship Hall RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church ORANGE = Office BLUE = Prayer Room BROWN = Sanctuary Annex	SAVE THE DATE 9/2 Office closed 9/4 ESL begins 9/7 Men's breakfast 9/9 Woven Lunch 9/13 Ladies Game Night 9/15 Book Club 9/21 Council Retreat 9/22 Child Protection Policy meeting			1 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	2 Ith Camp	3 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
4 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:45 am	5 Helping Metrocrest 6-8:00 p.m.	6 Council Meeting 7pm		8 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm eula's Vacation	9	10
	12 Women Woven in Christ Potluck 12pm ula's Vacation	13 GIFTS 6:15pm	14 7-8:30pm: Bible Study CREW Open Prayer Iglesia Emanuel	15 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	16 Office closed Metrocrest Back to School Fair	17
18 Promotion Sunday Bible Study 9:30am Book Club 6:30pm	19 First Day of school ESL Registration 5:30-8:30pm	20 GIFTS 6:15pm	21 7-8:30pm: Bible Study CREW Open Prayer Iglesia Emanuel	22 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	23	24 Celebrate Recovery BBQ 4pm
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## **Redeemer Covenant Church**

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.

#### **Summer Sermon Series**

**"No Turning Back... No Turning Back"** The Book of Hebrews \*Note the sermons will run concurrently with the Wednesday Night Bible Study.

August 4 - Hebrews 11:1-2; 12:1-3 " Strength From Those Who Have Gone Before"

August 11 - Hebrews 12:4-11 " The Bumps and Bruises Along the Way"

August 18 - Guest Preacher: Pastor Larry Gardner August 25 - TBD

#### Master's Touch Submissions

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

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 рм (Pastor Mark's day off)

Tuesday: 9 AM — 4 PM Wednesday: 9 AM — 4 PM (Staff meeting 2 — 3 PM) Thursday: 9 AM — 4 PM Friday: 9 AM — 4 PM (Lori's day off) Saturday: Closed

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