



Newsletter - August 2022

Redeemer Church exists to Love God, Care for our Community, Serve St. Louis and Beyond.

Ephesians 4:20-24 ESV

But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

“If we only had eyes to see and ears to hear and wits to understand, we would know that the Kingdom of God in the sense of holiness, goodness, beauty is as close as breathing and is crying out to born both within ourselves and within the world; we would know that the Kingdom of God is what we all hunger for above all other things even when we don’t know its name or realize that it’s what we’re starving to death for. The Kingdom of God is where our best dreams come from and our truest prayers. We glimpse it at those moments when we find ourselves being better than we are and wiser than we know. We catch sight of it when at some moment of crisis a strength seems to come to us that is greater than our own strength. The Kingdom of God is where we belong. It is home, and whether we realize it or not, I think we are all of us homesick for it.”

— Frederick Buechner

When Frederick Buecher says that what we are hungering for above all things is the Kingdom of God, he is helping us to see what we are actually yearning for. We hope for restoration. We desire forgiveness. We are all striving for continued growth to be like Jesus. For each of us, growth looks different. Some of us strive to improve our golf scores and investment portfolios, grow healthy habits, or develop a hobby. Growth means that we continually read new books, listen to new podcasts, take more walks, and take continuing courses to help us to become more knowledgeable about particular areas of interest.

Whatever areas we are trying to grow in. We need to be aware and intentional of how we're growing and investing our time, talent, and treasure. As we've been studying the book of Acts, we have been looking at the early church's growth. Not just numerically but also in terms of understanding the apostle's teaching and unity and their daily habits of prayer and temple attendance, among other things.

My prayers this fall is that we will also continue to grow. We would grow in six particular areas. You would find yourself more at home in the kingdom of God in worship, discipleship, caring, serving, resting, and joy.

Discipleship: three areas we can grow as a part of our discipleship are to focus on our individual discipleship (how are we growing his disciples of Jesus), who are we discipling, and who is discipling us? How can you grow in discipleship?

Worship: Worship is not just on Sunday mornings; worship happens in all aspects of our lives. How can we grow every day, recognizing that our actions are worship acts? Whether in our work, play, study, or romance, all these are worship actions.

Care: Care works two ways - to give and receive care. How are you growing in providing care to others? Care is another way to talk about tending. We have been growing two ministries since last year: children's

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and welcome ministries; you can care by helping them succeed. Another critical question is how you are actively accepting care from others. This is an act of humility and is a blessing from God. Are you recognizing and receiving God's care from others?

Serving: How can you grow in serving. Who around you is God calling you to serve? Is that a spouse, family member, neighbor, work associate, classmate, fellow church member, the poor, or the fatherless? The list of opportunities is endless. How are you going to grow in service to others this year?

Rest: As many areas of growth are active, some are passive as in rest. In Hebrews, the author says, "Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience." Strive to enter rest. We need to be intentional about how we are sabbath and resting so we can glorify God with all we have.

Joy: Dallas Willard (Renovation of the heart) says, "Joy is a pervasive sense – not just a thought – of well-being: of overall and ultimate well-being. Its primary feeling component is delight in an encompassing good well secured. It is not the same as pleasure, though it is pleasant. It is broader and deeper than any pleasure... But for joy, all is well, even in the midst of specific suffering and loss." How can we grow in delight in God? Even when we are experiencing hardship, we can have joy. How can we grow in Joy this year?



Take a moment to reflect a moment on how you are doing in these areas. Pray and ask for God's guidance on how you could grow in these areas. Give yourself some simple goals. Check back after a week, month three months. How are you progressing? I hope that small changes every day will help considerable growth over time. If we all grow in these areas over the next year, think about Redeemer will look even more like Christ than it already does.

Pastor Jeff

Kuelker Missions . . . Your Missionaries to Mexico

We pray that everyone is faring well with the weather in Missouri. We are coping with days of heat and other days of rain. The days of rain are a blessing from God because it takes the away heat and gives us a cool evening. Also, we pray that everyone is staying healthy with this fifth wave of Covid and times of uncertainty with the economy. Like Moses said in **Deuteronomy 33:27**, *"The eternal God is your refuge. And underneath are the everlasting arms: He will thrust out the enemy before you. And will say, "Destroy!"*

Becky: She has been busy coordinating the Ladies Breakfast, while looking for a new place to live. Also, she has been contacting hotels, making flyers and calling businesses to rent a vehicle for the Ladies Conference in September. Right now, she has two ladies who paid in full and six more have paid a deposit for the Conference. She did visitation to one of the ladies who had knee surgery and made lasagna for her.

Mike: I have been busy visiting villages with the teaching for the month. The teaching has helped the leadership to grow and be more inquisitive to ask questions. Also, the teaching led two pastors to repent of their actions. Their hunger grows for more knowledge of God's Word. Also, the guards at the Fiscalia have grown more hungry to know what is right and what is wrong. They want to conform more to God's Will instead of conforming to the world's ideas. In both parts of the ministry God is getting the increase.

Prayers:

- That we find the house that God has for us.
- Where we sow the Word that it spring in the heart of those who haven't accepted Jesus.
- Finances to continue to go the remote villages.
- Continued excellent health
- Hosting short term team and holding Vacation Bible School this month

Remember to Keep C.O.O.L (Christ Over Our Lives)

Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. Thank you for making this possible

GROWING IN PRAYER



Paster Jeff desires for us a continued growth. (See this month's Pastor's article on page 1.) He writes about focusing on growth in Discipleship, Worship, Care, Serving, Rest, and Joy. Since our monthly article is about growing in prayer, let's explore ways we can pray for our growth in those six areas.

DISCIPLESHIP

A disciple is a student who follows the teachings and models their life after Jesus.

Do you actively seek to better understand Jesus' teachings? Ask God to help you with this. Ask that you can learn God's truths so you can grow in discipleship.

Is there someone you know that you can disciple? Meaning, who can you teach to know and be like Jesus? Pray that God gives you the courage and boldness to share the gospel message, and that you can disciple others by modeling your life after Jesus.

Is there someone in your life who is discipling you? Ask God to help you recognize them and be receptive to their example.

WORSHIP

Worship isn't just singing, but an attitude of the heart. This can include your attitude while doing daily tasks and so much more.

Pray that your focus of worship is only on the One who is worthy of worship.

Pray that your worship comes naturally, stemming from acknowledging God's holiness.

Pray that your attitude and daily worship actions always give glory to God.

CARING

There will always be someone in need. As a person of faith, you have an obligation to God to care for them. How are you growing in providing care to others? Ask God to help you take the blessings you have received and share them with others.

Are you currently experiencing difficulties that make you feel you require special care that you are not getting? Ask God to provide those people who can help you or provide the resources you need.

Do you willingly accept care from others? Pray for humility in accepting care from others as they tend to your needs.

SERVING

"God isn't unjust so that he forgets your efforts and the love you have shown for his name's sake when you served and continue to serve God's holy people." Hebrews 6:10

Paster Jeff asks us, "How can we grow in serving? Who around you is God calling you to serve?"

Pray that Jesus guides you and shows you how you can serve and who is needing your service.

The mercies of God are motivation for devoted service for the Lord. Pray that our desire to serve is based on good motives.

There is a great blessing in doing work in the service of God, which then is not really work but enjoyment.

Pray that you always enjoy your service to the Lord by finding pleasure in the tasks before you, knowing your efforts are not in vain.



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Children's Ministry

Psalm 78:4 "...tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

Family Sundays!

Family Sundays will be on the first Sunday of every month:

August 7

September 4 (Labor Day weekend)

October 2

November 6 (Daylight Savings)

December 4

There will be a preschool (ages 2-PreKG) and elementary (K-5) program during the sermon. Children will join the congregation for singing and prayer, then head to their classrooms around 9:30 a.m.

Please [complete this form](#) or contact the church office to let us know if your children plan to join us! They are also welcome to show up that day, but an RSVP allows us to have enough materials prepared.

Interested in volunteering? Please [complete this form](#) or contact Patti if you would be willing to help provide an infant nursery or would like to assist with the preschool or elementary program. We are so thankful for those who have volunteered to train up the next generation!

Registration Form is found at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/redeemerfamilysundays>

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REST

If you don't feel like you have enough time to rest, look at what Jesus said to the disciples before the feeding of the five thousand: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31.

If you need rest, ask God to lead you into that quiet place.

Ask God to help you surrender to Him no matter how busy you are and trust Him to give you the deep rest you need.

How are we to grow in the area of resting? Reflect on ways you can rest other than sleeping. A few examples might be taking a walk, gentle exercise, or even a good laugh might be restful. Then ask God to help you grab these moments of rest that allow you to experience more of Jesus' love for you.

Justdisciple.com

JOY

It is easy enough just to pray for joy.

We should also pray that we strive to find joy in adversity.

Pray that you will have joy despite spiritual struggles and problems.

Ask God to grant you wisdom to know how to grow from these situations. For it is through this growth that you can experience the joy found in a stronger faith.

Caring Hands & Hearts

Serving our Community through Ministries of Redeemer



Church and Education Building

- Local 805 Theater Wardrobe for monthly meetings
- Kings Cross Community Church uses our Sanctuary for their Saturday Gatherings.
- All Souls Community Church uses our Sanctuary, Toddler rooms and pit area for the Sunday 11:15 gatherings.
- First Light Ministry - uses our Library on Wednesday evenings.
- Girl Scout Troop—uses our Library for their meetings and used Fellowship Hall for their Thanksgiving dinner hosting their families for a delicious meal they prepared.
- Participated in the Girl’s Scouts April Shower collecting 759 items.
- Al-Anon uses our Library for their weekly meetings and quarterly meetings.
- Princeton Heights: met for the Neighborhood Association monthly meeting until 12/2021.
- Dartball league—our team uses our facility for their home field.
- Gateway Science Academy-South School using a Classroom for 2021—2022 School Year for their Advance Math Students. Winter Concerts on Dec. 13, 14 & 15th.
- GSA-South PTO “Family Bingo Night” on April 2nd.
- GSA-Middle School Choral Concert on 12/9; - Musical “Lion King”. 3/ 17, 18 and 19
- GSA-High School Drama performance 1/28, 29 & 30th; Spring Performance 5/19
- VBS - collected can food & personal care items for GSA-Gator Pantry for their Mission project.

Affton Christian Food Pantry

A group helped to sort over 2600 canned food items on 12/11.

Food Pantry for GSA-South School

Monthly canned goods and Cash donations from the Quilters and others. VBS donated canned food and personal care items to the Gator pantry for their Mission Project.

Women’s Fellowship Yearly Missions

Yearly sponsor of a child at Every Child’s Hope.
 Christmas / End of the Year Donations
 Unleashing Potential
 Lydia House
 Every Child’s Hope
 Emmaus Homes
 May—Baby Shower for Nurses for Newborns
 Participated in the GSA-South Trunk or Treat with 2 tables and lots of candy to share with the children of the school and surrounding community.

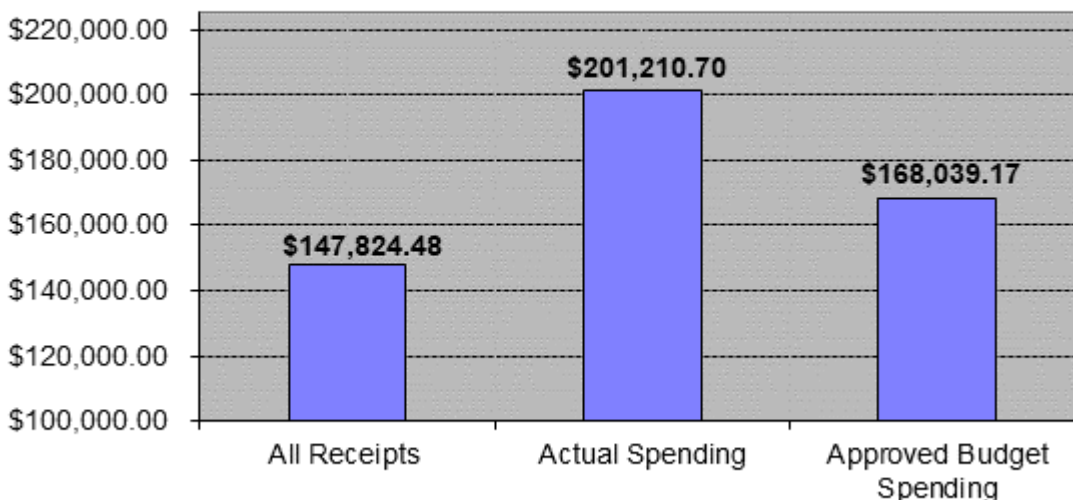
Church Wide- Mission projects

Dutchtown Outreach—Donations of items and gifts for their annual Operation Christmas Kid Shoebox Ministry Night and supplied a meal for all before packing the shoe boxes.
 GSA-South School—We participated in their Giving Tree donations. We helped to make the season bright for over 30 different families.

Church Wide Mission Support through our Financial Giving

Local Ministries: Up Unleashing Potential; Emmaus Home; Every Child’s Hope
 Global Ministries: Mike & Becky Kuelker; Micah Project and AIM School (Christian Education)

Year to Date — September 1, 2021 — June 30, 2022



Tithes and Offerings:

As we continue through our fiscal year our prayer is that God’s tithes and our offerings will continue to be a blessing to the mission of the church.

Please Note: Spending includes \$45,160 for Bell Tower Repair.

Church Council: July 11, 2022 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development – Pastor Jeff opened with a devotion from Saving Grace Daily Devotions on the call of Prayer and Delighting in God.

Minutes and Treasurers Reports: were reviewed and approved.

Worship: Pastor Jeff is continuing the series on the Book of Acts.

Worship Information - On line and in person

June	Facebook	YouTube	
Average views/week	82	6	Average in person - 58

This information is from Facebook and YouTube and our Website. Each “view” represents one phone, computer, or television that watched the service (partially or in its entirety). It does not tell us how many viewers there were on each device.

Pastor’s Report

Welcome Committee update— Julie Voss shared that we have 3 greets each week as of 7/3.

Children & Family Ministries update – VBS debrief meeting was held on 7/10. Family Sundays will be on the 1st Sunday of each month for ages 2 –5th grade beginning in August.

Music Ministry—Jacob Pollard will be out of town on July 24th and Alex King will be filling in for him.

Wedding—Ryan Ederle and Madeline Mullins will be married on September 3, 2022. Rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 1st. Kim Jones will be coordinating the wedding.

Website Development: New website has gone live and analytics will be reviewed and updated.

House and Grounds - Sanctuary projectors—2 bids were reviewed . Spire donated 3—70” TV’s, which Gary Jones was able to obtain. We are researching to see if this is a viable option for use in the Sanctuary.

Sanctuary A/C Unit (main level): Harry has received one bid from Weis and will be obtaining a second bid from Galmiche & Sons. UPDATE: Galmiche submitted a viable option which was approved via email 7/15.

We are working on bids to replace: Northwest (back) wall of the balcony is water damage; Water issues near the outdoor elevator—parking lot; various plumbing issues. When Harry receives the bids he will explain them to the Council for Approval.

Study Items:

- Council Members for upcoming 22-23. Sharon Leicht will be completing her 2nd 3 year term. Gary Chambers and Ralph Wirtel will be completing their 1st 3-year term and are eligible for a 2nd 3-year term. Gary Chambers has agreed to run for a 2nd term and Ralph Wirtel has declined to seek a 2nd term and will be retiring.
- 2022-2023 Budget Preparations— Budget Request Letters were emailed to all of our current Mission partners at the beginning of July. The Council will begin looking at budget projections in August. Please be in prayer about how God is asking Redeemer Church to fulfill our mission statement—to love him more, care for our Community, and serve St. Louis and beyond.

No Action items this month at the meeting— 7/15 A/C was approved for Sanctuary.

Women's Fellowship Meeting Thursday, August 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch following meeting. Please bring a sandwich,
drinks and dessert
will be provided. Please join us!

We will be discussing the possibility of a Spaghetti Dinner in the Fall.



August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>English as a Second Language Classes are taking a break.</p> <p>FirstLight Ministry is taking a break.</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>6:30 pm Theatrical Sewers Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>9:00 to 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Women's Fellowship Meeting & Lunch</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>7</p> <p>FAMILY SUNDAY Family Worship, Communion Children's Ministry for ages 2 to 5th Grade Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary Bring Can Food Items for Food Pantry</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>9:00 to 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>9:00 to 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>9:00 to 11:00 AM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Save the Date Church Picnic Sunday, October 9th</p>		

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**9:00 a.m. Sunday
Family Worship**

Names of officers of organizations and council members are available on request at the church office.