



Newsletter - December 2021

*To reach out to God and others that all may know and reflect Christ's love.*

Thoughts  
from  
Pastor Jeff

As a child, I loved Christmas. I loved it because of the anticipation of what presents I might receive. Every activity surrounding the holiday pointed me to what was to come. The decorations, Christmas lights, stockings, tinsel, and smells of cookies all helped to remind and direct my thoughts to the gifts I would receive. I can still strongly remember and feel many of those same emotions.

As I have gotten older I appreciate more and more that Jesus is our greatest gift. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father. Receiving the greatest gift should be linked to the greatest amount of anticipation and warrants the biggest celebration.

At Christmas while we celebrate the greatest gift in the birth of our savior, Jesus also gives us additional presents as we embrace him as our savior. One extraordinary gift God bestows on us is adoption. God creates a new family of brothers and sisters. Our new identity binds us together and gives us one more reason to rejoice. This new family is not a perfect family, but a broken one. Yet, even in our sin and failure we find a common bond. It isn't just ideology that unites us. Our brokenness is what leads us to acknowledge our need for Jesus. In the book *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer talks about the hope Christians have together, "The fellowship of the table teaches Christians that here they still eat the perishable bread of the earthly pilgrimage. But if they share this bread with one another, they shall also one day receive the imperishable bread together in the Father's house. 'Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God' (Luke 14.15)." *Being in fellowship with one another helps us to see how we can love Jesus more. Our common need leads us to common thankfulness where we acknowledge and celebrate Christ as our common Savior.*

In celebrating our first official Advent together, I pray we prepare our hearts to worship the True King. As we celebrate traditions new and old we establish memories and practices our church will continue for years to come. My hope is they will pass some of the traditions on to the next generation. That generations to come will establish the sights, sounds, and smells to remind us Advent is a time to celebrate Jesus and all the gifts he gives us. Jesus is why we gather together, eat great food, and give presents. Every good and perfect gift is from Him. He is our ultimate gift, our great treasure, and One who is worthy of our expectation!

## Woman's Fellowship

November 4, 2021

Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m. with a prayer by President Leanne.

Shut-in's update: Beverly Rowe is make decisions on Rich, he is not doing well and will probably have to be put on Hospice.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report from October meeting were read and accepted. No correspondence this month.

Pictures of the baskets for raffle will be taken and the baskets placed in the church for all to see on Sundays.

List is being past to signup for making cookies for the Cookie Sale (12/12). Whatever you make please double your recipe.

Delores Cassimatis and Jean Jones will audit the books this year.

Christmas Lunch will be at Trattoria Toscana on Gravois, December 2, 2021. All are welcome to attend. Please see Janice Kemper for more details or call Patti at the church. We will have a \$10.00 gift exchange at the party.

Discussion on Christmas Gift Giving was finalized.

We will be doing Sub Sandwich's again in the coming year. More information to come.

Birthdays for November are Delores Cassimatis and Diane Gilbert.

Meeting closed at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kemper, Recording Secretary

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## Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship Friday, December 24th at 4 pm

Please join us  
for a special worship  
celebrating  
the birth of our Savior.



## Kuelker Missions Your Missionaries to México

We hope that everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. We shared the special day with friends. We, all, gave thanks to God for one thing in our lives. It made our friends really see and appreciate the things that God has blessed them through the years. Now, we are preparing to receive the greatest gift that was given to mankind.

**Becky:** She has been busy finalizing plans for her next event for the Ladies Breakfast. She, still, does the Ladies Breakfast, she has been meeting with one of the ladies twice a month to talk about life and God. Also, Becky and our daughters have been preparing about 300 Christmas gifts for the villages. They plan to present a teaching on the Greatest Gift, pass out candy and a snack called duros. She started teaching English again to one family. She is working on a tentative itinerary plan for our visit to the states.

**Mike:** I have been visiting the villages. During each visit and after each teaching it is a great feeling that Gods' word provokes them to ask questions. In one village I have been asked to help with baptisms in December. In other villages the pastors thanked me for my faithfulness and told me that they use the teaching to reach others who don't know Jesus. The work at the Fiscalía and the prison are doing well. The groups at both places are growing slowly. In both places God has given me favor with the people in authority, because of my persistence to keep coming back even though I can't get into the population without being vaccinated. God has touched the hearts of some in the administration to help me back into the population without being vaccinated by teaching English. GOD IS AWESOME.

### Prayers:

- Pray for Becky the cold nights here have been causing her a lot of pain in her arms
- For finances and continue open doors there is still a lot to be done
- For the tentative itinerary trip to the states that there are no unforeseen problems
- We find another house to rent

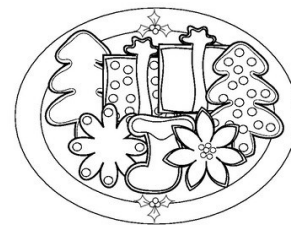
Keep C.O.O.L. (Christ Over Our Lives)  
Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. Everything that we are doing, you are doing, also. Thank you for partnering with us, because without you this wouldn't be possible.

# Women's Fellowship Cookie Sale & Gift Baskets Raffle - December 12th

Needing a special treat for someone special this Christmas season?  
 The Women's Fellowship will be sponsoring a Cookie Sale on  
 Sunday, December 12th  
 during fellowship time after worship.

**Cookies are \$8 dollars/pound**



## GIFT BASKETS

**Hallmark Show  
Basket**

**Nuts & Chocolate  
Basket**

*Tickets are \$2 each  
or 3 for \$5*

**Pasta Basket**

**Golf Basket**

**Baking Basket**

Proceeds from the Cookie Sale and Gift Basket Raffle will go towards the on-going service and mission efforts of the Women's Ministry, but the blessing of giving wonderful, home-made cookies or a fabulous Gift Basket is *priceless!*



Dear Redeemer Evangelical Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to the Micah Project in September. We are very thankful for your generosity which helped us reach our 2021 "Double Your Donation" matching goal in the last few days of the September. Your partnership allows our programs and homes to operate and grow, giving us the privilege of continuing to love and serve the street-connected youth of Honduras.

Sincerely,

John Bell | The Micah Project | [www.micahprojecthonduras.org](http://www.micahprojecthonduras.org)

## POINSETTIA ORDER



I would like to place an order for \_\_\_\_\_. Poinsettias will be placed in the church sanctuary during the Christmas Season beginning December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please place my order. Attached is my payment of \$6.00 each.

In memory of / or in honor of:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place in the offering box or send to the Church Office. Thank you.**

## **Church Council: November 8, 2021 Meeting**



**Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development** — Pastor Jeff opened with prayer and led us in a Devotion, based on Psalm 121. We need to slow down, read and engage and listen to each verse of the scripture.

**Minutes and Treasurers Reports:** were reviewed and approved.

**Worship:** Pastor Jeff is concluding the Study of the Book of 1st Peter. We will celebrate Totenfest on Sunday, November 21st and begin the Advent Season on Sunday, November 28th.

### **Worship Information - On line and in person**

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.

<b>October</b>	Facebook	YouTube	Website - Sermon	
Average views/week	21	5	14	Average in person - 58

**Christmas Eve Worship: will be on Friday, December 24th at 4 pm.** We will join together with All Soul’s Church and King’s Cross Community Church to celebrate the Jesus Birth.

Hanging of the Greens: will be Saturday, 11/27 at 4 pm. We have invited King’s Cross and All Soul’s to help with decorating the church.

**Music Ministry Update:** Pastor Jeff has reached out to several people, but has been unsuccessful in finding someone to fill the Worship leader position. He will continue the search.

**Welcoming—Hospitality Committee:** Committee met for their 2nd meeting on 10/7 and will meet again in January 2022.

**Vision/Clarity Committee** had a good meeting on 10/17 and will meet again on 11/14. They are reviewing the Vision Statement from June 2006.

**Children & Families Committee** had a good meeting on 10/24 and will meet again on 11/21. They are discussing options for VBS, when to start Sunday morning classes and what is needed to ensure a safe environment for our children.

**GSA-South School:** Trunk or Treat was a huge success. Women’s Fellowship had 2 tables; gave out a trunk full of candy, had lots of cheerful workers and danced to the music. Thank you to Women’s Fellowship and Jan Kemper and Sharon Leicht for coordinating.

**House and Grounds** - please see under Church Building and Grounds.

**Online Giving**—Exploring options for accepting online giving and memorials. What is the charge for this service per gift and what would be the best option. Hoping to have this available beginning in Jan. 2022.

### **Study Items:**

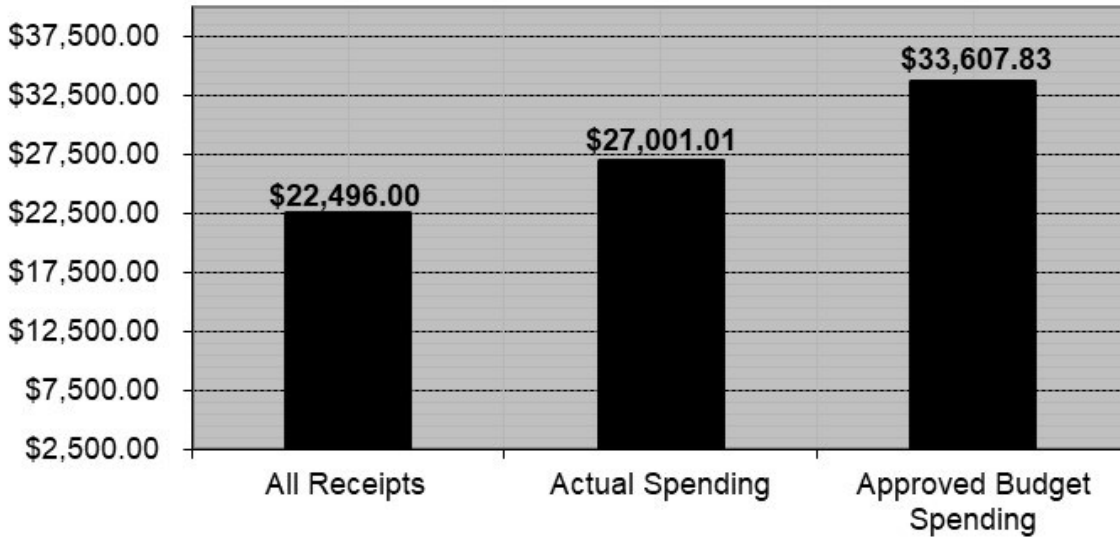
- Restroom - on the Sanctuary level in the rear of the church—exploring possible options.
- Sound System— We have one bid and looking for other options and bids. Leo Quinn has agreed to oversee. All Soul’s would like to invest in the project.
- Benevolence Giving—Would like to establish a fund to help those in need.
- Covid 19 Protocol - looking at possibly relaxing current protocols. We will research this.

### **Action Item (Items to be acted upon)**

**Facility Usage requests approved:** **GSA—South Winter Concerts**—during the day; Week of 12/13—12/16 in the mornings.

**Wedding** - September 3, 2022—Ryan Ederle and his fiancée, Madeleine. Pastor Jeff will be talking with the couple.

**Year to Date**  
**9/1/2021—10/31/2021**



**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. The Council is grateful for everyone who is continuing to strive to support God's work

**Church Building and Grounds:** Pastor Jeff has been coming up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday from 9 to 2 —besides Saturday & Sunday. If you need to contact Pastor Jeff please call him at 314-373-5862. Patti continues to come up to the church office on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm; besides Sunday. Dave Ederle, Carl Reisinger, Harry Archambault have been coming up and taking care of Building maintenance, Northwest (back) wall of the balcony is water damage. Looking at water issues near the outdoor elevator—parking lot. A/C in the Arts & Crafts Room needs to be replace, as does one A/C in balcony. Council is continuing to prioritize the many projects which need attention.



**Thank you**  
**to everyone who helped with**  
**“Hanging of the Greens”.**  
  
**Everything looks beautiful!**

## Redeemer Adopt-A-Family Christmas Mission Outreach Project

Christmas is a perfect time to put our faith in action as we seek to reach out and share the love of Christ! Please join with us as we live out God's mission and strive to practice *being the Church* to our community.

This year, we will be partnering with our neighbors, Gateway Science Academy—South School. However, we are not sponsoring just one family as is our tradition. Because of the great need within our community, we will be seeking to help **BLESS 30 FAMILIES!** From clothing to gift cards for groceries, they are in need of a wide variety items that we can help provide.

Simply take a Giving Tree Tag from the Christmas tree in the rear of the Sanctuary. After you have bought that item, return the wrapped gift and place it under the tree with the tag on top. All gifts will be taken to the school on December 13<sup>th</sup> for distribution to the families.

Thank you so much for reaching out and sharing the love of Christ from our family to theirs!

### **WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!**

The Church Council and Staff wishes to **THANK** the entire Redeemer Church family for the many ways that you serve. You are a blessing to each of us as you use your gifts and talents to mirror the love of Christ through many individual and team acts of worship and sacrifice.

We recognize the privilege and honor we have to serve Jesus by serving you.

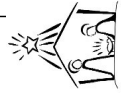
**We pray that you may find opportunities to reach out to God and others and share the love of Christ with your family and friends during this Advent and Christmas season.**

*Have a blessed and Christ-filled holiday season.*

*Merry Christmas,  
The Church Council and Staff*



# December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>GSA- South advance Math Classes during the school day (8:15 - 2:25)</p> <p>English as a Second Language Classes are individually scheduled During the week.</p>			1	<p>Noon Women's Fellowship Christmas Party</p> <p>2 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Princeton Heights Neighborhood Meeting 6 to 7 pm</p> <p>Girl Scout Troop Meeting - Library</p>	3	<p>5:00 PM</p> <p>Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>"Bring a Meal" Sunday</b></p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship, Communion</p> <p>Young People remaining in worship</p> <p>Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>6:30 pm Theatrical Sewers Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting in the Library</p> <p>7:15 p.m. Dartball away Hope UCC</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>GSA-South</b></p> <p>Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal 8:20 am - 1:55 pm</p> <p>6:00 PM Princeton Heights Board Meeting in the Library</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1 pm Men's Bible Study</p> <p>Gateway Science Academy Middle School Winter Concert 6 - 7:30 pm</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 PM</p> <p>Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship</p> <p>Young People remaining in worship</p> <p><b>Cookie Sale - Women's Fellowship</b></p> <p>Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>GSA-South Winter Concerts - scheduled for 8 to 11 am</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting in the Library</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting in the Library</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1 pm Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6 to 7 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting - Library</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>5:00 PM</p> <p>Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship</p> <p>Young People remaining in worship</p> <p>Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>Street Cleaning day</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting in the Library</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p>5:00 PM Candlelight Worship</p> 	<p>25</p> <p><b>Christmas</b></p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Family Worship</p> <p>Young People remaining in worship</p> <p>Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting in the Library</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>New Year's Eve</b></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.