

Newsletter - February 2022

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

Matthew 22:36-40

The Great Commandment

³⁴But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend on all the Law and the Prophets."

We are taking time to focus on spiritual disciplines to assist us to continually grow our affection for God and become more like him. In 1 Timothy, Paul encourages Timothy to train himself for godliness. Another way to think of this is "Godlikeness." We are preparing ourselves to be more and more like Christ. We want to love God more and who he is. Romans 12:9 says, Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. In other words, we are to love what God loves and hate what God hates. Through God's grace, we can accomplish becoming more like Christ through training. Through focusing on our spiritual disciplines, we can form routines and rhythms to our lives to help refocus and recalibrate our affections to Christ.

There is a memorable scene from an NBA game where Dikembe Mutumbo, as a rookie, played Michael Jordan. No stranger to trash-talking, Michael Jordan got Mutombo's attention and said, "Hey, Mutombo, this one's for you," then closed his eyes and entered his shooting motion. Unsurprisingly, he hit nothing but net. What is remarkable is that Jordan was so good and familiar with shooting free throws through practice and muscle memory that he didn't need his eyes open to hit that shot. Welcome to the NBA.

This type of muscle memory is what we are striving for with spiritual disciplines. We are training for godliness, so we have Godly reflexes, whatever circumstance we face. We can love God and others with our eyes closed. Here is a list of the spiritual disciplines to help us love God more deeply.

Worship	Fasting
Scripture	Fellowship/community
Prayer	Hospitality
Simplicity/Gratitude	Service
Rest/Slow/Sabbath	Vocation
Story/Identity	Stewardship
Confession	

As we enter this time of studying spiritual disciplines, consider which disciplines would be the most beneficial for you. You don't need to try to be good at all of them. Pick 3-4 to focus on growing in. Remember, this isn't a solo endeavor. Encourage one another by asking someone else which disciplines they have chosen. If you are focusing on similar disciplines, help hold one another accountable. Pray for one another.

These disciplines are tools to help us deepen our love of God and expand our love for others. I am praying for each of you that this time of study will be fruitful for us.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeff

Caring Hands & Hearts

Serving our Community through Ministries of Redeemer



Church and Education Building

- Princeton Heights: meets monthly for Neighborhood Association meeting and monthly for their Board Meetings.
- 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.
- 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.
- Al-Anon uses our Library for their weekly meetings and quarterly meetings.
- 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-Middle School Choral Concert on 12/9
- GSA-High School Drama performance 1/28, 29 & 30th.
- GSA-Middle School - Musical “Lion King”. Begin rehearsals 2/7- performance on March 17, 18 and 19.
- Dartball league—our team uses our facility for their home field.

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.

Women’s Fellowship have donated

Sponsors a child from E.C.H. each month. 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.

November mission project -Collected items for gifts for the E.C.H. Store.

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)

Woman's Fellowship

February 3, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.


Please bring a sandwich, dessert and drinks will be provided.

Join us as we look forward expectantly
to see what God has in Store for 2022.

“Bring-A-Meal” Sunday, February 6th

Together we can make a difference! Please place your donations in the container located in the rear of the Sanctuary- south side. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**

GROWING IN PRAYER

February's prayer topic is, of course, LOVE! 

Do your prayers reflect the four types of love as put forth to us in scriptures? Come back to this article each week as we consider each type.

Week One: *STORGE LOVE* – Family Love

What are your family's specific needs? What do they need to make them more comfortable, more happy, more healthy, and more focused on God?

Week Two: *PHILIA LOVE* – Encompasses love for fellow-humans, care, respect, and compassion for people in need.

Consider the trials and tribulations of your friends, neighbors, and those in the world community. What can you pray that would best serve them?

Week Three: *EROS LOVE* – Romantic Love

Who is the love of your life who is to be celebrated and enjoyed as a beautiful blessing from God? How can you pray for them?

What do you need from God to become a better blessing to that person?

Week Four: *AGAPE LOVE* – Love and charity that is unselfish and concerned with the greatest good of another. God's love for us and our love for God is agape love.

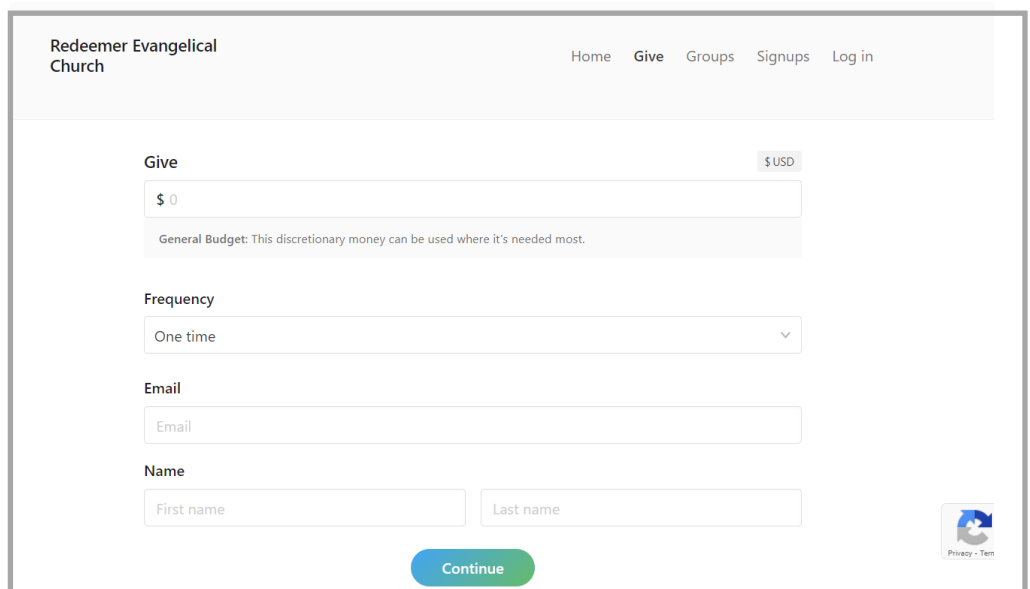
What are ways you can put agape love into actions?

What gifts do you have or would like to pray for that would help you serve others with agape love?

Online Giving!

Stewardship and giving are a form of worship. We worship by giving our time, talents, and resources. We are excited to announce an additional way of giving: online. Beginning this weekend, we are offering people to begin tithing utilizing an online platform called Planning Center Online (PCO).

Planning Center provides another convenient option to tithe each week. You will be able to set up a recurring gift, weekly or monthly, depending on your preference. We will continue to utilize our envelopes and collection box for people to bring their offerings to church each week. Whichever your choice of giving, we are thankful for your generous gift each week.



Scan the QR code or go to <https://redeemerstl.churchcenter.com/giving>
If you need help or clarification call the church office.

Kuelker Missions . . . Your Missionaries to Mexico

Well, the month of January has come and gone. A todos, les doy bienvenidas al mes de Amor y Amistad (Everyone, I welcome you to the month of love and friendship). At this time in our lives we have to remember to emulate the example of Jesus. (John 13:34, *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, you should also love one another.*) He showed love and friendship to everyone even to those who despised him. More important to love and cherish those who we have in our lives.

Becky: She has been busy preparing and finalizing a Ladies Conference in Pochotitan in February. She, also, has been sorting clothing for each village for next months' clothes give away. She, still, continues to have Ladies Breakfast once a month. Now she has reinitiated her English classes from Monday to Thursday.

Mike: I have been busy visiting the villages, the Fiscalia and the prison. I continued with the second part of "The Best Gifts." My diligence of sowing the Word in the lives of the people, it has sprouted and provoked them to ask questions about the teaching and things related to the teachings. I participated in baptizing six people. I have been invited and visited a new village called Agua Milpa. I give thanks to God for continuing to open doors.

Prayer:

- For our trip north to the states (you can follow us on our web page) see you May 8
- For our health with this variant of Covid-19 (omicron)
- That we find a house to rent or buy when back in Tepic

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

Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. Thank you for partnering with us

Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin Bible and Prayer Study

When: every other Tuesday night from 7-9pm (February 15th-May 17th)

- 2/15/22 Week 1 - The Kingdom of Heaven
- 3/1/22 Week 2 - Who is Blessed?
- 3/15/22 Week 3 - A People of Influence
- 3/29/22 Week 4 - You have heard that it was said Part I
- 4/5/22 Week 5 - You have heard that it was said Part II
- 4/19/22 Week 6- Secret Righteousness
- 5/3/22 Week 7- Where Your Treasure Is
- 5/17/22 Week 8 - Do Unto Others/A Foundation that Endures



Why:

- This 8-week Sermon on the Mount study will not focus on "what does the Bible say about me?" or aid you in self-discovery. Instead, it is intended to teach you an important passage of the Bible in a way that will stay with you for years to come. It will challenge you to love God with your heart and mind. It will focus on answering the question "what does the Bible say about God?" and aid you in God-discovery. The focus of the study is God Himself. It will also grow us in learning the habits of Comprehension, Interpretation, and Application. Knowledge of God will lead us to true knowledge of self. I hope you will join us on this adventure!

Where: more information to come

What you will need:

- The Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin - this will be provided for you the 1st night of the study
- A Bible (any translation) *without notes or commentary!*

There are 2 spots available ... please let me know if your are interested and would like to attend by Monday, 2/7. If you have any questions please contact Amber Hutchings (amberandjeff@hotmail.com) or Patti Quinn at the church (redeemerstl@att.net).

Church Council: January 17, 2022 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development — Pastor Jeff opened with a devotional based on Pastor Jack Miller’s January 17th devotion on 1st John 1:9 and confession our sings. He then us in prayer.

Minutes and Treasurers Reports: were reviewed and approved. 2021 Giving Statements will be available on 1/30/2022.

Worship: Pastor Jeff has begun a 12-week series on Spiritual Disciplines and will take us through Lent.

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.

November	Facebook	YouTube	Website - Sermon
Average views/week	48	10	19
			Average in person - 55

Music Ministry Update: We are continuing to look for a worship leader. We are blessed to have volunteers stepping forward and helping and to now have Jacob Pollard, along with our pianists Jocelyn Rugaber and Angie Hendricks. We are coordinating from week to week with everyone.

Three different committees are continuing to meet. (Welcome; Vision and Children and Families)

Benevolence Giving— Looking to establish a fund to help those in need creating guidelines for implementation. Will continue to discuss and study.

Ministry Partnerships and Community Partnerships. Written policy / description was accepted.

Established Partnerships. Ministry—All Soul’s Church STL, King’s Cross Community Church, Dutchtown Outreach, FirstLight Ministries. Through our mission giving—Up Unleashing Potential, Emmaus Home, Every Child’s Hope, Kuelker Family and Micah Project. Community Partnerships—Gateway Science Academy (South Grade School & PTO, Middle School and High School), Princeton Heights Neighborhood Association, Hampton Al-Anon Family Group, Missouri District 14 Al-Anon Family Group, Theatrical Wardrobe Union, and Girl Scout Troop #1386

Reviewed Current Facility Usage Forms.

Website Development: Goal is to refresh website with a go live date beginning of April.

Women’s Bible Study: Amber Hutchings will be leading a Women’s Study entitled “Sermon on the Mount” beginning middle of February for a total of 10 women.

House and Grounds - Harry Archambault, Dave Ederle, Carl Reisinger, 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. Harry has developed a 5-year plan to prioritize and replace AC units which no longer work, Congregation will discuss at Annual Congregation Meeting in September. Currently there are 2 units which no longer work. Various plumbing issues is being bided out.

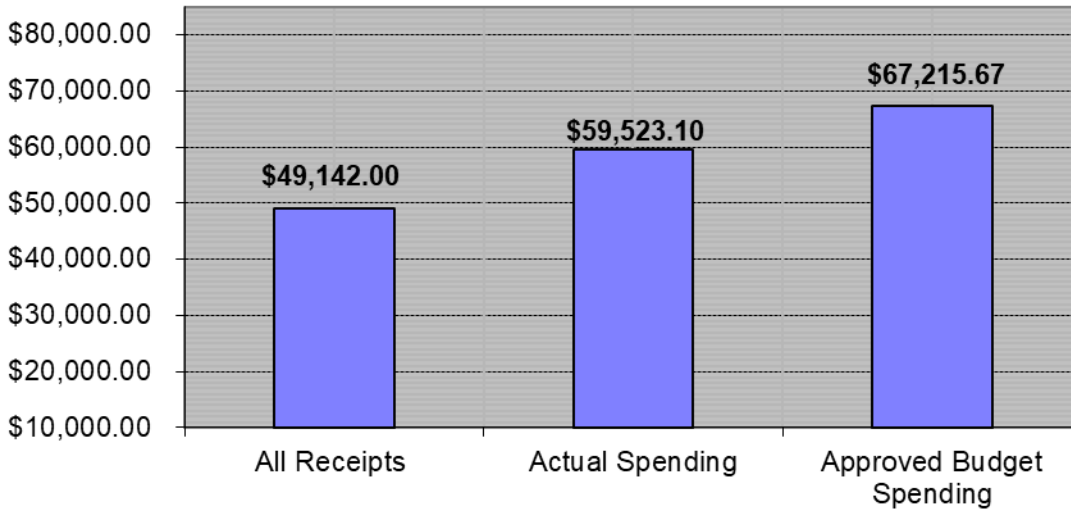
Study Items:

- Restroom - on the Sanctuary level in the rear of the church. Projected costs would be \$40,000 - \$70,000. We will continue to evaluate.
- Sound System— We have one bid and looking for other options and bids. All Soul’s Church is investigating a wireless option.

Action Item (Items to be acted upon)

1. **Approved** rescheduling February 14th Council meeting to February 7th.
2. **Approved** Online Giving option using Planning Center. Plan is to have available February 1st.

Year to Date
9/1/2021—12/31/2021




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

IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER

and the necessity of canceling a worship service or church activity: If a worship service or church activity needs to be cancelled due to bad weather (snow and ice) the Trustees and Pastor Jeff will make the appropriate decision. We will then place a message *“That a Worship or church activity will be cancelled”* on the Church Answering Machine, email, Facebook and place on website; Television Stations (KSDK, KMOV and KTVI).

Church Office Hours: 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.

 WEDNESDAY	<p>March 2 7 pm Worship Please join us in person or on Facebook live</p>
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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
GSA-South School uses classroom Monday - Friday during school hours						
6 "Bring a Meal" Sunday Family Worship, Communion Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 am - Welcome Committee	7 9:00 am Quilters 3:30 - 4:30 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Wardrobe meeting - Theater 7:00 pm Church Council Library	8 9:30 a.m. - noon AI-Annon Library 3:30 - 4:30 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage - Fellowship Hall	9 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. FirstLight Ministry Small Group - Library	10 1:00 PM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 3:30 - 4:30 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Fellowship Hall	11	12 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary
13 9:00 am Family Worship Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 am - Children/Family Committee 11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary	14 9:00 am Quilters 3:30 - 4:30 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall Street Cleaning Day President's Day	15 9:30 a.m. - noon AI-Annon Library 3:30 - 4:30 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall	16 6 to 8 pm Dutch Town Ministries in Fellowship Hall 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. FirstLight Ministry Small Group - Library	17 1:00 PM Men's Fellowship & Bible Study 3:30 - 4:30 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall	18	19 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary
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27 9:00 am Worship Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 am - Vision & Clarity 11:15 am All Soul's Church - Sanctuary 6:00 pm All Soul's Church - Sanctuary	28 9:00 am Quilters 3:30 - 5 pm GSA-Middle School Rehearsal Stage in Fellowship Hall					

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and check out the daily verses posted. Join our group too!**

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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.