



Newsletter - January 2022

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

Happy New Year! I can't believe we're in 2022. As we head into the new year, consider the past. This past year through God's word, we studied that we are justified not by our works but Christ's. Ephesians 2:8- 9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. And so we take joy and have Peace in the fact that Christ did the heavy lifting for us regarding our standing before God.



We strive to become more like Jesus. We should pursue to train ourselves in holiness. In Paul's letter to Timothy, we read,

1 Tim 4:6-10 A Good Servant of Christ Jesus

6 If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. 7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; 8 for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. 9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. 10 For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

The more we set our hope on Christ that we will bring hope, peace, joy, and love, we wish to become more like Jesus. As we talked about at the beginning of last year, we hope to Abide in Christ. The more we consume of Jesus, the more we become like him.

To this end, we are hoping to do some training at the beginning of the year. We are going back to basics and working on spiritual disciplines. Donald Whitney, in his book on Spiritual Disciplines

"Spiritual Disciplines are those personal and interpersonal activities given by God in the Bible as the sufficient means believers in Jesus Christ are to use in the Spirit-filled, gospel-driven pursuit of godliness, that is, closeness to Christ and conformity to Christ."

My hope for the new year is that we pursue godliness and become more like Christ. Over the next few months, we will study various disciplines. I hope everyone will focus on a few of these disciplines over the next year to abide more in Christ in 2022.

Grace and Peace,

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 December 9th.
- 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)

Thank you to everyone who provided the Poinsettias for the Sanctuary through gifts and memorials!

In honor of Thelma McKeever, by Jan Kemper.

In loving memory of my departed family members,
by Leanne Senniger.

In honor of Leanne Senniger, by Ginny Maurer.

In memory of our parents. John & Marie Gilbert and Thelma & Reine Schulz,
by Gary & Diane Gilbert.

In loving memory of Ralph & Odessa Long and Floyd & Easter Sharp,
by Penny & Gus Long

“Bring-A-Meal” Sunday, January 2nd

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.**

This month we are introducing a new section on prayer in our newsletter to help us to grow in our comfortability and confidence in personal prayer. Derek and Kim Reinertson will be our guides each month to give us questions to consider on how we can grow in prayer.

Let our prayer journey together begin.

For this first month of 2022, we would like all of us to pray to KEEP OUR FOCUS ON GOD, not worldly things. “Keeping our eyes on Jesus” is a way of living. It’s living your faith and keeping Jesus as the center of your life. Staying focused on God can be difficult for the best of us. Work and worry, friends and family are only a few of many things that can distract us from our walk with God. To aid you in January’s prayer topic, consider the following:

Is staying focused on God a difficult task for you?

What is distracting you from being focused on God?

Be honest and ask yourself whether faith plays a part in your daily life.

In what ways do you, specifically and personally, spend time with and learn about God?

What are some ways you can improve your prayer time with God?

We can stay focused on God by maintaining good spiritual disciplines. Pastor Jeff will be teaching us throughout the year about spiritual discipline.



You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:3

Woman's Fellowship

There is no meeting in January.

See you on February 3, 2022

As we look forward expectantly to see what God has in Store for 2022.

The **Women's Fellowship** would like to thank everyone for their participation and supported our Cookie Sale and Gift Basket Raffle. Through your generosity they will be able to continue supporting various mission projects through out the year.

Christmas Mission Outreach

A BIG thanks

to all for opening your hearts and supporting the Christmas Mission outreach project- blessing 30 families through GSA-South School. The gifts were distributed to the different families and they were so very grateful.

Thank you so much for reaching out and sharing the love of Christ's with others.

Kuelker Missions Your Missionaries to Mexico

We hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Now, we pray that you are ready to start the New Year running. May it be filled with blessings and opportunities to share the amazing story. Being his children we have a New Year every day, because his love and mercies are new every morning.

Becky: She had to cancel the posada, because the ladies from the group had unseen things come up. She did host one lady that came in from of the villages. The sister enjoyed her private posada with Becky. During the month of December Becky and Berenice had been busy with gifts for the villages and bags of candy for the children. She had breakfast with one of the ladies from the group to start setting up an agenda for next year. Later, in the month Becky was invited to a posada where she met and shared the word with other ladies.

Mike: He has been busy going to the villages with gifts for the children and giving a teaching on the Gift. He asked, "What is the greatest gift?" You can receive. The group said things that you can buy in the store. Mike said Jesus was the greatest gift that you could receive. He presented the same teaching at the Fiscalía and the prison. Everywhere the teaching was received well and shared with other people by those who had heard. People from both villages, Fiscalía and the prison asked him for more teachings.

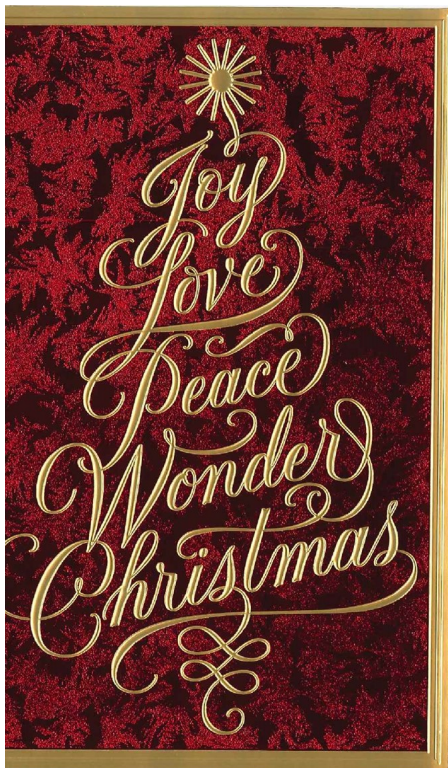
Prayer:

- 1 Continue prayers for Becky's health
- 2 Prayers for the upcoming trip
- 3 Finances to keep going to the villages and visiting new villages

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

Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. Go to Kuelker Missions on Facebook to see photos and remember you make this possible.



**Dear Redeemer Church,
During this season, you're especially
remembered with joy and gratitude and wished
all the good things a merry Christmas brings.**

*Thank you for all
that you do for our GSA Santa
Family. We are so thankful
and happy to be a part of
your church family.*

*Sincerely, Mrs. Hillman
&
Staff*

Dec. 2021

Gateway Science Academy-South

Church Council: December 13, 2021 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development — Pastor Jeff opened with a meditation based on “Devine Hours” by Phyllis Tickle. We need to bring our hearts to God with Spiritual Discipline in the New Year. He then us in prayer.

Minutes and Treasurers Reports: were reviewed and approved.

Worship: Continuing through Advent using passages from the book of Romans. Pastor Jeff is planning on leading us on the 12 Spiritual Disciplines in 2022—Cultivating a life in Christ which will take us up to Lent and Easter.

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	40	5	14	Average in person - 59

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.

Music Ministry Update: We are continuing to look for a worship leader. We are grateful to Jared King, Jenny Klump, Cindy Clayman, Dorcas & Janine Uebari to continuing to lead worship.

Committee’s will be meeting again in January

- **Welcoming—Hospitality Committee:** January 2nd
- **Vision/Clarity Committee:** January 9th
- **Children and Families Committee:** January 16th

Benevolence Giving— Continuing discussion from November. Looking to establish a fund to help those in need creating guidelines for implementation. Will continue to discuss.

Ministry Partnerships and Community Partnerships. Pastor Jeff and Patti would be able to use their discretion for things like setting up dates for using our facility without having to wait to get Council Approval. Motion #1: Pastor Jeff and Patti will create a list designating who are our Ministry Partnerships and Community Partnerships we currently have. (I.E.— Dutchtown Outreach is a Ministry Partner; Princeton Heights and GSA—South School are Community Partners.)

Motion #2: Create written policies and procedures for the Ministry Partnerships and Community Partnerships. Both motions were approved.

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. 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. Leo Quinn has agreed to oversee. All Soul’s would like to invest in the project.

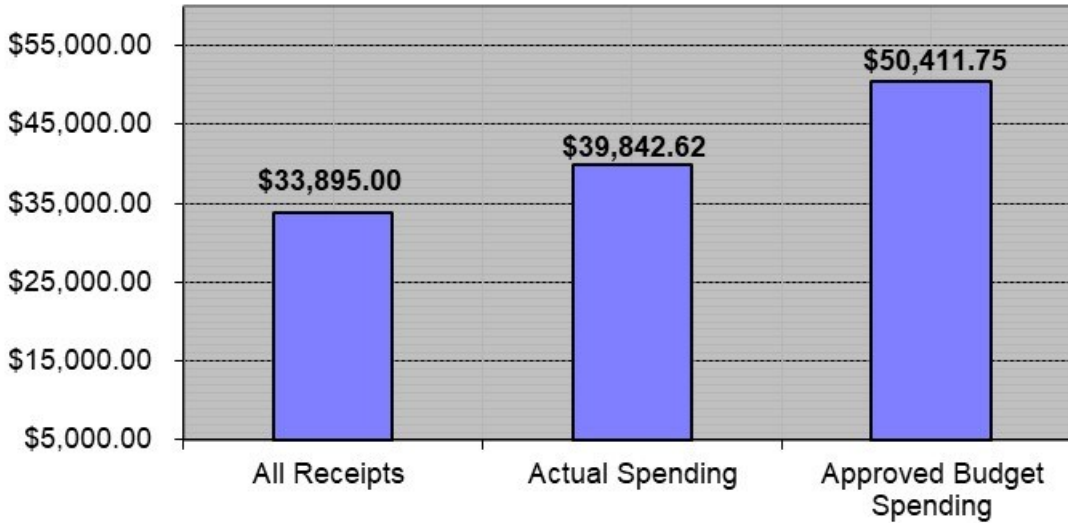
Action Item (Items to be acted upon)

Approved Pastor Jeff’s vacation request for last full week of February. Pastor Jeff will be gone on 2/20 and will get someone for pulpit supply.

2022 Giving Envelopes are available for pickup.

If you would like yours mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Year to Date
9/1/2021—11/30/2021



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. Harry is working on a 5 year plan to beginning prioritizing and replacing AC units which no longer work. Various plumbing issues will be taken care of by Metro Plumbing. Harry will be coordinating. Council is continuing to prioritize the many projects which need attention.

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).

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January Notes No Women's Fellowship Meeting No Princeton Heights Meeting						
2 "Bring a Meal" Sunday Family Worship, Communion Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 am - Worship Committee	3 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Wardrobe meeting - Theater	4 10 to Noon Al-Anon Dartball here 7 pm vs. St. John's #2 in the pit	5 GSA-South School Back in Session	6 1 to 2 pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	7	8 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctaury
9 9:00 am Family Worship Young People remaining in worship Social Distant Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall 10:15 am - Vision/Clarity Committee	10 9:00 am Quilters 7 p.m. Church Council Meeting at Church	11 10 to Noon Al-Anon Dartball away 7:15 At Peace Lutheran vs. Mount Tabor	12	13 1 to 2 pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	14	15 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctaury
16 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	17 9:00 am Quilters NO School Martin Luther King Jr. Day Street Cleaning Day	18 10 to Noon Al-Anon Dartball here 7 pm vs. St. Paul City in the pit	19 Dutch Town Ministries 6 to 8 pm in Fellowship Hall	20 1 to 2 pm Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	21	22 5 to 7 pm GSA - South PTO Family Bingo - Fellowship Hall 5 PM - Kings Cross Community Church Sanctaury
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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.