



Newsletter - October 2022

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

Matthew 9:35-38

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



As fall quickly approaches, our attention turns to harvests and thanksgiving—a time to celebrate God's faithfulness over the past year. Our business meeting discussed four focus areas over the next year. We are focusing on Music, Infrastructure, Discipleship, and Outreach. We will spend prayer, time, energy, and resources in these areas to help grow.

The truth about improving anything, whether a golf swing, a new patio, or areas in our church, is that it takes time to develop. A metaphor that we often can utilize is planting seeds to wait and for the harvest to see results. For those of us who prefer instant gratification, this is an inconvenient reality in the world in which we live.

Find some encouragement about working to build something up. Thomas Merton provides some insight. He says, "Every moment and every event of every man's life on earth plants something in his soul. For just as the wind carries thousands of invisible and visible winged seeds, so the stream of time brings with it germs of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of men. Most of these unnumbered seeds perish and are lost because men are not prepared to receive them; for such seeds as these can not spring up anywhere except in the good soil of liberty and desire."

As we work on these four areas this year, we will be sowing all sorts of seeds. A more profound love of Jesus. A more robust and safer building, grow our ability to worship utilizing the gifts of music and reach more people within our community. Every day, every worship service, and every interaction with friends, family, and neighbors will be intentional to help us plant seeds that will lead to a harvest over the next year.

How can you help? First, **Pray**. Pray for growth in these specific areas. Prayerfully consider how you can give your time, talent, and treasure to invest in this growth. Pray for the leaders in these areas to be blessed with wisdom and strength. Second, **Volunteer**. Volunteer to be a part of these areas that God is calling you to. Finally, **Ask**. Ask someone to church or encourage someone to help in any of these areas we focus on in the coming year!!

Pastor Jeff

FOOD

IT'S PICNIC TIME!
Sunday, October 9th

MUSIC

Following 9 a.m. Family Worship

Meet at Mathilda Welmering Park at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

Church will provide Chicken and Desserts.

Remember to bring lawn chairs or blankets for additional seating.

GAMES

FUN

Kuelker Family ... Your Missionaries to Mexico

Greetings family, I hope this update finds everyone doing well. We pray that the grace of God has been present in your lives especially at times of adversity. We, also, pray as the world is going to celebrate the Halloween. That you remember, you have conquered death through Jesus (*1 Corinthians 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the Law. 1Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*)

Becky: She has been taking care of the last-minute details for the Ladies Conference this month. She has ten ladies who will be attending the conference. The theme of the conference is "Priorities." Also, she has started her English classes again and has six students.

Mike: I have been sharing the word at the Fiscalia General. The fruit of the Word can be seen in four people that I have been teaching. They have been a great example to the other police officers. They have asked me about the phrases that pastors didn't want to explain. In the villages has been very productive through some studies that I presented to the brethren. They used them to evangelize others who don't know Jesus. This is what it is all about equipping the saints as in *Ephesians 4:12 for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.*

Prayer:

For continued health
We find a new place to live
For the saints continue reaching the own race
Finances to keep reaching more villages

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

P.S. Thank you for believing in us and partnering with us

GROWING IN PRAYER



This Fall we are all about GROWTH. In this month's article, we are going to look at our own personal spiritual growth and the spiritual growth of our church.

What is spiritual growth? Spiritual growth is the process of becoming more mature in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Spiritual growth occurs when we seek to learn more about God. We can do this by connecting with other Christians, through studying the Bible, by obeying God's Word, and through our prayer habits. This article you are now reading, "Growing in Prayer," is designed each month to be a prayer guide to aid each of us in building our prayer habits; helping us to grow more spiritually the more we pray.

Pray to God and ask for wisdom concerning the areas He desires you to grow.

Pray for and thank God for our church family.

Pray for the desire and time to read your Bible.

Pray for God's help in understanding and obeying God's Word.

Pray for God's help in building good prayer habits, remembering to pray throughout each day.

Spiritual growth can be reflected through our actions. When growing spiritually there is a shift of focus from yourself to God, to your relationships with others, and to your community. This is how we can grow spiritually as a church.

The effects of your increasing spirituality can bring joy and love to your circle of influence. As a church, we are then more prepared for outreach and evangelism.

Ask yourself, are you living more for God and less for yourself?

Have your thoughts and actions toward others and God shifted or have they remained the same since the start of your relationship with Christ?

Ask God to make you a blessing to others.

As a neighborhood church, there are so many important ways that we can reach out and be a blessing to our community. This is one way to live beyond our own selves. We can strengthen our relationship with God by blessing others.

Whether its growing in spirit personally, or growing in spirit as a church, it is Christ's power in us that gives us the ability to grow spiritually. Choose by faith to rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you in thought, word, and deed.

It is God's will that we grow to be more like Jesus. We also have the promise that the Lord Himself will oversee our growth and bring us to maturity. "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

Start by asking Jesus for help. He will honor our request and efforts to grow closer to him.

Our Attitude in Worship

Last month we started our discussion about worship. A great place to start is to think about where we are in life. The things going on in my life and in the world can have a profound effect on how I show up during worship. Have you been overly stressed in your job? Are things less than stellar in your household? Has the stress of finances taken its toll on you?

Before I take time out in my day or even time on Sunday to meet with God I have to prepare myself. Sometimes it is simply asking God to help me let go. Other times it is asking Him for help to focus. In Micah 6:6-8 it gives us a simple glimpse of what God requires of us in life and in worship.

*“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*



Notice that the focus is not what we bring to worship but how we show up. From the last verse it begins by doing justice. Do not think punitively but remember that our justice as humans is different from God’s justice. Next, we are called to love kindness. Since God sent Jesus to us out of His kindness we should be just as kind to others. Lastly, walk humbly with God. We need to be honest and tell others that we do not have it all together. We are still a work in progress with God’s help.

This week before we pray, read the Bible, sing a hymn, or hear the message from Jeff; let us think about how we show up for worship.

Jacob Pollard

“Bring-A-Meal” Sunday, October 2nd

“**Bring-A-Meal**” is an on-going outreach ministry where each family or member is asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items that can then be donated to the local food pantry at **Gateway Science Academy — South School** to be given to needy families in our surrounding community.

If you would prefer to donate financially, please place in an envelope marked “FOOD PANTRY DONATION” and we will be happy to make sure this gets to them.

Together we can make a difference!

Please place your donations in the container located in the rear of the Sanctuary- south side.



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Children's Ministry

Family Sundays!

We would love to see you and families! There is a nursery available for ages 0-2 years throughout the service. There are also Preschool (Age 3-PreK) and Elementary (K-5) classes. These students will participate with the church family in singing, then head to classes.

October 2

November 6 (Daylight Savings)

December 4

We look forward to seeing you! Please contact the Church Office to RSVP or just join us on the 1st Sunday of the Month!

Jamie Pollard

Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday Mornings - The Gospel-Centered Life

following worship in the Library. Beginning October 16th - every other Sunday
(10/16, 10/31, 11/13, 12/4, 12/18 - 2023 - 1/8, 1/22, 2/5, 2/19)

Tuesday Nights - Women's Study (6 weeks beginning Oct. 4th) - Galatians for You

Meets at 7 pm

(10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15)



Thursday Mornings— Men's Study - Studying Genesis (meets every Thursday at 9 am)

(10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24)

Thursday Evenings— Men's Study— Studying Isaiah (Starting 9/29)

(9/29, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15 - 2023 - 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25)

**If you are interested in attending, please talk with Pastor Jeff
or contact the church office
and we can get you more information.**

THANK YOU WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

for sponsoring the Spaghetti Dinner! We sincerely appreciate your time, talents and dedication.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED THE DINNER!

**WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT IT WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED!
WE ARE TRULY BLESSED!**



Women's Fellowship Meeting Thursday, October 6th at 10:30 a.m.



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

Women's Fellowship — September 1st

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

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

Correspondence: Phyllis Follmer donated to our birthday fund and sent a card to update us on how she and her family are doing.

Received a Thank you from Redeemer's Council for our donation of \$1,000 to the church.

Finalized all details for the Spaghetti Dinner and donated 10 tickets to GSA School again this year.

Meeting was closed at 11:40 a.m.

Diane Gilbert read from the Upper Room Book. How the ocean and the mountains show God's power. Also try not to compare your gifts with others for all gifts are wonderful.

Gloria closed with a prayer. Thanks to the committee for the great Apple Pie and Ice Cream for dessert.

Pastor Jeff installed Patti Schmeer as a member of the Women's Fellowship

Respectfully submitted by:

Janice Kemper,

Recording Secretary.

A Special Thank You to Sharon Leicht, who has faithfully served on the Church Council and completed her 6 years of service.

Sharon served as our Recording secretary and this past year did double duty serving as our Corresponding Secretary as well!

We have been blessed with your wisdom and dedication to the Redeemer Church Family, serving faithfully and always reaching above and beyond. Your passion and creativity has been evident in everything you do, and we are so blessed to have had your experience and wisdom as we seek new ways to reach out and serve our community.



The Redeemer Church Family

Class of 2024 Church Council Members

Thank you to Gary Chambers, Gary Gilbert and Ralph Wirtel for agreeing to serve on the Church Council and elected at the recent Congregation Meeting.

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 used our Sanctuary, Toddler rooms and pit area for the Sunday 11:15 gatherings for the month of September.
- Al-Anon uses our Library for their weekly meetings and quarterly meetings.
- Dartball league—our team uses our facility for their home field.
- Gateway Science Academy-South School using a Classroom for 2022—2023 School Year for their Advance Math Students.
- Used the Sanctuary 9/13 for 2 informational meetings for the girls of their school.

Food Pantry for GSA-South School

Monthly canned goods and Cash donations from the Quilters and others.

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
Will be participating in GSA-South Trunk or Treat on 10/29/2022 with 2 tables and lots of candy to share with the children of the school and surrounding community.

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)



Church Council: September 8, 2022 Meeting

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development – Pastor Jeff opened our time reading and discussing 1 Timothy 4:6-10 and then opened the meeting with Prayer

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

August	Facebook	YouTube	
Average views/week	68	7	Average in person - 52

Pastor’s Report

Communion—Offering 3 options. We will work on training with those who help to help with distribution and flow.

Children & Family Ministries update – There were 7 children who participated on 9/4 for Family Sunday We will continue Family Sundays on the 1st Sunday of each month through the end of the year.

Discipleship / Bible Studies—Every other Sunday beginning 10/16 - The Gospel Centered Living Curriculum. The Tuesday Evening Women’s Group studying the Book of Galatians beginning 10/4. Thursday Morning Men’s Group studying the Book of Genesis and the Thursday Evening Men’s Group studying the Book of Isaiah.

Music Ministry—Jacob Pollard shared that a group of 8 met with ideas for enriching our music program. Jocelyn will not be able to help us at this time, but he is reaching out to several other pianists to see if they could help.

Showing Gratitude for Paul & Carol Schleicher’s service to Redeemer. We will have a card for all to sign, will be sending flowers and gifts cards to them.

Website: August Total views 189; Pages—About US, Contact Us, Events and Gathering,

Church Picnic—October 9th at Mathilda Welmering Park being at 11 a.m. Julie Voss shared that they will be finalizing details on 10/2 and Cindy Clayman will be provided music.

Cleaning the Facility update: Volunteers have stepped forward to clean the facility as we look an individual or team to clean. We currently have 3 candidates and will be interviewing one more.

Time Away— Pastor Jeff will be gone 9/27—10/4. Pastor Baker will preach on 10/2. He is also planning on one week in December (TBD).

House and Grounds - Sanctuary projectors—Continuing to research the 70” Monitors as an option, we will be purchasing stands and trying them out. A motion was approved to move the organ back to it’s original position under the Lord’s Supper carving

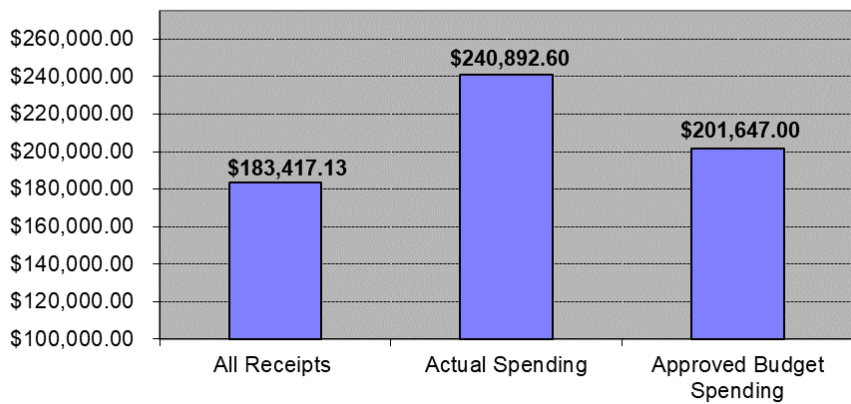
Sanctuary A/C Unit (main level): Galmiche & Sons will be installing beginning 9/19.

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.

Action Items:

- **Congregation Meeting**—approved agenda. Approved Budget to submit to Congregation. Approved slate of candidates to present at the meeting.

Year to Date — September 1, 2021 —August 31, 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 \$48,160 for Bell Tower Repair.

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
English as a Second Language Classes are taking a break. GSA-South School uses Classrooms during the day - Monday through Friday Firstlight Ministry is take a break						5:00 PM Kings Crossing Community Church Sanctuary
2 FAMILY SUNDAY 9:00 am Family Worship, Communion Children's Ministry for ages 2 to 5th Grade Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall Church Picnic Meeting - Library following worship	3 9:00 am Quilters 6:30 pm Wardrobe meeting - Theater	4 9:30 a.m. AI-Anon Meeting Women's Bible Study - 7pm The Book of Galatians Dartball at Redeemer vs. Eden	5	6 9 am Men's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Men's Thursday Evening Study 6:30 p.m.	7	8 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary
9 9:00 am Family Worship 11 am ... Church Picnic at Mathilda Wilmering Park	10 9:00 am Quilters 7 pm Church Council Meeting	11 9:30 a.m. AI-Anon Meeting Women's Bible Study - 7pm The Book of Galatians Dartball at St. John's #2	12	13 9 to 10 am Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	14 Decorating for Shower	15 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary Wedding Shower Cheryl Ederle Hostess Bolte Family
16 9:00 am Family Worship Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall Discipleship following worship in the Library Bible Study - The Gospel Centered Life	17 9:00 am Quilters Street Cleaning day	18 9:30 a.m. AI-Anon Meeting Women's Bible Study - 7pm The Book of Galatians Dartball at St. John's #1	19	20 9 to 10 am Men's Fellowship & Bible Study Men's Thursday Evening Study 6:30 p.m.	21	22 5:00 PM Kings Cross Community Church Sanctuary
23 9:00 am Family Worship Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall	24 9:00 am Quilters	25 9:30 a.m. AI-Anon Meeting Dartball at St. Lucas	26	27 9 to 10 am Men's Fellowship & Bible Study	28	29 5 to 7 pm GSA - South Trunk or Treat
30 9:00 am Family Worship Coffee Hour following worship in Fellowship Hall Discipleship following worship in the Library Bible Study - The Gospel Centered Life	31 Halloween	Dartball is back at Redeemer!				

On Tuesday evenings ... game time is 7:30 pm. If you would like to join n the FUN or for more information, please contact Gary Maus (314-205-1537) or cindyclayman@hotmail.com

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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.