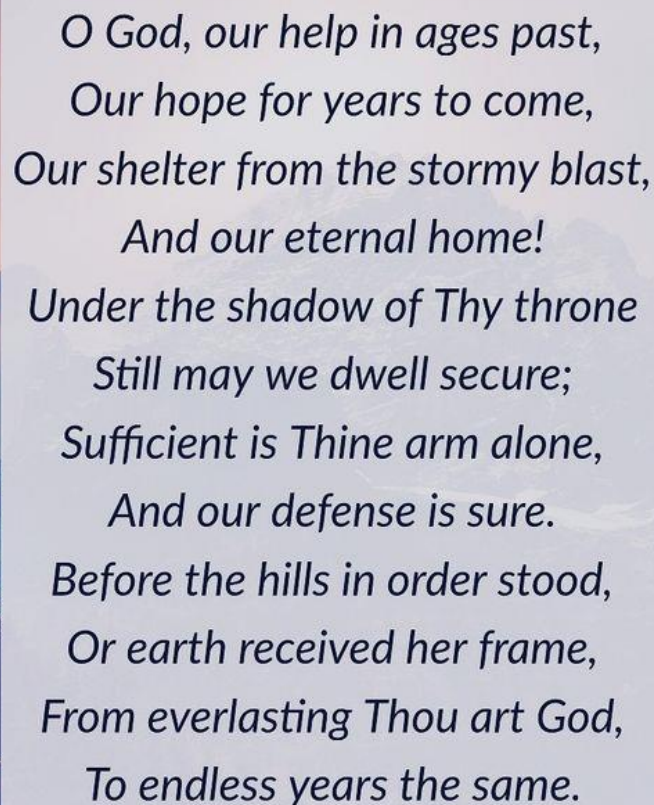


Redeemer Life



January 2025

Isaiah 41:9-10 says, “I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” No matter our situation, no matter our struggles and fears, no matter doubts, we are told to have courage, for the Lord is our God. And as Isaac Watts writes so powerfully in this hymn, our God is everlasting and will be our help through all of our years. The first verse gives us every assurance we need: God is our help, our hope, and our home. This does not blithely dismiss our fears and troubles. They are, and always will be, very real. But it does assure us that even if we cannot feel the immediate comfort, or even when all we can do is lament, we have a God that withstands the storms of the life and the tests of time, and who protects us and hears our cries. (From Hymnary.org)



*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!
Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.*



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Spotlight - Welcome to the Ways!



Hello Redeemer! My name is Brad Way.

Before moving to Pennsylvania where I grew up most of my life, I lived in North Carolina. Being from the "Bible Belt", I had considered myself a Christian because that is what my family, along with everyone else in the community, seemingly was. My family moved to a small town outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 2005, when I was only 9 years old. As I grew up, especially through middle school, I was more than willing to identify myself as a Christian, however, my life was showing itself to be less and less aligned with how Christ calls His people to live--a life of dead faith, as the Apostle James would put it. It wasn't until I heard my youth pastor in my church read from Revelation during Sunday School one morning that the Lord brought me to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. It was not the words of Christ's love that God used, but the words of judgment, specifically these words from Revelation 3:15-16: "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

I had never known God to have anger, and when the Holy Spirit awoke in my heart, I realized that I was a fitting example of the lukewarm Jesus spoke of in Revelation 3. That day, the Lord saved me, as He showed me my guiltiness before Him and the free gift of grace I had in Christ by His death and resurrection.

Since then, God has been faithful--sanctifying me, disciplining me, and blessing me. The Lord provided opportunities to share the Word of God with others through all sorts of avenues, whether in more formal positions as a Bible Study leader or through organic conversations with friends. The encouragement and joy these brought me led me to pursue youth ministry at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland after graduating from Penn State University, where I was a Middle School Director until April of 2022.

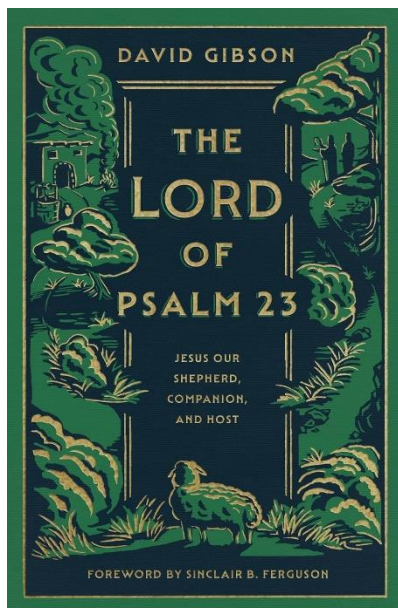
Over a decade since the Lord has brought me to saving faith, I am now married to my wonderful wife, Taylor (married in November 2022), and the Lord blessed us with Knox in August of 2023. I am currently working as a full-time firefighter in Fairfax County, Virginia. As Taylor and I have prayed and sought wisdom about our future, we are more and more convinced every day of the Lord's leading towards a calling to serve students. Especially as I consider how God used the youth ministry of a faithful church in my own life, I am even more excited for the potential to serve Redeemer and its youth. As many of you know, our youth are facing questions that generations in the past have not had to consider. I would be honored to be a part of what our Almighty God is doing--ministering to and preparing youth to live out their purpose:

"to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever."

In Christ, *Brad Way*

WINTER/SPRING 2025 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

The **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** will be Studying The Lord of Psalm 23: Jesus Our Shepherd, Our Companion, and Host by David Gibson.

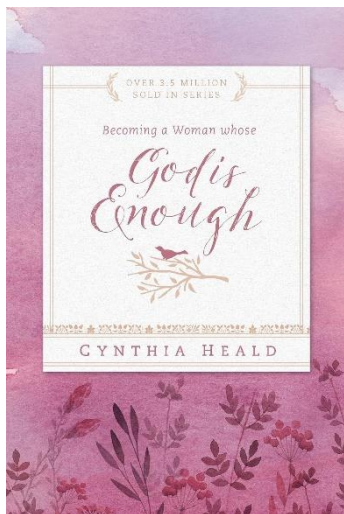


Psalm 23 is one of the most recognizable passages in the whole Bible. Though relatively short, this poetic depiction of God's love epitomizes Christ's goodness and provision as he leads his children. Even lifelong Christians will find fresh encouragement by closely studying these familiar words.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets each week on Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11 a.m and will resume on **January 15, 2025**. There is no nursery provided. Contact Carol Chupp with questions at **(231) 676-0886** or **caroljean135@gmail.com**.

The **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** - This study will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Karen Faber, **faberkk@yahoo.com** or Greta Entingh, **gretaentingh@gmail.com**.

The **Thursday morning study, also known as GROW Groups**, will be studying the book of Becoming a Woman whose God is Enough. He alone is sufficient. He is enough.



Becoming a Woman Whose God Is Enough will help you understand how God desires to bless you with His fullness and will teach you to depend on Him completely. Through this **11-session** Bible study, you will learn to turn from worldly satisfactions to a life of contentment, from selfishness to humility, and from unbelief to rich fellowship with God.

No matter where you are in life, bestselling author Cynthia Heald will help you lay aside your self-sufficiency and embrace the woman God created you to be. As you grow to depend on the Lord, you'll learn the joys of giving God control, waiting on Him with contentment, and humbly trusting Him.

GROW Groups meet each week on Thursday mornings from 9:15 to 11 a.m.

Nursery is provided for children under three and a Little Lambs class is available for children age three to Kindergarten. Contact Carrie Hill with questions at **(616) 260-4282** or **carrieme2@gmail.com**.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Time: Wednesdays at 6:30 AM

Resumes: January 8, 2025

Study Material: Galatians: The Gospel of Free Grace
(Reformed Expository Bible Studies) by Jon Nielson

Location: Provisio Retirement Partners office (3790 30th St
SW, Grandville, MI 49418)



Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study

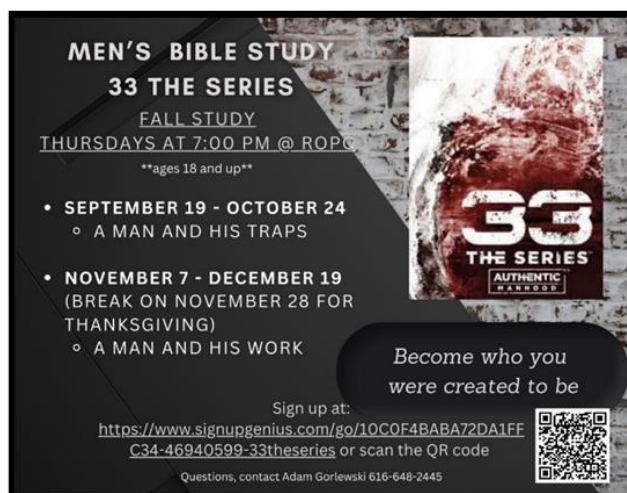
The men will be taking a Christmas break and returning to our study of Romans on January 9. It is not necessary that you have read or participated in the past, you all are welcome at any given time that works for your schedule. We meet every Thursday morning @ 6:30am, at the Gathering Place, a Restaurant at the corner of Thornapple River Rd se and Cascade Rd se. The restaurant has a breakfast special which helps to keep the cost low. We finish up at 7:30am to allow for job responsibilities.

We would enjoy your presence and fellowship. Please pray if God is calling you to attend.

If you have any questions, please call or text Steve Hill 616-286-2419 or shtroubleelectric@gmail.com.

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study

The Men's Thursday evening Bible study will be at 7:00 pm. Please see or text Adam Gorlewski for full details and to sign up – adamgorlewski33@gmail.com.



Announcements

The Lord's Supper

Will be celebrated during the morning worship service on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Prepare your hearts as we gather at the Lord's table. All items served are gluten free.

Redeemer Open House

The next Redeemer Open House will be on January 12, 2025, from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm at the home of Marty and Keri Huizinga. Visitors, new members, and guests are especially welcome and can sign up at any time as space permits. Current members are encouraged to sign up at least a week in advance. Sign up options will be sent out soon. Join us for a great time of fellowship and lunch!

Session Meeting

The Session is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

3rd Sunday Praise Service and Redeemer Food and Fellowship Dinner

The next Praise Service and Food and Fellowship Dinner will be on January 19, 2025. Married couples are asked to bring a main entrée and a side, others please bring a salad, side, or dessert.

If you are over 65 – bring whatever you want! Beverages will be provided.

Three Opportunities for Prayer

- 1.) Redeemer Church has Spurgeon's version of the boiler room prayer meeting in Pastor Jeff's office every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
- 2.) An Elder of Redeemer Church is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary near the ramp. Prayer requests could cover healing, wisdom, salvation for a dear friend or any situation or challenge that you need the Lord's help with. We are a praying church, and this is just one more way we can demonstrate our faith and reliance on our precious Lord. Any questions, please contact Kirk Harmon, harmonk3@comcast.net.
- 3.) Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. for the Winter Months. Please join us for prayer in the Conference Room Every Wednesday. You can also join by using the following ZOOM link: <https://tinyurl.com/ROPCPrayer>. If you have questions regarding the prayer meeting, feel free to contact Kirk Harmon at 616-897-0654 or harmonk3@comcast.net.

Women's Prayer Team

The Women's Prayer Team is available to pray with any woman at any time by request. We invite you to contact one of our members: Sharon Dykstra – Janet Schamp – Josi Stevens – Cobie Tenbrink



Redeemer Mission Focus



Frontline Street Ministry

As many of you know, we have been supporting Frontline Street Ministry as a mission's ministry team at Redeemer for over a year now. Frontline Street Ministry is led by Stephen Nylan of Grand Rapids, MI. Stephen is a husband, father to 4 daughters, veteran and full-time street preacher and Veterans Chaplain. He has been actively street preaching for the past 10 years. He preaches at multiple locations in the streets of Grand Rapids, including the Abortion Clinic, Events Downtown & join evangelistic ministries.

I recently received some very encouraging praises from Stephen. I thought it would gladden your hearts to hear them as well!

Stephen shares that the faithful Gospel work continues to bring hope and change to the Grand Rapids community! Partnering with OneLife4Life ministry, they have seen incredible results at the local abortion clinic, with over 100 babies being saved from death as mothers, moved by the preaching of the Word, chose life for their children. These decisions are a joyful reminder of the Gospel's power to bring light in moments of darkness.

During the summer and fall, Stephen and his team have witnessed several people come to faith in Christ. At the intersection of Burton and Eastern. The preaching of God's Word has led many to genuine repentance and new life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Additionally, the team is excited to see others stepping into Gospel ministry. Calvin, from Berlin Baptist in Marne, recently completed their Street Preachers Training Course. He's now sharing the Gospel in downtown Marne on Wednesday evenings.

As a year-round street ministry, they continue to share the Gospel no matter the weather or challenges. Please pray for strength and endurance for Stephen and his team during the colder, harder months. Thank you for praying and supporting Stephen and the whole team at Frontline Street Ministries. If you want to learn more about Frontline Street Ministry you can check out their plaque on our Missions Wall at church or visit the website at, frontlinestreetministry.com.



Congratulations, Nathan and Abby Wright!

October 19, 2024



SAVE THE DATE!!
REDEEMER OPC
"EVANGELISM FOR EVERYONE"

JANUARY 17 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

JANUARY 18 - 9:00 - NOON

JANUARY 19, MR. POWERS WRAPS UP THE WEEKEND AND
PREACH FOR US DURING THE AM SERVICE

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

**The Building Blocks or Key Dynamics for Effective Outreach
and Evangelism**

Laying the Foundation - The Gospel and Evangelism

Persevering Prayer

Cultivating Relationships



Ted Powers is the Director of the Midwest Alliance,
a presbyterian movement dedicated to planting
churches in 14 midwestern states.
He coaches church planters and pastors.

Ted grew up in Michigan and attended the University
of Michigan. He planted and pastored a church in
Chicago prior to coordinating church planting and
providing evangelism training.



**GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN
THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF
THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL
THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU.
AND BEHOLD,**

**I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END
OF THE AGE."**

Evangelism is just one
beggar telling another
beggar where to find bread.

R.C. Sproul

quodlibet

Kids 5 years old–5th Grade – Find a hiding New Year's Eve Ball and "2025" and complete the Scripture below to win a prize!

Girl's Club and Boy's Club



6:00 – 7:15 PM. Dates:

January 8 & 22

February 5 & 19

March 5 & 19

April 2 & 16

Girl's Club: Girl's Club: We are excited to be starting up another great year of Girl's Club! This year we will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit. Any young lady's 1st–5th grade are welcome to join and bring a friend! We would also love a couple more volunteers ages 16+ to join us! Contact Jessica Boluyt (idejonge35@yahoo.com) or Arielle Suwyn (ajsuwyn@gmail.com) with questions.

Boy's Club: We would love to have you join us! We know not everyone can attend every meeting, so feel free to come when able. If you are a dad, uncle, grandpa, etc., you are welcome to join, and we would encourage you to share your faith and passions with these young men. Contact: Marty Huizinga at martyhuiz@gmail.com.

Psalm 90:1

**Lord, you have been our dwelling _____
in all generations.**

**² Before the _____ were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the _____ and the
_____ from everlasting to everlasting you are
_____.**

Youth Group

*I Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth,
but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

Middle School Youth Group

JANUARY

JANUARY 18
CANNONBURG
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JANUARY 19
MEETING

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 2
MEETING

FEBRUARY 16
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Women's Prayer Team

2025 Contentment Prayer Challenge Growing in Contentment

Dear Redeemer Women,

Are there areas of your life you wish were different? Are you content with your marriage, or your singleness, or your weight, or your finances, or your job, or your family, or the car you are driving? We don't lack for temptations to be discontent. If you want to grow in contentment, this challenge is for you. But this is just a list of verses, you say. Yes, that's it. God's word. We invite you to read and meditate on one verse per day, and let it lead you in prayer. Praying God's word, applying it to our lives is always beneficial. Some verses may be a better personal fit than others, and that's okay. Overall, as we go through the four weeks, we will see how much God has to say about contentment. As John Piper has said, "God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him". We pray that this Prayer Challenge will help us all grow in contentment. If checking off the boxes on the cards promotes guilt or a feeling of performance, don't use it. Our goal is that you be encouraged to pray, not be burdened. However you use this, or how often, may it bring glory to God.

The Women's Prayer
Team

january 

Prayer Challenge Week 1

- ☐ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. **Philippians 4:11-13**
- ☐ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." **Hebrews 13:5**
- ☐ But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. **1 Timothy 6:6-8**
- ☐ The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm. **Proverbs 19:23**
- ☐ He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. **Ecclesiastes 5:10**
- ☐ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." **Luke 3:14**
- ☐ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. **Psalms 34:10**

Prayer Challenge Week 2

- ☐ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **1 Timothy 6:9**
- ☐ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. **Matthew 6:31-33**
- ☐ Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked. **Psalms 37:16**
- ☐ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. **1 Timothy 6:10**
- ☐ Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God. **Proverbs 30:8-9**
- ☐ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. **Psalms 23:1**
- ☐ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. **2 Corinthians 9:8**

Prayer Challenge Week 3

- ☐ A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot. **Proverbs 14:30**
- ☐ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **Matthew 6:19-21**
- ☐ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. **1 Timothy 6:17**
- ☐ And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. **Isaiah 58:11**
- ☐ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**
- ☐ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **Matthew 11:28-30**
- ☐ Also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man. **Ecclesiastes 3:13**

Prayer Challenge Week 4

- ☐ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. **Hebrews 10:34**
- ☐ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **Matthew 6:25**
- ☐ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:18-19**
- ☐ Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it. **Proverbs 15:16**
- ☐ ...casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. **1 Peter 5:7**
- ☐ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:6-7**
- ☐ Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. **Psalms 73:25-26**



embrace the season and

all things cozy

join us for a

winter tea

January 23, 2025 | 6:30-9:30pm

We all know the truth about January...we're tired from the holidays...it's endlessly long and... we are cold. Let's warm up together with a cozy themed women's tea. Bring your best soup or bread, your favorite blend of tea, and feel free to come in your coziest attire- **pajamas welcome.**

Sign up to host a table, contribute to the meal, or just come and enjoy!




food sign up



table sign up

HAVEN '25 CONFERENCE

WHAT'S NEXT? THE WAY FORWARD AFTER DISCLOSURE



Brad Hambrick
Pastor, Counselor, Editor of *Becoming a Church that Cares Well for the Abused*, and Author of *Making Sense of Forgiveness*



Darby Strickland
CCEF Faculty Member, Counselor and Author of *Is It Abuse?*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
7:00PM-10:00PM
Pastoral Response and Victim Care


SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
8:30AM-1:30PM
Exploring Repentance and Forgiveness

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED



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Life is like
a cup of tea-
to be filled to the brim

and enjoyed with friends.

-Peters-

REDEEMER WOMEN'S RETREAT



Women of Redeemer,
Join us, on the shores of Lake Michigan, for an opportunity to be filled by fellowship with one another, respite from the routine of life, and taking a deep dive into the word of God. Come and explore what it means to find **CONTENTMENT** with an inward assurance in God's sovereignty and goodness and be gifted the fruits of peace and thanksgiving in Him.

The Details:
Location: Maranatha Bible Camp - 4769 Lake Harbor Rd Norton Shores, Michigan 49441

Date: Friday and Saturday March 7th and 8th (Friday arrival time 4-6pm and Saturday depart time 3pm)

Pre-Retreat required introduction of study: Please plan to attend one of these viewings prior to the retreat for an introduction to the study.

Date options:
Tuesday February 18th 6:30-8pm - Greta Entingh's Home (900 Pine Valley Dr Se Ada, Michigan 49301)
Wednesday February 19th 6:30-8pm - Redeemer OPC
Thursday February 20th 6:30-8pm - Debby Clayton's Home (2055 Korben Woods Court NE Belmont, Michigan 49306)

Cost: \$150.00 (includes all meals and sleeping accommodations)
Discounted rates available in addition to the opportunity to bless other women in support of covering portions of their cost.

Men of redeemer, if you are looking for a good Christmas gift, this is it!

We look forward to a time of growing our faith and growing in love towards each other.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
NOVEMBER 17**

From the Session

Dear Redeemer Family,

The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 10, meeting at Redeemer OPC. We had the joy of beginning with new member interviews, it's wonderful to hear the way God's worked in the lives of His children.



We then heard a report on a Profession of Faith class planned for February. Chris and Tyler have put a lot of work into this important part of church life. If you haven't made public Profession of Faith and know Christ's work in and for you, we encourage you to attend this class.

The remainder of the time was taken up with updates from various committees, as well as discussion on managing our policies as well as identifying any gaps where we may need to write up a policy. After some fruitful discussions, we ended at 9:30, addressing everything in our docket.

Our attendance figures for December are below.

	AM	PM
November 03, 2024	NA	NA
November 10, 2024	367	181
November 17, 2024	396	170
November 24, 2024	338	173

On behalf of session,
Mark Jurries, clerk

Profession of Faith Class

(starting mid-January)

We are excited to offer a 5-session Profession of Faith Class for students who are ready to explore their faith in Christ and learn more about life in the church.

We'll cover:

- Christ and the Bible
- Repentance, Faith, and the Christian Life
- Church Life and Membership
- Sharing Christ with Others

This class is best suited for students who have shown an interest in faith and are ready to take the next step in understanding what it means to follow Christ. Parents, if your child has displayed the maturity and desire to learn more, we encourage you to consider this class for them.

Please note: participation in the class does not require commitment to church membership. It's simply an opportunity to grow, ask questions, and learn.

Please speak to elders Chris Thompson or Tyler VanRee if you're interested.

REDEEMER CHURCH – NEW MEMBERS

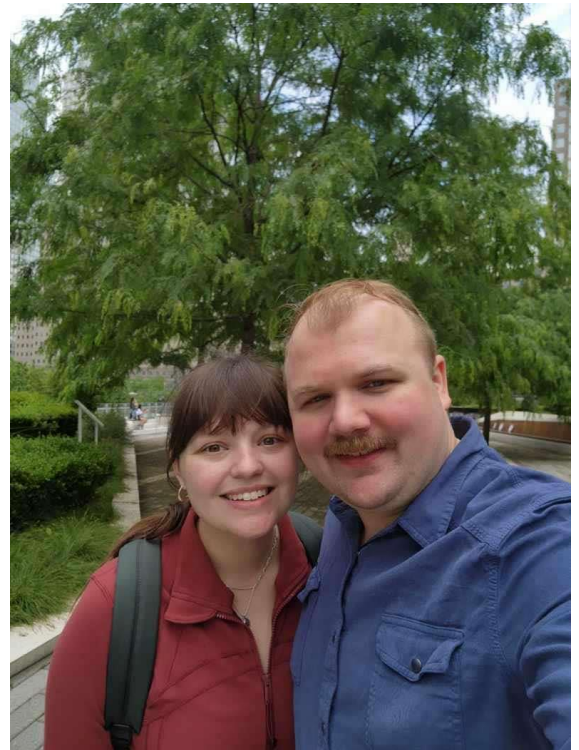
January 19, 2025



Jonathan Edward Quiñones Díaz: I was born and raised in Puerto Rico all my life from 1993 to 2021. I am a cook and have been working in restaurants for a couple of years. It has been a passion of mine to make good food for others. I have been raised under the reformed teachings of the Bible all my life. Unfortunately, I have gone astray many times in the past, but the Lord has always kept His hand on my life and now I feel closer to Him than ever before.

Nick Warren: I was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI. I spent 6 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves as a Religious Program Specialist. I met my wife, Carrie, dancing at the Gerald R Ford Museum. We have 2 cats at home.

Carrie Warren: I was born and still live in Rockford, MI. I manage my family's business, which specializes in selling pediatric therapy equipment. My journey with Christ began when my husband, Nick, and I got engaged. We wanted to grow in our faith and build a strong foundation together as a family. This commitment has shaped our lives and deepened our connection with each other and with God. I am happily married to Nick, and we share our home with our two cherished kitties, Iris and Luna.





Kurt Tornga: I was born in Grand Rapids Mi, where i attended Immanuel Reformed Church with my family . I met my spouse at 14 years old . We were married at 19 years old had 2 boys after 3 years of marriage, Corey and Shawn. I worked for 45 years as a GM auto technician. We attended Thornapple Reformed Church before Redeemer. We found Redeemer after friends invited us and enjoy our new friends and biblical preaching here.

Denise Tornga: I was born in Grand Rapids. When I was 9, I was sent to formal religious training to St Francis,as we attended public school. I met Kurt at Burton Jr High in 1972. We went to different high schools,but stayed together.We were married at Immanuel Reformed Church in 1976. We have 2 children, Corey and Shawn. I made profession of Faith in 1979. We moved to Ada in 1984. We started attending Thornapple Community RCA in the early 90's. We moved to Lowell in 2004. After a few years the distance to church,especially at night, for activities became an issue. We were invited to Redeemer and found a home here.

Phil VanDyke: I was born in West Michigan and grew up in the Protestant Reformed Church. I moved out when I was 19 and married my wife Katie in 2002. For a couple of years before marriage I was distant from the church but God in his grace and love kept tugging at my heart and led me to Rockford Springs where I and my wife started our membership with the OPC. We have 2 boys Parker and Jacob. We love being part of the OPC and decided to move to Redeemer so my boys as well as us could be apart of a church with young adults their age and more adults our age. We love attending and look forward to many years together.

Katie VanDyke: I was born in Grand Rapids, MI. I did not grow up attending church but had basic knowledge. It wasn't until I met my husband that I started attending church and growing in my faith. My husband and I were married in 2001 and began our family in 2002. We have two sons: Parker and Jacob. We have visited Redeemer on several occasions over the years but have recently

decided to transfer because of the opportunities for our sons to get involved with people their age.

Parker VanDyke: I was born in Rockford Michigan, then moved to Cedar Springs. I attended Cedar Springs High School and attended GRCC for a year. I work for a company called Superior Ground Cover as a semi-truck driver for them. I attended a church called Rockford Springs Community OPC all my life, was baptized and become a member there when I turned 18, but as the years went on the youth programs became smaller and smaller. I decided to try Redeemer and loved the amount of youth that attend and the opportunities that are available.



Welcome to Redeemer! We are so glad to worship with you!

Redeemer Food Pantry

Matthew 25:35-40

*35 For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me
40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*



In December, we were blessed to provide each family that attended the Redeemer Food Pantry Outreach a complete Christmas dinner, a box of homemade Christmas cookies, hats and gloves, and some extra items for the holidays in addition to the usual staple items. Attendees were especially thankful for the extra items and the personal attention given to make them feel loved and welcomed into our church. December is always a special month as we are able to give out these extra added blessings! The needs reflected in the people coming are often overwhelming and mounting monthly, bring a bit of added joy last month was wonderful. Bringing joy, practical assistance and prayer in their time of need is a beautiful expression of Christ's love! The Christmas season might be over but that doesn't mean the needs go away!

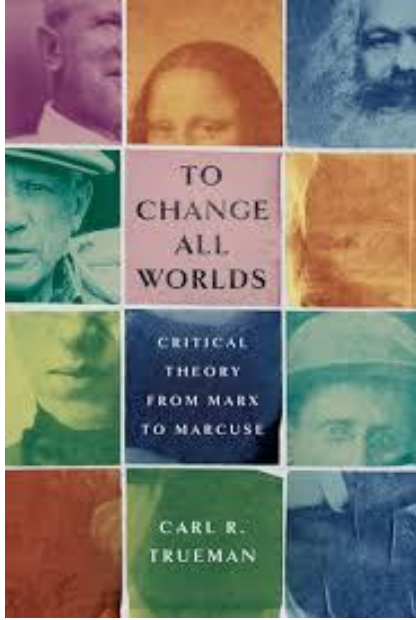
Please prayerfully consider how you can be considered how you can be part of meeting the ONGOING needs in our community. January's food focus is Pasta and Sauce of any kind. Perishable items like milk, eggs, fruit, vegetables, and cheese are also VERY welcome in the few days before the 11th of January. Please make sure perishable items are marked "food pantry" and placed in the fridge or freezer in the church kitchen. You can always check in with the Hill's as the 11th gets closer to find out what items are missing or most needed. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in serving! Thank you for enabling Redeemer to continue helping an even greater number of families with critical needs and giving to them in Jesus' name. Please consider dropping donations off at the Church THIS week or coordinating with the Hill's for pick-up or drop off of perishable items.

Helpers are also needed to serve from 9:00-11:30 Saturday January 11th to set up, serve, and clean up. You will surely be blessed by serving through this outreach in Jesus' name. Please call Steve Hill for more information. (616) 286-2419.



Redeemer Library

For January we have a number of new books. Instead of reviewing just one, we are listing several of them with clips from the reviews the publishers provided. There are a number of other new books, some of which will be in the next newsletter, or you can come to the library and see them for yourself.

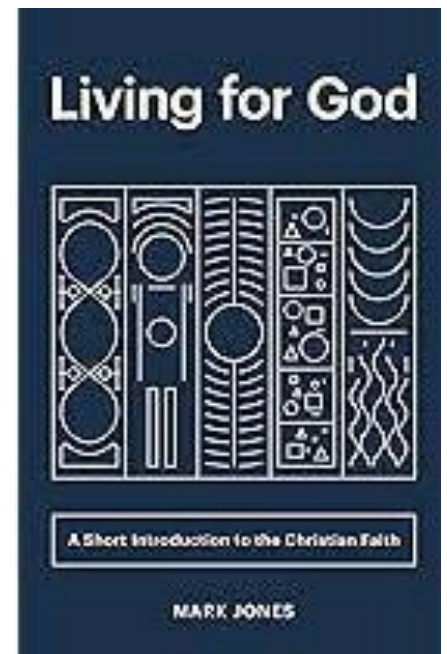


To Change All Worlds: Critical Theory from Marx to Marcuse, by Carl R. Trueman

"In this book, Trueman gives an accessible introduction to the history and development of Critical Theory. Quoting Faust, the book's repeated refrain is that Critical Theory is "the spirit that always negates." It negates traditional norms like family structures and identities because they're deemed oppressive. But it offers no alternative that can sustain a society. Trueman contrasts this lack of a positive agenda with a Christian vision centered on grace, forgiveness and the inherent dignity of every person." (Chris Watkins, The Gospel Coalition Book Reviews)

Living for God: A Short Introduction to the Christian Faith, by Mark Jones

"This book covers the essential truths of the Christian faith following the outline of the Apostles' Creed, while demonstrating how each of these foundational Christian doctrines is to be applied to the Christian life. Jones explains: "Our approach to the Christian life must be grounded in the conviction that sound doctrine and godly living go hand in hand, with the former providing the foundation for the latter." This is easily my new favorite concise and readable theology text." (Andy Schrieber, Schrieberspace Book Reviews)





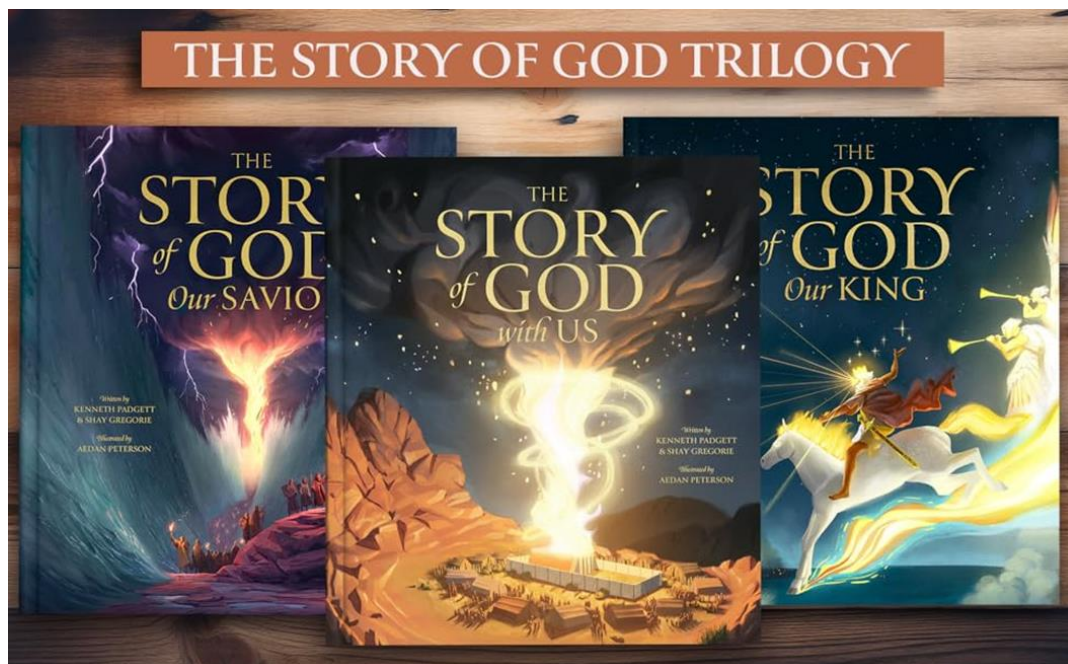
Making Good Return: Biblical Wisdom on Honoring Aging Parents,
by Kathleen B. Nielsen

"Not too long ago I expressed the need for books that would provide a distinctly Christian perspective on caring for aging parents. This is exactly the kind of book I was hoping to see. I don't think I am overstating the matter when I say that this has the potential to be one of the most important books you will read. It's a book that may shape years of your life and transform the way you carry out one of the key roles God assigns to you - caring for your parents as they age." (Tim Challies)

The Story of God With Us, and The Story of God Our King, by Kenneth Padgett and Shay Gregorie

"From the Story of God series, each of these beautifully illustrated books traces an important and foundational theological theme from Genesis to Revelation. God With Us follows the wonderful thread of God's presence, and his desire and determination to be with his people. God Our King covers the kingship of God, the royal nature of his people and his victory over the serpentine enemy."

(Christianbook.com)



Servant Schedule

I Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

¹² There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body...²⁷ You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

Preaching Schedule

January 5

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

January 12

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

January 19

AM: Rev. Ted Powers

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

January 26

AM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

PM: Rev. Jeff DeBoer

Mission Prayer Schedule

January 5

ICCD

Prayer Leader: Brian Bangma

January 12

Word and Deed

Prayer Leader: Jon Byker

January 19

OPC Worldwide Outreach

Prayer Leader: Jim Clayton

January 26

EXALTA Health

Prayer Leader: Shane Hansen

Greeter Schedule

January 5

AM: Ryan & Jessica Boluyt

PM: John Bont

January 12

AM: Tom & Mary Bont

PM: Teegan & Samantha Boyd

January 19

AM: Jeff & Rebecca Braam

PM: Duane & Beth Bras

January 26

AM: Jon & Joni Bras

PM: Jared & Kayli Bredeweg

January:

Elder On Call

Dave Schaafsma

Deacon of the Month

Paul Dykema

Tim Wright



Happy Birthday to You!!

Lillian	Blok	January 02
Micah	Garza	January 02
Mark	Jurries II	January 03
Ashley	Amtsbuechler	January 05
Ronald	Streekstra	January 05
Cindy	Roodvoets	January 06
Andrew	Baker	January 07
Jobi	Hasse	January 10
Noah	Zaagman	January 10
Sharon	Dykstra	January 11
Henry	Wright	January 12
Moriah	De Boer	January 14
Laurel	DeLange	January 15
Amy	Bol	January 17
Carol	Chupp	January 18
Stephen	Gaebler	January 18
Brianna	Noorman	January 19
Jeffrey	Hasse	January 21
Keri	Huizinga	January 21
Heidi	Kaeb	January 21
Cameron	Timmer	January 21
Ava	Ford	January 23
Duane	Torrence	January 24
Jack	OBrock	January 30
Payton	Bras	January 31
Milo	Kaeb	January 31

