# **Sunday Worship Services at 9am**

In-Person in the Sanctuary, Live Online (YouTube, Facebook, reedleymbc.org) On Demand after 1pm on Monday

### **Children's Church**

Ages 3 through Kindergarten

&

# **Kingdom Kids**

1st Grade - 3rd Grade

Fellowship on the Green at 10:20am

Adult and Children's Classes at 10:40am

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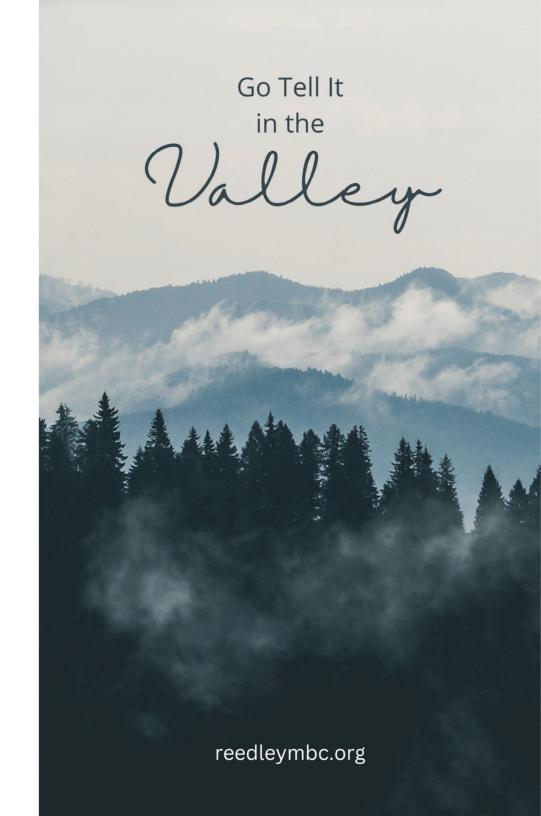
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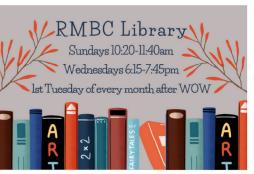














For more details on these or additional RMBC Ministries: check the App, Website, or contact the church office at (559) 638-8123. Further details can also be found in today's Journal















#### **2024 MISSION TRIPS**

- MEXICO-JANUARY
- · UTAH-JUNE
- · LITHUANIA-JULY/AUGUST
- · THAILAND-SUMMER
- PERU-SUMMER
- · INDIA-SUMMER

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION









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#### Welcome

Welcome to Reedley MB. We're pleased to have you the living God in this place **GLORIFY GROW** equipped disciples of Jesus Christ, and **GO** proclaiming His gospel to all. If you have questions, please check our app, scan the digital QR code on the back of the Bulletin, or stop by The Welcome Center on our main lawn.

# Upcoming Events

We have lots of upcoming events! Don't miss out: check the RMBC Website and App, or the Info Phone Line at 559-354-6672.

# Contact Details

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# RMBC JOURNAL

#### REEDLEY MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

#### WORSHIP TODAY

#### Sunday - September 17, 2023

Today Pastor Jeff will share four reasons why some "Christians" do not evangelize. Our scripture will be from John 3 & Ephesians 4:1-16 and various other scripture.

If you are visiting with us today, we encourage you to download our app (search: Reedleymbc), visit our website (Reedleymbc.org), or visit our Welcome Center where you can get more information and a gift.

#### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Missionary of the Week - Multiply's Lithuania Team pastoring in Vilnius. Gediminas Dailyde is a pastor at the 180 degree Church and Arturas Rulinskas is a pastor with the Free Christian Church. The two pastors have led the family camps for the 2023 summer season. The goals of the camps are to introduce the children to the stories from the Bible, share the Christian values to all the participants, and provide fellowship through sports, music, games, and arts and crafts activities. RMBC was able to send four volunteers to help with the camps. Gediminas and Arturas thank you for your prayers and support for the very successful summer camps. Let us pray for new opportunities to minister to people who are searching for God and meaning for their lives. Pray for the discipleship and spiritual growth of believers.

**Child Evangelism Fellowship -** There are many children in the Central Valley who have not heard about the Lord Jesus. We need Christ Followers to help reach these children through the *Good News Club* at elementary schools throughout Fresno, Madera, Tulare, and Kings Counties. Please prayerfully consider reaching children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Log on to to: cefnorcal.org/cvs (Central Valley South) and become a volunteer. Contact Isolde Graumann or call the church office for more information.

**RMBC Needs You!** We are growing and with that we need additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping in one of the many areas of ministry RMBC has to offer. Please call the church office at 559-638-8123 to see where you can serve.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Palm Village Retirement Community** residents invite you to their first Big Yard Sale on Saturday, September 23, from 8am-2pm at 703 W. Herbert Avenue in the front entrance area. Look for the yard sale signs. Come and support the residents raise funds for their "Project Fund."

The famous "Men's Breakfast" is coming up on Saturday, September 23rd! We have some exciting news to share with you! Coffee will be ready at 7:30 am with an official start at 8am. Remember all men are invited! You don't have to be attending the Forged group in order to join us! This is a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, family member, non-RMBC attender, or co-worker. If you have any questions contact Pastor Mike.

#### STEWARDSHIP

Morning Worship - Sept. 10 657 Annual Goal \$2,003,870 Received to Date (3%) \$65.229

## GIVING @ RMBC

- Text reedleymbc to 1-888-364-4483
- reedleymbc.org > Give U S Postal Service
- RMBC App > Giving

• Office,M-F,8:30-5pm

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Peace University begins October 15th! If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join the Financial Peace University class starting on Sunday, October 15, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit https://www.fpu.com/671EEC to sign up! Contact charlie@reedleymbc.org for details.

**Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** season is coming up quickly. RMBC is seeking help in this year's OCC distribution, items to fill the boxes, and collection. If you wish to help in this ministry please contact Jeff Crass at <u>jeffcrass.occ@gmail.com</u>

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals are back! Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 - 6:10pm. Advance reservation required. Sign up by 11am on Monday for that Wednesday's meal on the app or website, see Sheila on Sunday mornings, or email sheila@reedleymbc.org. Pay by cash or check at the door. Cost \$6 for featured meal, \$4 for kid's meal, or \$25 per household. Sign up by noon Monday, September 18th, for the September 20th meal. Featured Meal: Party Chicken, Pilaf, Green Beans, and Candy Bar Cookie. Kids Option: Cheese Quesadilla, Applesauce, and Candy Bar Cookie.

#### STUDENT MINISTRY

**High School Wednesday Nights** are back on the RMBC campus studying from the book of Genesis, 6:30 - 8pm, in the Student Center. Invite your friends!

**Junior High -** is back on campus, Wednesdays, from 6:30-8pm. Invite your friends!

Contact richie@reedleymbc.org for more information on Student Ministry.

#### COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**Sunday School** - Sunday School continues every week, so we encourage all of you RMBC attenders to come to Sunday School. Pastor Jeff will be back in the pulpit this week and we will be discussing his sermon and going a little deeper during Sunday School for the next few weeks. Meet in the Student Center, SC 202, at 10:40am.

**Sunday Nights** - If you haven't done Sunday Nights with us in the past, we encourage you to join us Sunday nights and give us a try. In fact, give us several tries! Whether you are an RMBC attender or not, we would love to have you join us for dinner, fellowship, maybe some games, and always a Bible study or lesson. Sunday Nights during the school year have a different vibe than our Tuesday Nights do - so give it a shot and come spend a Sunday evening with us.

Contact Anthony or Todd at rmbccollegecareer@gmail.com for more information on College & Young Adult Ministry.

#### ADULT MINISTRY

#### MEN'S MINISTRY:

Forged Men's Bible Study: Takes a break but will resume in the

Cross Trainers Basketball: Wednesdays at 7pm, Immanuel

Men's Bible Study Group: Thursdays at noon in the Cafe.

Pickleball: Thursdays at 7pm, at the RMBC Court

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

**W.O.W. Women of the Word -** W.O.W. is a community Bible Study, so invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to join in a study by Melissa Spoelstra, *The Names of God - His Character Revealed* Tuesdays in the Student Center from 9-11am.

M.O.M.S. Bible Study - M.O.M.S. continues Thursday, September 21st, 9-11am, Room SC 200 upstairs in the Student Center. Join our study of "Amos~An Invitation to the GOOD Life," a Video-based study by Jennifer Rothschild. Childcare is available at 8:45am in the Nursery only for children up to age 5 (Kindergarten.)

Christian Camp Women's Retreat at Hume Lake - (two dates) September 22-24 or September 29-October 1. Get details and register at hume.org/lake/women.

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study continues their study in the books of 1 & 2 Peter to discover "Living Hope in a Hard World" by Lydia Brownback. Call or text Juli Hofer at 559-281-4515 if you will be joining us and to reserve your book.

Contact mike@reedleymbc.org for more information on Adult Ministry.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School for All Ages:** 2 years old through 4th grade are in the Children's Center and 5th & 6th graders are in the Student Center SC207.

**Nursery (birth through Age 2)** is available in the Children's Center. There is also a parent room in the foyer of the sanctuary where the service is live streamed each Sunday. It is next to the Women's Restroom.

Children's Church (Age 3 through Kindergarten) Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the morning worship service. Children's Church is located in the Tree Top Room in the Children's Center. Children will be taken directly to Sunday School after Children's Church.

Kingdom Kids (1st - 3rd grade) Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the morning worship service. Kingdom Kids is located in the Vineyard room in the Children's Center. Children will be taken directly to Sunday School after Kingdom Kids.

Contact tanya@reedleymbc.org for more information on Children's Ministry.

John 3 (pg. 887) & Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg. 977)

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Reason #1:		•
	(John 3:1-21)	
Reason #2:	(John 14:6)	
Reason #3:	(Acts 1:8 and Acts 4:31)	
Reason #4:	(Ephesians 4)	

#### Other scripture verses:

- Matthew 7:22-23
- Isaiah 43:11
- John 14:6
- Acts 4:12
- 1 Timothy 2:5
- Matthew 8:12
- Matthew 25:41
- Luke 16:23
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9
- 1 Corinthians 7:29
- Luke 11:13
- 1 Peter 3:15

DATE: September 17, 2023

MEETING: RMBC Sunday School Equipping Class in the Fellowship Hall "Four reasons why some "Christians" don't evangelize" John 3 MESSAGE:

Time	Activity	Sample Sunday School Class
10:40-11:00	<b>Body Life Prayer Time</b>	-Show Video
11:00-11:30	<b>Small Group Discussion</b>	-Scripture
11:30-11:40	<b>Large Group Discussion</b>	-Share
11:40	End Sunday School Class	-Supplication

\*\*\*Please text Sunday School Attendance to Pastor Mike Schellenberg - (559)-393-3000 "Four Reasons why some "Christians" don't evangelize" 9/17/23.

John 3 (pg. 887) & Ephesians 4:1-16 (pg. 977)

Pastor Jeff Wheeland

- Start right on time at 10:40 AM
- Read John 3:1-21 and Ephesians 4:1-16
- Prayer time: Go around to each group member and ask how you can pray for them.
- Ice Breaker Question #1: Fall starts on September 21, 2023. What is your favorite season of the year? Why? Please share.
- Ice Breaker Question #2: Jeff shared about a Christian man riding the bus to work. Did d

	you grow up riding the bus to school? Do you have any interesting "bus stories" or "					
	ip stories" you would like to share? Please share.					
-	ce Breaker Question #3: What do you think are some reasons why some "Christians"					
	on't evangelize?					
Some '	Christians" don't evangelize because they are NOT					
Reason	t1: <u>Converted</u> (John 3:1-21)					
-	licodemus was religious and knew about God, but he didn't know God. Jeff shared					
	ifferent examples of people who knew about God but didn't know God. Do you have					
	xamples you would like to share of people who knew about Jesus but didn't know					
	esus?					
Reason	2: <u>Convinced</u> .(John 14:6)					
-	ome "Christians" are not convinced that Jesus is the only way of Salvation. What would					
	ou say to them?					
_	ome "Christians" don't believe that a loving God would allow anyone to spend eternity					
	the fire of hell. What would you say to them?					
_	tactic of the devil is to try to convince people that they have a lot of time to make a					
	ecision for Christ. What are some other tactics the devil uses to keep unbelievers from					
	ecoming Christians? What are some tactics Satan uses to keep Christians from					
	vitnessing?					

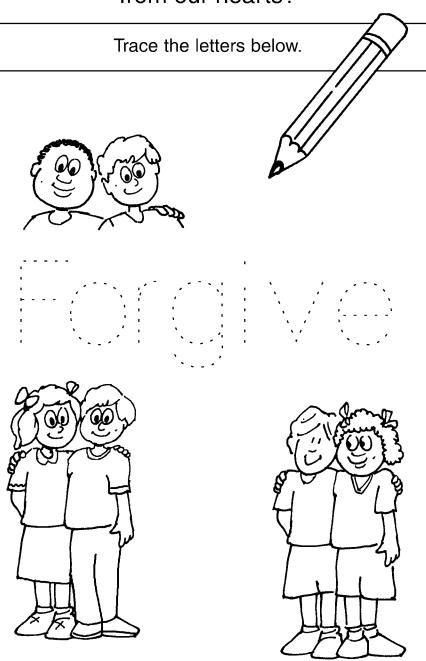
Reason #3: **Empowered** (Acts 1:8 and Acts 4:31)

We need the power of the Holy Spirit to evangelize. How do we as Christians get filled with the Holy Spirit?

Reason #4: Equipped (Ephesians 4)

Were you equipped to evangelize growing up as a child or teenager? Later in life, were you equipped to evangelize? If so, was there a method you were trained in to witness? What have you found to be effective in witnessing? Hard stop ending at 11:40 AM.

# What does God want us to do from our hearts?



Ages 3+

September 17, 2023 • Matthew 18:21-35

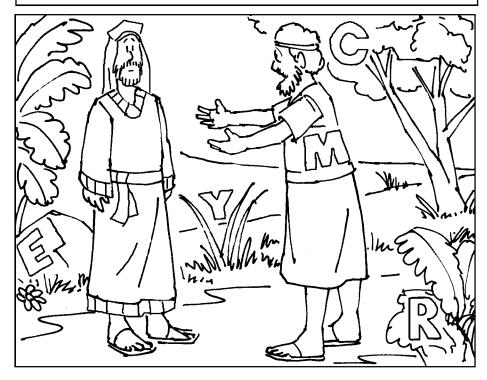
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

A servant owed his master more money than he had. He begged for mercy and it was granted to him.

Circle these letters in the picture.

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# But that servant was then unforgiving to one who owed him money.

Circle

6 differences in the second picture.





# The master told him, "You should have mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you."

Match the shapes below.

