

## REEDLEY MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

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SCAN TO CONNECT WITH US ON  
OUR DIGITAL FRIENDSHIP FORM  
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



### 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

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### Kingdom Kids

1st Grade - 2nd Grade

Fellowship on the Green at 10:20am

Adult and Children's Classes at 10:40am



*The Perk Cafe*  
*Order online and skip*  
*the line! (Sundays only)*



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Tami Hawkins, Director of Children's Ministry  
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# HAPPY

# Mother's Day



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**HAPPY**  
*Mothers Day*

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.  
Isaiah 66:13 NIV

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Women's Ministry has a gift for all mothers available at the doors

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

**JUNE 15-19**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**




VBS 2026  
Save the Date  
June 15-19

**EMERALD CROSSING**  
An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23




*Equipping Class*

Sundays [10:40am]  
Across the Green in the Fellowship Hall

NEVER ALONE

*Widows Spring Dinner*

MAY 13 @ 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall



**SUMMER CAMPS**  
ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!

Hartland Jr High & High School  
June 25-29



**2025-26 MISSION TRIPS**

- Lakeview Church Utah, July 5-13, 2026
- Lithuania, Summer 2026
- SOAR Central Valley, Summer 2026
- Thailand, Various Trips and Dates
- Nepal and Peru, To be Determined

Contact the Mission Team or Church Office for details

Sunday May 17th  
*Prayer & Fasting*

**12-1PM**  
In the Sanctuary



**FRESH START RIVER RAFTING ADVENTURE**

**MAY 22-25**

(See details in the Journal)




**LEADERSHIP CONNECTION FORM**

Leadership is eager to listen  
Share thoughts or questions by scanning this code




**FORGED**  
MENS GROUP  
MONDAYS  
7-8PM  
STUDENT CENTER



2025-2026  
*Graduate*  
RECOGNITION SUNDAY  
**MAY 31ST**



**Taste of Thai**  
MISSIONS DINNER FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY MAY 31ST**  
**6-8:30PM**

\$40 Per Person




**the Perk Cafe**

SKIP THE LINE ORDER ONLINE!

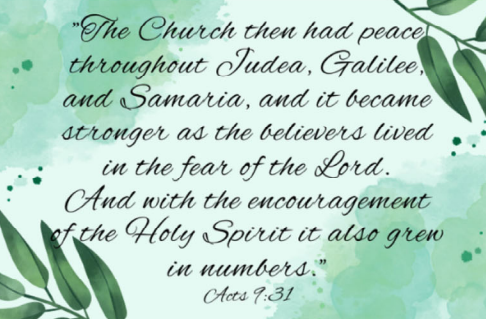
STUDENT CENTER

**SUNDAY 10:20-11AM**




*"The Church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit it also grew in numbers."*

Acts 9:31





# JOURNAL

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## WORSHIP TODAY

**Sunday - Mothers Day - May 10, 2026**

Motherhood is filled with both joy and challenges. As we celebrate Mother's Day today, it's important to face these challenges with strength. Whether managing daily struggles, balancing work and family, or handling unique issues, guidance can be crucial. For wisdom, Scripture offers comfort. The Book of Ruth provides insights into resilience and community support. Ruth's commitment to her family, despite hardships, inspires mothers everywhere. Her story reminds us that hope and strength can be found even in adversity.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Our Missionary of the Week is Carmen Owen. Carmen shares the following. "Praise God for the growth of His church in Chiang Mai, Thailand, through Siriwan, Wichian, and the Naomi House community. I am grateful for your prayers during my visit in January. While I was there, the Thailand Friends of Naomi House Foundation was officially established after over a year of anticipation, and we were able to make a down payment on the land we have been praying for. We also celebrated providing Bibles for every child and many of the men attending church—so many came that we quickly ran out! Over 100 people registered for the Naomi House Family Camp in March. God is indeed at work, and we give Him all the glory. Please pray as I help lead a Multiply ACTION team of 14 to Thailand in June, that God would be glorified and hearts would be inspired to follow Jesus boldly. Thank you, Reedley MB family, for your steadfast prayers and partnership.

## Join Us for the Taste of Thai Dinner!

- Date: May 31st
- Time: 6 - 8:30 PM
- Cost: \$40 per person

Savor Thai flavors while supporting our church's mission in Thailand. Hear inspiring stories about God's work there. Enjoy a steak dinner with Thai appetizers. Proceeds support the Thailand Mission Team in July. Seating is first-come, first-served; tables seat eight. Arrive together to sit with your group. Don't miss this chance to experience Thailand for Jesus! Claim your ticket today! Sign up through the church events section on the Reedley MB Website or App.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for the **family of Gayle McCutchen** who went home to be with the Lord on April 1st. Pray especially for her children: Mike, Mark, and Patty during this difficult time. The memorial service will be at Sierra View - Kings Canyon Room, on Friday, May 15th, at 1pm.

## STEWARDSHIP

Morning Worship: 5/03/26	540
Morning Worship: 4/26/26	717
Annual Goal	\$2,208,364
Giving YTD (68%)	\$1,494,575
Giving Ahead of Budget	\$8,176

## 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

## Welcome

Welcome to Reedley MB. We're pleased to have you join us today for our worship service. It's our prayer that you will meet the living God in this place as we hear from the Word of God. We are here to **GLORIFY** God, **GROW** together as equipped disciples of Jesus Christ, and **GO** proclaim His gospel to all. If you have questions, please ask, check our app, scan the digital QR code on the back of the Bulletin, or stop by the Welcome counter in the main foyer of the sanctuary.

## The Perk Cafe

Sunday, 10:20-11am  
Invite a friend to join you for a specialty coffee/drink in the Student Center at The Perk! Skip the Line and order online by 9:30AM.



## Upcoming Events

We have lots of upcoming events! Don't miss out: check [reedleymbc.org](http://reedleymbc.org) or the Info Phone Line at 559-354-6672.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The sanctuary remodel** is coming along very well. We are still on schedule to begin the work on June 14, and the project remains under budget. Window installation is expected to begin within the next couple of weeks. It appears we will need to be out of the sanctuary for at least 12 weeks while the remodel is being completed. During the remodel, Sunday worship services will be held in SC100 and broadcast to the Fellowship Hall for overflow seating. While this will be a change for our church family, our prayer is that God will use this time to strengthen our unity and help us continue to worship together faithfully in a more intimate setting. We still need help with disassembling the pews. There are also simple but important tasks available, such as cleaning out the basement and assisting with other preparation work. If you are willing to help, please contact Jerin Kliewer by text at (559) 360-5961 or by email at [JerinKliewer@gmail.com](mailto:JerinKliewer@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and willingness to serve as we move forward together.

**Sunday Setlist** - If you're looking to get more familiar with the songs we sing each week, you can access them through the RMBC app. Once on the app, click the button called "Sermon, Study Guide & Bulletin." Next, click on "Sunday Setlist." If you have a Spotify account, you are ready to listen. If not, you can follow the prompts to set up a free account.

**Leadership Connection Form** - Our church leadership is eager to listen. Please share any thoughts or questions you may have by scanning the QR code or by filling out the Connection Card.



**Bilingual Sunday Spanish Class:** meets in EC 217, 10:40am, led by Pastor Pablo Castillo.

## COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT

**Sunday School** will meet in the Student Center, SC 202 at 10:40am.

**Sunday Night - No Sunday Night due to Mother's Day.**

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Junior High Sunday School** - All 7th & 8th grade students are welcome to participate in a class led by Vince Balakian. The group goes through the Old Testament and has a passion for missions. The class meets in SC 200 at 10:40am.

**Junior High Wednesday** - Please contact JH Team Leader, Jake Balakian, 559-305-4200 to receive weekly updates through text messages (GroupMe).

**Senior High Sunday School** - All High School Students are welcome to join Pastor Andrew (and other leaders) as we journey through all of the Bible, for all of life.

**Senior High Wednesday** - Please contact Youth Pastor, Andrew Edmonds, at 559-672-8075 to receive weekly updates through text messages (GroupMe).

Contact [andrew.edmonds@reedleymbc.org](mailto:andrew.edmonds@reedleymbc.org) for more information.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Never Alone Widow's Ministry** invites all widows to a dinner on Wednesday, May 13th, 5:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a delicious meal, beautifully decorated tables, a guest speaker, special music, and great fellowship! Invite another widow to join you!

**Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study** meets upstairs in the Student Center, Room SC 206, from 6:30-8pm. This week we will wrap up our study called, "I Am: Seven Powerful Claims of Jesus." Contact Juli Hofer (559-281-4515) for more information.

**Bible Recap** is a small group of ladies that meet weekly in a home to read and discuss the Bible together. Contact Tonya Goertzen at 559-859-5138 for time and location.

**WOW Bible Study and our MOMS** ministries have concluded for this year and will be resuming in the Fall.

Contact [michelle.hiett@reedleymbc.org](mailto:michelle.hiett@reedleymbc.org) for more information.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Forged Men's Group:** meets Monday nights at 7pm in the Student Center.

**Cross Trainers Basketball:** Wednesday nights, 7pm, at Immanuel.

**Pickleball:** Thursdays at 7pm, at the RMBC Court.

Contact [mike@reedleymbc.org](mailto:mike@reedleymbc.org) for more information.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS 2026 Registration is Now Open!**

Register your kids today on the App or Website and get ready for the highlight of your summer!

**VBS 2026 Volunteers Needed!** VBS is just around the corner and we need YOU to make it unforgettable. Sign up now on our app or website to volunteer. Don't miss out on the excitement - be a part of the most thrilling week of the year!

**Sunday School** - Join us for a morning of learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We look forward to seeing you! Children's Center: Ages 3 & 4 in the Mountain Top Room, PreK-K: River Room, Grades 1st & 2nd: Garden Room, Grades 3rd & 4th: Vineyard Room, Student Center: Grades 5th & 6th upstairs in SC 208.

**Nursery (birth through Age 2):** Children's Center, as well as a parent room in the foyer of the sanctuary, next to the Women's Restroom.

**Children's Church (Age 3 through Kindergarten):** Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the worship service. Children's Church is in the Tree Top Room in the Children's Center.

**Kingdom Kids (1st - 2nd grade):** Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the worship service. Kingdom Kids is in the Vineyard room in the Children's Center.

Contact [tami.hawkins@reedleymbc.org](mailto:tami.hawkins@reedleymbc.org) for more information.

Mother's Day 2026: Are you facing difficult times as a mother?

Ruth (page 22)

Pastor Jeff Wheeland

May 10, 2026

Blessing #1: During difficult times we can experience God's...\_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 1:1-18)

Blessing #2: During difficult times we can experience God's...\_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 2:1-4)

Blessing #3: During difficult times we can experience God's...\_\_\_\_\_ (Ruth 4:13-22)

Other scriptures:

- Philippians 4:19
- Genesis 19
- Genesis 38
- Micah 5:2
- Deuteronomy 25
- Leviticus 25
- Genesis 38
- Matthew 1
- Luke 1

**“A teacher’s retirement is like the final chapter of a great book—it starts with **Chapter One** and is filled with 25 years of memories & great stories to tell”**

Dear Chapter One Families,

After much prayer and reflection, I am writing to share that I will be retiring from my role as Director at the end of this school year this May. It is hard to put into words what these past 25 years have meant to me, but I do know this: it has been the privilege of a lifetime to be part of your lives and the lives of your precious children.

Serving in this ministry has been so much more than a job—it has been a calling. Each day, I have been blessed to witness the joy, curiosity, and growth of the children entrusted to our care. From first days filled with tears to confident smiles at graduation, every moment has been a reminder of God’s faithfulness and love. I have truly cherished the opportunity to love, guide, and pray over your children as they took their first steps in learning and in their faith.

Working alongside your families and serving the Lord through this preschool has brought me immense joy. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children’s early years and for trusting me with something so precious. The relationships formed here will always hold a special place in my heart.

I am also pleased to share that Ms. Tanya Jones will be stepping into the role of Director beginning in June. She has a heart for children and for the Lord, and I am confident she will do a wonderful job leading this ministry forward. I believe the transition will be seamless, and the preschool will continue to thrive under her care.

While it is bittersweet to say goodbye, I leave with a heart full of gratitude and peace, knowing that God will continue His good work here. Thank you again for 25 incredible years of memories, laughter, and love.

With heartfelt appreciation and blessings,

Ms. Cindy Severns