

## 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](http://reedleymbc.org))

On Demand after 1pm on Monday

### Children's Church

Ages 3 through Kindergarten

&

### Kingdom Kids

1st Grade - 4th Grade

**Fellowship on the Green at 10:20am**

**Adult and Children's Classes at 10:40am**



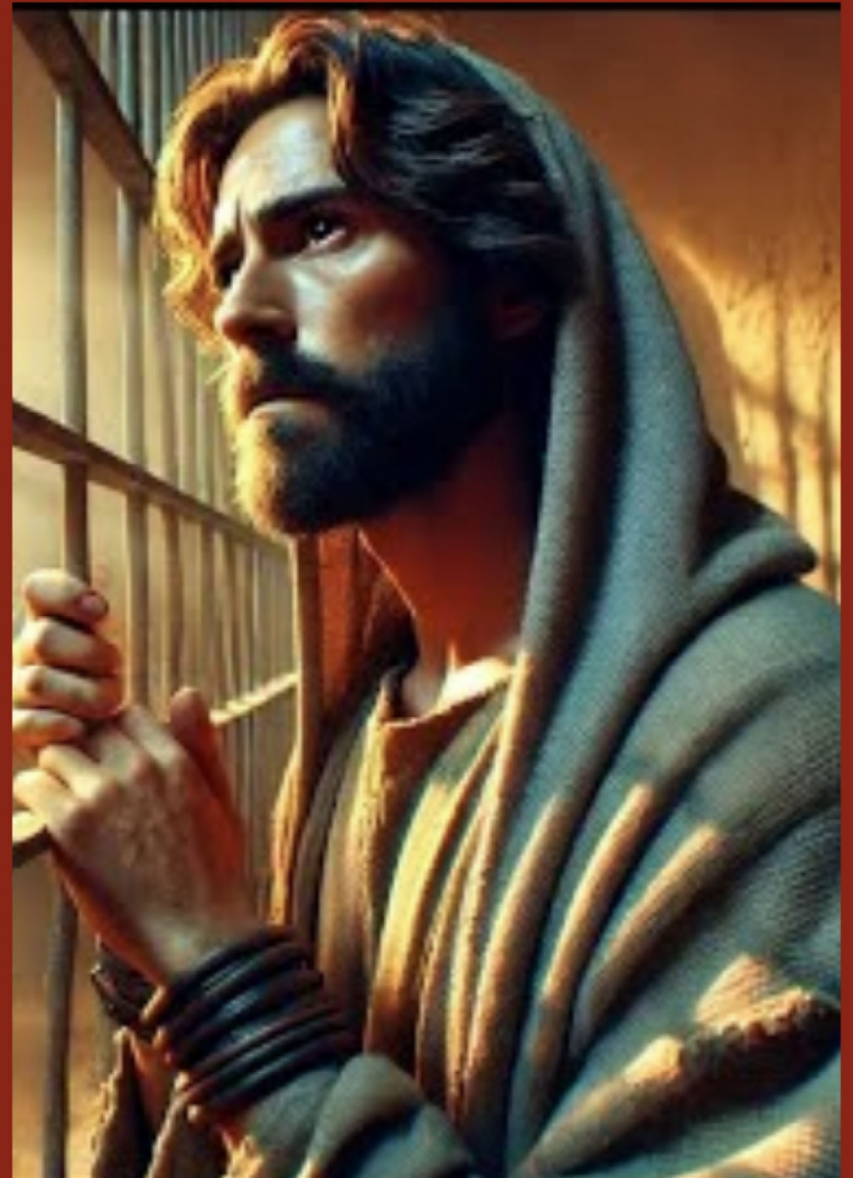
**The Perk Cafe**  
Order online and skip  
the line! (Sundays only)



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# GENESIS 41





**the Perk Cafe**

SKIP THE LINE  
ORDER ONLINE!



STUDENT CENTER

**SUNDAY**  
**10:20-11AM**

**JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT MINISTRIES**

Parent Information Lunch

**TODAY SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 12:15 PM**  
**Student Center**

Join us for a pizza lunch  
& to discuss future plans

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**JOY RESPITE EVENT**

SATURDAY  
Sept 27th  
9am - 3pm

Sign up online

**REEDLEYMB**

ALL CHURCH  
**PRAYER**  
& Fasting

**SEPT 28TH**  
**12-1PM**



**HEAVEN**  
BY JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

**WOW**  
Women of the Word

**Tuesdays**  
**9-11AM**

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

*Fellowship & Meals*

Sept 10th

SCAN ME



5:30 to  
6:15PM

Prepayment Required

Fall Business  
Meeting

SEPT 28TH  
@ 4PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**MISSION TEAM**

*Rally*



**OCT 19<sup>TH</sup> | STUDENT CENTER | 6:30PM**

Mission team reports & presentation of future trips

Ladies You're Invited to a

*Tropical Dinner*

Testimony & Worship Night

**THURSDAY**  
**SEPT 11 @ 6PM**

Fellowship Hall

michelle.hiett@reedleymbc.org

**TITUS**

A 4-week Elective  
Class beginning  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

10:40-11:40am

EC 204

CHILDREN'S

**SUNDAY**

SCHOOL

Every Sunday  
10:40 - 11:40am

*Equipping  
Class*

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



**FORGED MEN'S GROUP KICKOFF**  
WITH DINNER & A MOVIE



*The Forge Movie*

**MONDAY 6PM SEPT 15**

**WORSHIP MINISTRY FAIR**

In the Sanctuary

**THURS SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup> 6:30PM**

Details in the Journal

**FREE!**

**YKids**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:30-8PM**

**MOMS**

MAKING OUR MOTHERING SIGNIFICANT

Bible Study & Fellowship

**THURSDAYS**  
**9-11am**

free childcare provided




Student Center

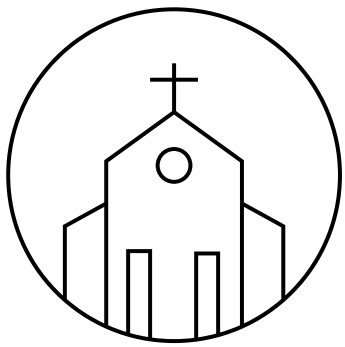


Education Center (above office)



Fellowship Hall





# JOURNAL

REEDLEY MB CHURCH | 1362 L Street | Reedley CA 93654

## WORSHIP TODAY

**Sunday - September 7, 2025**

Today we continue our series, Joseph: Dream BIG for God! We will be looking at "Prerequisites for Promotion" as we study Genesis 41 with Pastor Jeff.

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 Counter in the main foyer of the Sanctuary for more information and a gift.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Our Missionary of the Week is **Tomas and Melody Vidal**, serving at the **Matthew Training Center in Guadalajara, Mexico**. Tomas and Melody give leadership to the team with the focus of making disciples and training leaders. Matthew Training Center currently has 10 Latino young adults in the Hadime program that are being trained and equipped through classroom teaching, practical service, and experience with indigenous people groups. When the 6 month program is over, these students will be prepared to serve God in churches, as missionaries, and in cross-cultural ministries. The Matthew Training Center team also leads spiritual retreats for pastors, workers, and church leaders for the purpose of drawing them closer to God. Please pray for Tomas and Melody as they lead all the activities at Matthew Training Center. Pray that the lives of the Hadime students will be deeply formed and rooted in Jesus and that each one will encounter the Lord in a special and much needed way. Some need to know Jesus personally and experience a growing relationship with him, some need restored family relationships, some need healing from deep wounds, and some need direction.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Vernon and Joella Reimer** on their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which was September 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are celebrating this weekend with family.

**Worship Ministry Fair Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>** - Have you ever thought about joining the choir, singing or playing in the band, or being involved on a Production team? Join Raymy and others from our Sunday morning teams as they discuss opportunities to get involved in these vital ministries. Dessert provided, choir practice to follow at 7:30pm.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals continue!** September 10th, 5:30-6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Advance reservation and prepayment required.** Please sign up and pay online by 5pm each Sunday for the following Wednesday Night Meal. Cost of the featured meal is \$8 each or \$6 each for a smaller portion. Featured Meal: Lewis' (Nora) Legendary Chicken Alfredo Pasta (pasta covered in "made-from-scratch" alfredo sauce) steamed broccoli, chopped house salad, garlic bread, and a delicious dessert.

## STEWARDSHIP

Morning Worship: 8/31/25	515
Annual Goal	2,191,246
Giving YTD (99%)	2,159,036
Missed Goal by	-32,210

## GIVING @ RMBC

- Text reedleymbc to 1-888-364-4483
- reedleymbc.org > Give
- RMBC App > Giving
- U S Postal Service
- 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 the RMBC Website and App, or the Info Phone Line at 559-354-6672.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JOY Respite Volunteers Needed!** Saturday, September 27, Breakfast and orientation meeting at 9am. Come be a blessing to families and individuals affected by disability. All ages and abilities are welcome. Sign up online!

**JOY Disability Ministry Respite Event** - Saturday, September 27, from 10am-3pm, serving all families/individuals affected by disability. Parents/Caregivers get a break while volunteers care for our friends with special needs and siblings. Lunch and snacks included. Sign up online. Questions? Christa Scott 559-908-7379

## 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).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

**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 - 4th grade):** Children meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the worship service. Kingdom Kids is in the Vineyard room in the Children's Center.

**Join us for the Rkids Wednesday Night Program!**

Sessions run every Wednesday from 6:30-8PM, September 3rd through October 22nd. Don't miss out! Register on our app or website today!

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

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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**All our ministries are starting a new season so this is a great time to invite a friend!**

**Tropical Dinner Testimony & Worship Night** - All ladies are invited to a delicious tropical dinner, testimonies, and worship this Thursday, September 11th, 6pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Come listen to testimonies from Karen Wiebe and Sabrina Sawatzky, the wife of our new Pastor of Care and Counseling. We will be led in worship by Jillian Balakian.

**WOW Community Bible Study begins this Tuesday, September 9 from 9-11am** in the Student Center. Our new study is called "Heaven-When Faith Becomes Sight" by Jennifer Rothchild. Enjoy coffee, worship, video teaching, discussion and prayer together with women from all over our community.

**Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study meets at 6:30pm** upstairs in the Student Center, Room 206. Join us as we study "Knowing Jesus as King" by Tara-Leigh Cobble. Contact Juli Hofer at 559-281-4515 for more info.

**M.O.M.S. Bible Study meets this Thursday, September 11 from 9-11am.** We begin Session 1 of Heaven-When Faith Becomes Sight, a video study by Jennifer Rothschild. Student Center Room 200. Free Perk drink today and a snack, free childcare in the nursery for infant - Kindergarten.

**Bible Recap** is a small group of women who meet weekly in a home to read and discuss the Bible together. Please call or text Tonya at 559-859-5138 or Liz at 559-859- 3585 for time and location.

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

## COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT

**Sunday School** - Pastor Jeff is back in Genesis and we will continue discussing his sermon and go a little deeper into the passage. We will meet in the Student Center.

**Sunday Nights** - we will meet downstairs in the Student Center at 6pm.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Forged Men's Group:** Join us for Dinner and a movie on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will be showing the movie, The Forge. There is no charge for this event, so bring a friend!

**Cross Trainers Basketball:** Wed. at 7pm, Immanuel.

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

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

## Joseph: Prerequisites for Promotion

(Genesis 41) (pg. 34)

Pastor Jeff Wheeland

September 7, 2025

Prerequisite #1:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a prerequisite for promotion.  
(Genesis 41:1)

Prerequisite #2:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a prerequisite for promotion.  
(Genesis 41:1-13)

Prerequisite #3:

\_\_\_\_\_ is a prerequisite for promotion.  
(Genesis 41:14-15)

Prerequisite #4:

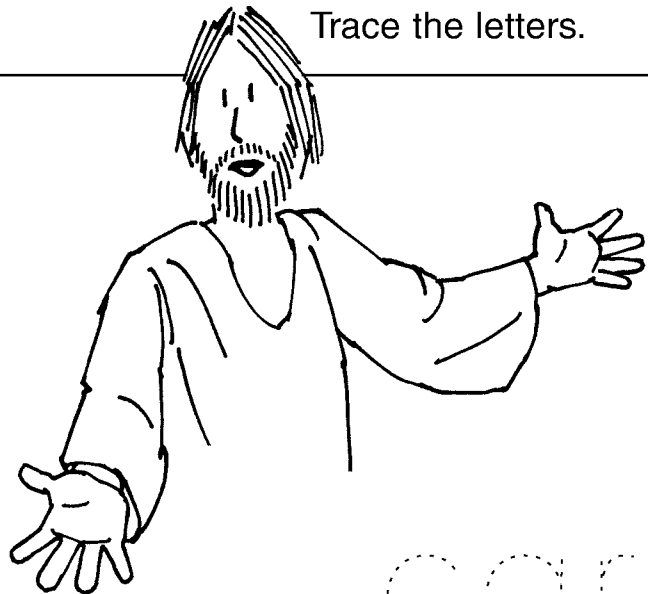
\_\_\_\_\_ is a prerequisite for promotion.  
(Genesis 41:16-45)

Other scripture verses:

- Ephesians 2:10
- Psalm 75
- Acts 17
- Galatians 5:22-23

Jesus said, "Whoever wants  
to be My disciple must ...

Trace the letters.



... carry  
their cross  
and  
follow Me."

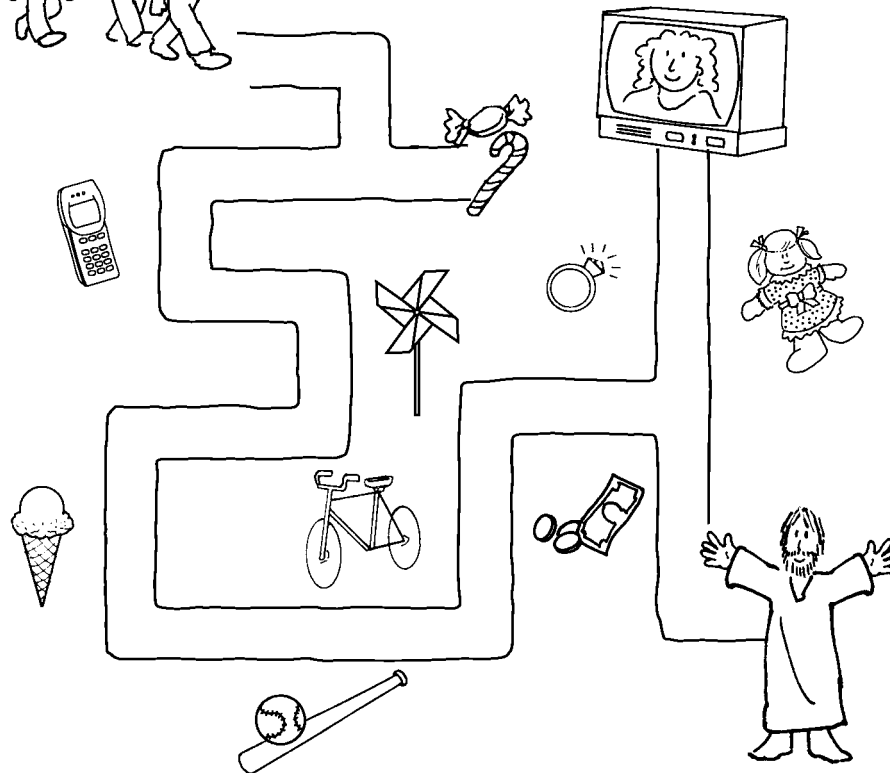
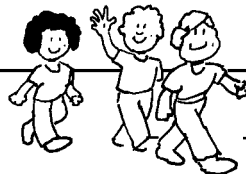
Ages 3+

September 7, 2025 • Luke 14:25-33

## Jesus Talks about Being a Disciple

To follow Jesus,  
there are choices to make.

Choose to follow Jesus.



Enter your **SECRET CODE** to unlock games @  
[games.childrensbulletins.com](http://games.childrensbulletins.com)

**SECRET CODE!**  
**DZXPX4**

Jesus said, "A builder counts the cost before he builds.  
A king counts the cost of a war."

Match what each person needs.

Count what each needs. Circle the correct number.

builder

king

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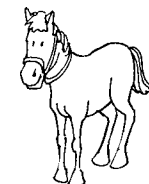
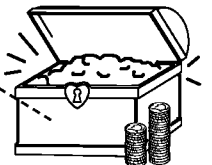
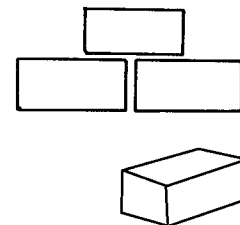
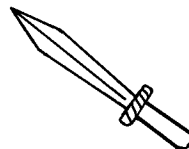
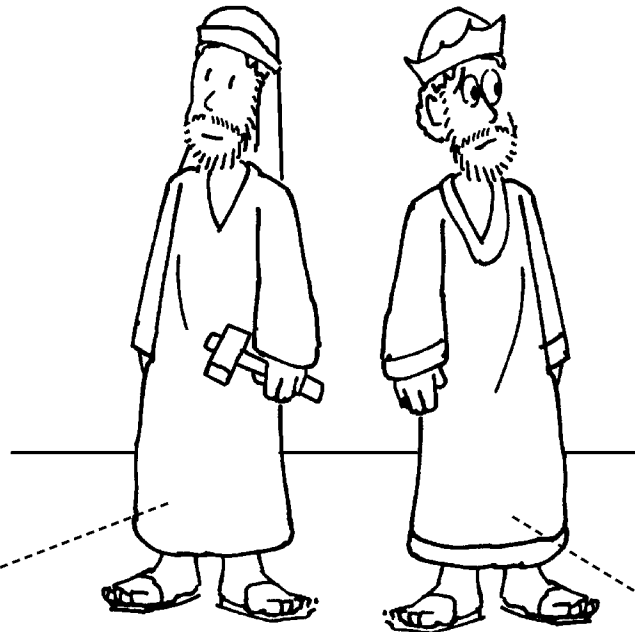
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## CELEBRATING RMBC'S 120 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE & FRUITFULNESS

1905 – 2025

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7** "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (KJV version)

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**NEXT WEEK-** Look for how many small RMBC interest groups have formed and provided fellowship & service. Compiled by Don Enns



Wally and Joanne Olfert



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