

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 5

8:15am	Worship Service
8:15am	Nursery
9:15am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	Engage High School - High School Room
9:30am	Radiate Middle School - Gym
9:30am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	Worship Service
11:00am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	THE CHOSEN Bible Study - Meeting Room
6:30pm	Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6*

MONDAY • OCTOBER 6

10:00-11:00am	MiniCo Playgroup - Nursery - Door 4*
6:30pm	Grief Seminar - Multipurpose Room - Door 3*

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 7

10:00am-2:00pm	Food Pantry Open
5:30pm-7:00pm	Food Pantry Open
6:00pm	Radiate Middle School - Gym - Door 6*

WEDNESDAY • OCTOBER 8

10:00am-11:45am	Senior Bible Study - Meeting Room - Door 4*
2:00pm	Helping Hands - Meeting Room - Door 4*
7:00pm	Worship Team Practice

THURSDAY • OCTOBER 9

10:00am	Homeless Bags - Gym - Door 5*
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FRIDAY • OCTOBER 10 - Office Closed

SATURDAY • OCTOBER 11

SUNDAY • OCTOBER 12

8:15am	Worship Service
8:15am	Nursery
9:15am	Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30am	Worship Service & Livestream & Bible Sunday
9:30am	Engage High School - High School Room
9:30am	Radiate Middle School - Gym
9:30am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	Worship Service & Bible Sunday
11:00am	Nursery / Kids Club - Kids Wing
11:00am	THE CHOSEN Bible Study - Meeting Room
6:30pm	Engage High School Group - Gym - Door 6*

*Door numbers refer to the large white numbers on the building's exterior, above each outside door.

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Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Sunday Services:

8:15, 9:30, & 11 am

Online: 9:30 am (FB & YouTube)

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LIVING LIFE BACKWARD



How would life look different if you chose to live with the end in mind? The biblical book of Ecclesiastes has a lot to say about living life backward...and maybe starting at the end will help us reconsider what it means to "live well" moving forward.

MESSAGE: STOP PRETENDING

October 5, 2025

Text: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Pew Bible: 551

Welcome to Redeemer!

CHECK IN

Whether you're online, new, or here all the time, be sure to sign in on a connection card, on the Redeemer app, online, or use the QR code! You can also share prayer requests, ask questions, & more.





FALL FESTIVAL | NO SIGN UP

- Sunday, October 26 | 5-7 pm
- Enjoy hayrides*, inflatables, photo booth, games for all ages, and lots of food & treats
- *Hayrides are weather-dependent. Inflatables will be set up in the gym.
- No cost to attend; Invite your friends
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



FRIGHT NIGHT | VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

- Sunday, October 19 | 6-8 pm
- For: Middle School, Grades 6-8
- High School student volunteers needed as scarers - (arrive at 5 pm for set up)
- Indoor fun with food, games, & prizes
- No costumes at Fright Night
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



BIBLE SUNDAY | NO SIGN UP

- Sunday, October 12
- 9:30 Service: Grades 1, 3, and 6
- 11 Service: Grades 1 and 3
- Students will start in their classroom and will be brought into the Worship Center.
- Parents encouraged to accompany kids in Grades 1 & 3 on stage, plus bring any younger children sitting with them.
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



WINTER WEEKEND | SIGN UP COMING

- February 13-15 **SAVE THE DATE!**
- For: High School, Grades 9-12
- Location: SpringHill Campus in Evart, MI
- Outdoor: Tubing hill, ice skating, & more
- Indoor: Pool, high ropes, arcade, & more
- Worship, Speaker sessions & discussions throughout the weekend
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



STARTING POINT | SIGN UP

- October 19 | 12:15 - 1:15 pm
- Newer to Redeemer? Meet other newcomers plus learn about Redeemer's history, mission, core values, and ask any questions you may have.
- Light lunch provided
- No cost to attend
- Learn more & RSVP online under [EVENTS](#)



MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE | NO SIGN UP

- Campaign: Now - December 27
- Double Match Day: December 13
- Goal: raise \$5,000 so that Meijer can Double Match it for an extra \$10,000 in food-only gift cards for the Food Pantry
- Contributions to our goal can be made as a donation online to the Food Pantry under [GIVE](#) or dropped in an Offering Box on Sunday mornings.
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



GL FOOD BANK | SIGN UP

Work on projects at GLFB Warehouse in Bath:
October 30 | November 13 | Both at 9 am

HELPING HANDS | NO SIGN UP

Projects involving sewing, cutting, stringing, & more. All skill levels needed.
October 8 | 2-4 pm

BLESSING BAGS | NO SIGN UP

Get a bag (or two) in the lobby & share the love of Jesus to people on street corners or drop them off at a "Tiny Pantry" around the city.

WOMEN'S SHELTER | SIGN UP

Serve dinner at the Women's Shelter:
October 10 | December 12

#BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

Find sign-ups & learn more online under [Outreach](#) or on the Redeemer mobile app under sign ups.

Oct 2 - Ronald McDonald - deliver dinner

Oct 8 - Helping Hands Group

Oct 9 - Prep for the homeless park

Oct 10 - Women's Shelter - serve dinner


Oct 12 - Hand out items at the park

Oct 16 - Food Pantry delivery @ 7:30 am

Oct 17 - St. Vincent de Paul - sort donations



Follow Redeemer Outreach on Facebook to see all the ways your donations and volunteer efforts are sharing the love of Jesus and supporting those facing tough times.



Message: STOP PRETENDING October 5, 2025

Text: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Pew Bible: 551

BIG IDEA | **IT IS THE DESTINATION THAT MAKES SENSE OF THE JOURNEY**

“These are the words of the Teacher, King David’s son, who ruled in Jerusalem. ‘Everything is meaningless,’ says the Teacher, ‘completely meaningless!’ What do people get for all their hard work under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth never changes. The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again. The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles. (v.1-6) Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied.” (v.8)

Ecclesiastes 1:1-6,8

MY NOTES:

GETTING STARTED

What clothing was in style when you were 13? Would you be “caught” in it today?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are your impressions of the book of Ecclesiastes? Do you find the message of this first chapter depressing or promising?
2. The word for “meaningless” can also mean “breath” or “vapor.” What, then, is meant by the phrase: “Everything is meaningless?”
3. What does the phrase “under the sun” (v.3,9) tell you about the perspective of the Teacher? How does mankind’s labor compare with the earth’s cycle (v.3-7)?
4. Share three things you would like to change about your life and three things you would like to stay the same?
5. How can it be liberating, rather than frustrating, to know that life is repetitive?
6. For what would you like to be remembered after you are long gone? How does that relate to how you live today?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord God, thank you for your constant and faithful love. We know that we only have a finite time on this earth. Helps us to use it well, to use it wisely. There are so many things that we can’t control. May we find purpose in the rhythm of life and find meaning in being connected with you. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 and Mark 8:35-38. What parallel do you see between the Ecclesiastes passage and Christ saying, ‘What does it profit a man...’ (Mark 8:36)? For what have you spent your life laboring? What do you have to show for it? Where do you find true meaning in life?