

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • JULY 26

8:15am **Worship Service** | Nursery
 After 8:15 service Prayer Team - Near stained glass windows
9:15am Bible Study - Meeting Room
10:00am **Worship Service** | **Livestream** | Nursery
 After 10:00 service Prayer Team - Near stained glass windows
 10:00am Kids Club

MONDAY • JULY 27

10:00am MiniCo - Nursery - Door 4*
 10:30am Prayer Ministry- Meeting Room - Door 4*

TUESDAY • JULY 28

10:00am-2:00pm Food Pantry Open
 5:30-7:00pm Food Pantry Open

WEDNESDAY • JULY 29

10:00-11:30am Sort Backpack supplies - Gym - Door 5*
 7:00pm Worship Team Practice - Door 4*

THURSDAY • JULY 30

11:00am BTC Homeless Bags - Gym - Door 5*

FRIDAY • JULY 31

SATURDAY • AUGUST 1

SUNDAY • AUGUST 2

8:15am **Worship Service** | Nursery
 After 8:15 service Prayer Team - Near stained glass windows
 9:15am Bible Study - Meeting Room
10:00am **Worship Service** | **Livestream** | Nursery
 After 10:00 service Prayer Team - Near stained glass windows
 10:00am Kids Club
 6:00pm- 8:00pm MS/HS Trivia Night - Gym - Door 5*

*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

Friday: 8:30am - 1:30pm

Sunday Summer Services:

8:15 & 10 am

Online: 10 am (FB & YouTube)

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Music is the universal language that can speak to the soul like nothing else can. In many ways, hymns are the oral history of our faith. They are passed from generation to generation and sung in churches, chapels, or around a family piano. This series will look at some classic hymns and explore their background and meaning, breathing new life into their lyrics to illuminate the hope they have for us today.

MESSAGE: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

July 26, 2026

Text: John 15:9-17, Psalm 28:1-7

Pew Bible: 897

Welcome to Redeemer!

CHECK IN

Whether you're new, here all the time, or online, 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.





Summer Fun Night is an exciting opportunity for us to welcome new faces and share God's love through our actions! We always have a great turn out and see a lot of new faces. **Volunteers** play a key role in making sure everyone who attends has a fun and positive experience! 2 shifts are available, you can jump in and serve, plus enjoy all the activities before or after serving! **There's a place for everyone to get involved – Sign up online under events or in the lobby today!**

SUMMER FUN NIGHT | [Volunteer Sign up](#)

- Thursday, August 13 | 5:30-8:00 pm
- Invite family, friends, and neighbors!
- Hot dogs, Kona Ice, inflatables, kids' games, prizes, BINGO, dunk tank and more!
- If it rains, we'll move the fun indoors
- **Volunteers needed!**



BACKPACK MINISTRY ITEMS

Collecting:

- July 26 - August 9
- Donations - Door 4 | M - Th 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30am - 1:30pm

Greatest Needs to complete backpacks:

Crayons(24 count), glue sticks, pencils, thick markers, plastic pocket folders, hard pencil cases, 3-ring binders (1 inch), wide-ruled spiral notebooks, eraser caps, pencil sharpeners, large size backpacks

BACKPACK MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to sort, move, & deliver!

- **Sort Items**– Wed, July 29 at 10:00 am
- **Move Backpacks** – Friday, Aug 7 at 6:00 pm
- **Sort & Inventory** – Mon, Aug 10 at 10:00 am
- Assembling:**
 - Sunday, August 16 | 11:00 am
 - No sign up needed for assembly; all are welcome!
- **Deliver Backpacks** – Monday, Aug 17
- Sign up for volunteer spots under [EVENTS](#)



MS/HS TRIVIA NIGHT

- Sunday, August 2 - 6:00-8:00pm
- Middle School and High School
- A fun evening of friendly competition
- Invite your friends
- Bring your best thinking cap and get ready to compete for bragging rights. We can't wait to see who will be crowned our Trivia Night Champions!
- Learn more online under [EVENTS](#)



STARTING POINT | [Sign up](#)

- Sunday, August 9 | 11:15am-12:15 pm
- Newer to Redeemer? Join our informal class to meet other newcomers, learn about Redeemer's history, mission, and core values, and ask any questions.
- Light brunch provided
- No cost to attend, in Meeting Room
- Learn more & RSVP online under [EVENTS](#)



HOMELESS PREP | [Sign up](#)

We are looking for volunteers to join us in the Redeemer Gym this Thursday, July 30 at 11am. We will prep blessing bags, roll T-shirts and more for the homeless event in August. Please sign up online under #BTC if you are available, so we know we have enough people.

WATER DELIVERY | [Sign up](#)

We are looking for volunteers to help deliver water to our local police and fire departments the week of August 3. It's just a simple way to say thank you for their service to the community we love. All water is provided, please sign up under #BTC.

#BETHECHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

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

July 29 - Sort backpack supplies

July 30 - Prep for Homeless event at 11am

Aug 3 - Deliver Water to local police & fire

Aug 6 - Deliver dinner to Ronald McDonald House

Aug 7 - Backpacks to Worship Center - 6pm

Aug 9 - Backpack collection ends

Aug 10 - Sort & inventory backpacks (Volunteers needed)

Aug 12 - Helping Hands Group

Aug 16 - Advent House meals

Aug 16 - Assemble Backpacks

Aug 17 - Backpack pick up / delivery

Aug 17 - Assemble 400 Back to School kits for DeWitt Schools

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.

How Sweet The Sound

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BIG IDEA | **WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO CARRY, EVERYTHING TO GOD IN PRAYER**

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!" v.14—You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. V.17: This is my command: Love each other."
 John 15:9-11,14-15, 17

MY NOTES:

GETTING STARTED

What is one word that best describes your current prayer life or relationship with Jesus?

REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus repeats "remain in me, love, and bear fruit." How are these words related? What is the "fruit that will last?" (v.16)
2. How do vs. 9 and 12 tie together? How is love the essential dynamic of the Christian life?
3. What is the link between obedience and prayer? (vs. 7,16; 14:13-14)
4. Do you feel more like Jesus' servant or his friend? What helps develop the friendship?
5. What are some ways prayer has brought life to your relationship with God? Describe how you pray in a typical day.
6. Which of these do you want to do more of with God: talking, venting, listening, or thanking? Be bold and pray with power.
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

PRAYER: Lord God, what a privilege it is to get to know you through regular conversation. Jesus, we thank you for what you've done and what you regularly do in our lives. Holy Spirit, help us to listen better to your voice. We pray this in the name of our friend, Jesus. Amen.

GOING DEEPER: Read John 15:1-27. As a branch on Christ's vine, how would you describe the fruit of your life? Why? What do you see in the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and his disciples? Friends don't talk the same way and the same time every day. How might you refresh your prayer routine this week?