

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26 - BLANKET SUNDAY

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Family Ministries <b>Grades Preschool-12</b>
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
9:30 & 11am	DW	Nursery
11:00am	DW	Worship
11:00am	DW	Family Ministries <b>Grades Preschool-8</b>
11:00am	DW	Confirmation Class in the BRIDGE Room
11:00am	DW	Seekers Bible Study - Meeting room - Join us!
12:15pm	DW	Pizza with the Pastor - Meeting Room
6:00-7:30pm	DW	High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

6:30pm	DW	Finance Mtg. - Multipurpose room - door 3
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### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

10am-2pm	DW	Food Pantry
5:30-7pm	DW	Food Pantry
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Middle School Youth Group - Gym
6:00-7:30pm	DW	Luke Thompson Bible Study - door 4

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

10:00am	DW	Senior Bible Study - Meeting room - door 4
2:30-4:30pm	DW	Open Gym - door 5
7:00pm	DW	Worship Team Practice

### THURSDAY MARCH 2

6:30pm	DW	MOPS - Multipurpose Room - door 3
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### FRIDAY MARCH 3

6:45am		High School Bible Study at DHS Library
9:30am	DW	Kahl/Smith Sm. Group - Meeting rm - door 4

### SATURDAY MARCH 4 - Building Closed

10:00am	DW	<b>MOM2MOM Sale</b> (see announcement)
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### SUNDAY MARCH 5

8:15am	DW	Worship Service
9:30am	ALL	Worship Service & Livestream
9:30am	DW	Family Ministries <b>Grades Preschool-12</b>
9:30am	DW	Adult Bible Study - Meeting Room
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6:00-7:30pm	DW	High School Youth Group - Gym - door 5

**Enews** Would you like to receive our weekly enews? Keep up with what's happening, sign-up for our enews. contact us at: [office@dewittredeemer.org](mailto:office@dewittredeemer.org)



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[www.myredeemer.church](http://www.myredeemer.church)

#### DeWitt (Main Office)

13980 Schavey Rd  
DeWitt, MI 48820

517-669-3430

#### Office Hours:

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

#### Sunday Services:

In-person:

8:15, 9:30, 11:00am

Online: 9:30am (FB & YouTube)

#### St. Johns

200 E State St.  
St. Johns, MI 48879

989-224-6859

#### Office Hours:

Tue & Wed: 1:00pm-4:00pm

#### Sunday Service:

9:30am

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# Jesus' Teachings for Today's People

MESSAGE: *The Heart of Jesus' Message*

February 26, 2023

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible pg. 802

## Welcome to worship!

We are so grateful that you are here. Today, we are starting a brand new message series called "Jesus' Teachings for Today's People." We are going to study Jesus' longest sermon—the Sermon on the Mount—in Matthew chapters 5-7 over the next month together. Let's discover together what he said long ago and how it relates to our lives today.

## CHECK IN

You are important to us. Guests and members, let us know you are here or leave a prayer request by filling out the connection card in the pew and dropping it in one of the boxes in the back of the worship center. You may also check in online through our app or by scanning this QR code or by visiting:

[myredeemer.church/  
connect](http://myredeemer.church/connect)



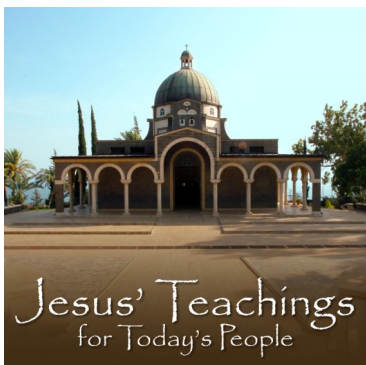
# Announcements

**Blanket Sunday**  
February 26  
Every \$10 = 1 Blanket



Each year, Redeemer raises money for Church World Service Blanket program. To many of us, a blanket is often an insignificant possession that we take for granted, but when an individual's world is turned upside down, a blanket becomes a tool of survival for warmth, comfort, and even shelter. From a mother sheltering her children, a hurting community devastated by natural disasters, or a homeless person -- supporting Church World Service blankets program is our chance to not only pray when we see these things, but

to know we have made a physical impact. There are several ways to give a gift: [online](#), mobile app, or simply drop it in the offering boxes on Sunday morning. 100% of all donations will go to support this program.



## LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES

Jesus' teachings are as relevant today as when Jesus first spoke them. In this series, we will address the kinds of struggles we all face—dealing with anger, resentment, temptation, honesty, and where to place our trust. The goal is to understand Jesus' teachings and apply them to our lives, finding hope and help for the struggles in life.

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of Redeemer, we invite you to attend our Membership Orientation Class at the DeWitt Campus. This 2-session class will take place on Sunday, March 12 and 19, from 12:15pm to 1:45pm. A light lunch will be served. It is a great time to get acquainted with other newcomers, explore the meaning of membership in our church, and for us to share with you our vision and core values. Everyone is welcome and there is no obligation to join the church. If interested, please sign-up & pick up your free membership book at the DeWitt Campus information center or the main office M-Th 8:30am – 4:30pm. St Johns - please pick up from Marie in the office.

> To RSVP or for more Info: CONTACT [WENDY](#)

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### #BETHECHURCH1000

#BeTheChurch1000 (#BTC1000) will take place on Sunday, March 5, at 2pm. The event will go until 4:00pm or until the projects are done, whichever comes first. We will meet in the Worship Center to hear instructions and pray; then bless others through the generosity of serving with both sitting and standing projects. There is no need to sign-up, join us and bring a friend. This family friendly event will give you the opportunity to do hands on outreach projects that will bless over 1000 people and help connect them to the love and life of Jesus.

Specific volunteers are needed to help with set-up at 12:30, be station leaders, and help with delivery. You can sign up [online](#) for these specific roles.

If you would like more details on the Outreach projects we will be doing, please visit our [website](#).



## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### JOIN US FOR 'SING AND PLAY'

Join us on Wednesday, March 8 from 10-11:00am for story hour with [Ms. Emily](#)! Come with your Infant - Preschool aged children for songs, art, play, and more! This will be a fun interactive monthly experience for your little learner. We will meet the second Wednesday of every month. So, if you're ready to get out of the house this winter, come join us in the Nursery room at Redeemer Church!



**THE DEWITT REDEEMER MOPS** group is holding their DeWitt Mom2Mom Sale on Saturday, March 4.

Early admission is from 9-10 am for \$5.  
General admission is from 10-1 for \$1

See their [Facebook page](#) or scan the qr-code for tickets.

**Mom2Mom**  
DEWITT MOPS & MOMS NEXT  
MARCH 4, 2023  
9AM-1PM





The Heart of Jesus' Message

Matthew 5:13-20 Pew Bible page 802

**Big Idea: WHAT IS YOUR WITNESS?**

### **GETTING STARTED**

What saying or bumper sticker do you keep on your desk or car? Why is it important to you?

### **REFLECTION/DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Jesus begins his message by describing several qualities that are important in the kingdom of heaven (v.3-12). Which two do you most desire in your life right now?
2. Which of these qualities are you most tempted to avoid? Why?
3. This past week, did you feel more blessed or stressed? What can you do to be more focused on God's blessings in your life?
4. Jesus used two everyday examples—salt and light—to describe his followers. Share a time when you were like salt (you helped someone to be thirsty for Jesus) or you were like light (pointed someone to Jesus).
5. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven?' (v.16)' Does this conflict with his statement in 6:1? Why or why not?
6. In what ways can you be salt and light for Jesus in your world this week?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind and heart today?

**PRAYER:** Jesus, thank you for taking the time to teach your people long ago on the hillside. Thank you for these truths that impact our lives today. Help us to live out what it means to be "salt and light" in our world today. May our witness for you be evident to all. In the name of Christ, we pray, Amen.

**GOING DEEPER:** Read Matthew 5:1-20. What is the big idea that Jesus came to do and to be? Why does he start the message with these examples? What is the point he is trying to communicate? What does it mean to you?

### **FOCUS SCRIPTURES:**

February 26, 2023

*"One day as the crowds were gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside with his disciples and sat down to teach them... 'You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.'" Matthew 5:13-20*

### **MY NOTES:**